

Bird Friendly Native Plant of the Month

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Coreopsis verticillata



Backyard House Finch

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Coreopsis verticillata Threadleaf Coreopsis

Plant a native birdfeeder

Coreopsis verticillata can fit into your garden just about anywhere. Because its natural habitat is dry woodlands, it is a natural for the often droughty Piedmont. Typically blooming May through July, this easy and undemanding perennial may rebloom if pruned after flowering.

Landscape Uses

Threadleaf Coreopsis prefers a sunny garden, forming 1-2 feet tall mounding clumps of foliage topped by a profusion of bright yellow/gold, daisy-like flowers. The finely

divided foliage creates a nice contrast to broader leaved perennials like Purple Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, Baptisia and Mountain Mint and is a welcomed addition to many a border.

Threadleaf Coreopsis grows in moist to moderately dry soil, but needs good drainage to really thrive. It will tolerate part shade to part sun.

Common cultivars include 'Golden Gain,' 'Golden Showers,' 'Moonbeam,' and 'Zagreb.'

Seeds taste great

The Coreopsis seeds that appear after flowering are often eaten by:

- Blue Grosbeak

- Indigo Bunting
- Painted Bunting
- Northern Cardinal
- American Goldfinch
- House Finch

Find out More

If you would like to learn more about bird friendly native plants that will be happy in Piedmont gardens consider the following sources:

- North Carolina Native Plant Society - ncwildflower.org
- Audubon North Carolina -- ncaudubonblog.org/tag/native-plant-profile
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - wildflower.org/plants

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