

Yellow Ironweed

Verbesina alternifolia

Yellow ironweed thrives in consistently moist, organically rich soils, but also tolerates some dry conditions. It's easy to grow from seed and is the larval host to the gold moth, summer azure butterfly, and the silvery checkerspot. It is considered an important plant for bees but can spread aggressively. Its native habitat is fertile areas of moist wooded slopes and open woodlands, riverbanks, shaded lowlands, roadsides and fields.

Type: perennial native wildflower

USDA hardiness zones: 4a through 8a

Uses: border; mass planting; container

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 4 to 8 feet **Spread:** 2 to 6 feet

Plant spacing: 2 to 6 feet

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: acid to sneutral; clay; loam; sand

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: moderate

Pest resistance: no serious pests or diseases

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