

Stiff Goldenrod (*Oligoneuron rigidum*)

Aster Family

Other Common Names: ridged goldenrod

Scientific Name: *Oligoneuron rigidum* (L.) Small

Plant Symbol: OLRI

Distinguishing characteristics: Flower heads in branched, flat-topped to mildly rounded inflorescences, individual flower heads small with yellow rays and yellow centers; leaves with basal rosettes that are persistent at flowering as well as smaller stem leaves; leaf surfaces with short, usually dense, curved hairs making the surface feel rough; stems with several fine grooves/ridges and with pubescence of curved hairs.

Plant Height: 2-4 ft., erect

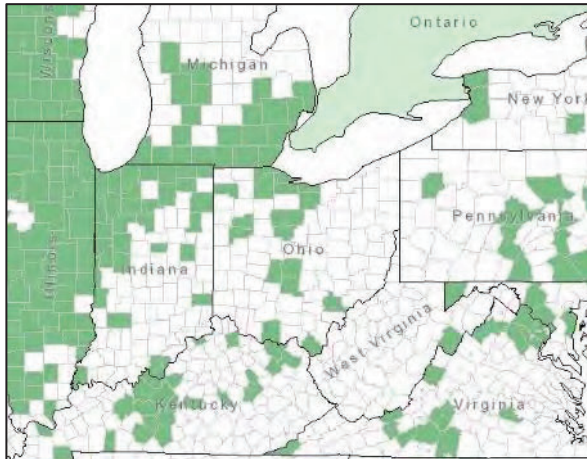
Blooms/Fruits: July–November

Duration: Perennial, herbaceous (with short, creeping rhizomes)

Pollinator Value: This flower supports pollinators and beneficial insects. It attracts butterflies, including the monarch.

Habitat: Bottomland and upland prairies, dry upland forests, old fields, and pastures.

Note: There are many plants commonly called goldenrods that belong to different plant genera, *Solidago*, *Euthamia*, and *Oligoneuron*, and they are all fairly similar. They generally have yellow, clustered flowers, but some species are white. The flowering stems can be elongate and recurved or flat-topped.





Full flowering/close-up of blooms



Stem and leaf arrangement

