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Canada goldenrod

Solidago canadensis L. var. *scabra* Torr. & Gray

Life cycle: Clump-forming, rhizomatous perennial.

Leaves: Leaves initially develop from a basal rosette. Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped, tapering at both ends, stalkless, usually with toothed margins. Leaves are numerous and crowded along the stem, with soft hairs below and smooth above.

Stems: Erect, up to 7 feet tall with little to no branching. Dense hairs present.

Flowers and fruit: Golden-yellow flowers are found in dense, pyramid-shaped, panicle-like clusters. The seed is enclosed in a single-seeded, wind-disseminated fruit.

Reproduction: Seeds and extensive creeping rhizomes.



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Canada goldenrod flowers.



Canada goldenrod rosette.



Canada goldenrod leaf.



Canada goldenrod clump.