



*Black Eyed Susan,
Rudbeckia hirta*



Flowering Period: August - Early November

Height: 12-40"

Bloom Characteristics: Yellow to dark red disc, Blue-violet-reddish purple rays

Growth Preference: well-drained lowland prairies and open woodlands, moist bottomland along streams, shrubby swamps, and disturbed areas such as roadsides and railroad rights-of-way. It prefers full sun and tolerates partial shade

One brown central cone containing many disc florets which mature from the base up each with its own offering of pollen and nectar. The florets mature starting at the base of the cone leading many pollinators to travel in a circular pattern collecting pollen and nectar. Bees, both long and short tongue, are the main pollinators of Rudbeckia.

Larval Host Plant For: Wavy-lined Emerald and Common Eupithecia Moth, and Silvery Checkerspot Butterfly

Specialist Bee- Mining bee

Common Visitors-

Bees- Long Horned Bee, Leaf-cutter Bee, Cuckoo bee, Bumble bees, Green Sweat Bees, Small Carpenter Bees, Mining Bee

Wasps- Bee Wolves

Beetle- Soldier Beetle

