

Mouse-Eared Coreopsis *Coreopsis auriculata*

Plant Type: Native Perennial

Sun Exposure: Full Sun, Part Sun

Season of Interest: Spring, Summer

Bloom Time: Early Summer

Bloom Color: Yellow, Orange

Height: 6 to 9 in.

Spread: 12 in.

Spacing: 12 in.

Water Needs: Average

Maintenance: Very little

Soil Type: Clay, Loam, Sandy, Rocky

Soil pH: Acidic, Neutral

Soil Drainage: Well Drained

Pests: None

Diseases: None

Wildlife: Bees, Butterflies

Description: Mouse-eared coreopsis is a native perennial in the aster family. It grows easily and is low maintenance, making its long blooms attractive in borders and beds, and it naturalizes easily. It tolerates humidity well and some dry conditions, but it is not as drought tolerant as some other species of *Coreopsis*. It is resistant to

damage by deer. Deadheading of spent flower stalks is tedious for a large planting, but it will encourage additional bloom. Shear plants in mid-summer to promote a fall rebloom and to tidy unkempt foliage. With ideal growing conditions, it spreads over time to form an attractive mass planting.. For more information see: plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/coreopsis-auriculata

Care and Growing Tips: This coreopsis prefers full sun but will tolerate partial shade in hot areas. Mouse-eared coreopsis plants prefer well-drained soil. They are clay-tolerant, but they will truly thrive in a loamy soil. This plant has low water needs but benefits from watering during dry periods. Water about once a week until the plant is established. Water in the mornings if you can. It can be grown in USDA plant hardiness zones 6-9 and is tolerant of high heat and humidity. Fertilization is not necessary and excess fertilizer may limit the plant's growth.

