

# Brown-eyed Susan

## *Rudbeckia triloba*

Brown-eyed Susan differs from black-eyed Susan which has smaller but more numerous flowers. It can be grown from seed started indoors in early spring or sown directly in the garden after the last frost. You can deadhead spent flowers to encourage additional blooms, which also prevents any unwanted self-seeding. Attracts bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

**Type:** herbaceous biennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 4 through 8

**Uses:** mass planting; cut flowers

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 3 to 5 feet **Spread:** 12 to 18 inches

**Plant spacing:** 12 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** sand; clay; loam; silt;  
high organic matter

**Drought tolerance:** good

**Soil salt tolerances:** unknown

**Invasive potential:** aggressively reseeds

**Pest resistance:** no serious pest or disease  
problems

**MORE  
INFORMATION**



Photo: Mary Salinas, UF/IFAS Extension