

Lance-Leaf Coreopsis *Coreopsis lanceolata*

Plant Type: Native Perennial

Sun Exposure: Full Sun, Part Sun

Season of Interest: Spring, Summer

Bloom Time: Early Summer

Bloom Color: Yellow, Gold, Orange

Height: 28 to 36 in.

Spread: 24 in.

Spacing: 30 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: Lance-leaf coreopsis, *Coreopsis lanceolata*, is a wildflower native to the southeastern United States that has become a popular garden plant. The solitary daisy-like golden yellow flowers emerge from slender, erect stems. The narrow, hairy, lance-shaped leaves (which gave this species its name) are clustered near the base of the plant. It

blooms from spring through mid-summer and its nectar and pollen attract a wide range of beneficial native insects, including long-tongued bees, short-tongued bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, skippers, day-flying moths, and beetles. For more information see:

plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/coreopsis-lanceolata.

Care and Growing Tips: While all coreopsis species require very little care, lance-leaf coreopsis is especially easy to care for. You don't have to worry about drought or deer because it is resistant to both. *Coreopsis lanceolata* should get full sun to thrive. Lack of light leads to scraggly growth and reduced flowering. The plant is very adaptable, as long as the soil has good drainage. It can grow in dry soil as well as shallow, rocky, and in extremely poor soils. As a plant native to the southeastern United States, *Coreopsis lanceolata* is tolerant of heat and humidity and it is also winter-hardy to USDA zone 4a. Unless you planted *Coreopsis lanceolata* in extremely nutrient-depleted soil, you don't need to fertilize it. It grows well in poor soils.