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# Rudbeckia hirta

## Black-eyed Susan



The familiar and beloved Black-eyed Susan. Blooms all summer long. Tends to be biennial, rather than perennial, but self-seeds reliably. Seedheads are attractive all winter, and provides bird forage.

**Suggested companions:** smooth aster (*Aster laevis*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparius*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Photo Credit: Nancy Strole

Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 1'-4' H  
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie  
Woodland Margin  
Wet Meadow  
Shrubby Wetland

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

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Flower Color:  
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
June  
July  
August  
September

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting  
Deer resistant  
Fall color  
Winter interest  
Butterfly attracting