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GOLDEN ALEXANDER

Zizia aurea

Beautiful upright herbaceous plant with flat-topped clusters of tiny yellow flowers. Fruit and leaves turn purple in the fall. Attracts native pollinators.

Growing Information

Sunlight Full sun to part shade
Soil Type Moist, sandy
Height 1–3'
Moderately deer resistant
Flowering calendar May to June

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes
Flowers Yes
Fruit No
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Host to 3 caterpillar species:

(common names) Black Swallowtail; Rigid Sunflower Border; Common Eupathacia

Benefits for People

- Showy, good for cut flowers

Natural Habitat

- Moist woodlands, meadows, prairies

