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# *Ratibida pinnata*

## Prairie Coneflower



Also called gray-headed coneflower. Flower heads have a central brown cone surrounded by drooping yellow rays. Non-stop blooming during the heat of summer. Does well in heavy clay.

**Suggested companions:** big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), tall sunflower (*Helianthus giganteus*), wild bergamot (*Mondarda fistulosa*), asters (*Aster* sp.)

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 3'-6' H  
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:  
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Rich Moist  
Clay  
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:  
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
July  
August  
September

Other Attributes:  
Butterfly attracting