



Solidago flexicaulis

Common Name: Zig Zag Goldenrod

Type: Herbaceous Perennial

Zone: 3 – 8

Height: 1 – 3 ft

Spread: 1 – 3 ft

Bloom Time: Late summer, August to frost

Bloom Description: Yellow flower clusters

Sun: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water: Draught Tolerant

Attracts: Bees and Butterflies

Description:

Zig Zag is an apt description for this unusual goldenrod. Native to eastern North America from the Maritimes to North Dakota and south to Georgia: it seems happy in Kingston at the Pollinator Garden and surrounding my telephone pole. Also called broadleaf goldenrod, stems are flexible, leaves are sharply pointed and flowers are delicate yellow clusters appearing at multiple stem ends. It is a late blooming magnet for pollinators. Plants will spread by rhizomes to form a compact clump and it will also self seed, though not as widespread as other goldenrods.

Goldenrod is wrongly accused of causing hay fever and for that reason has not become popular commercially. Some species of goldenrod will seed themselves to fill a meadow. Zig Zag is much better behaved – a worthy addition to a perennial border. Source at Lemoine Point Native Plant Nursery or Gardening Kingston spring plant sale.

