Prairie Coneflower
*Ratibida columnifera*

**DESCRIPTION:** Also known as Mexican hat, this plant is a branched perennial. Leaves on the lower portion of the stems are bright green, feathery, and deeply cleft. Upper portions of the plant bear the flower heads of 3-7 yellow or yellow and red-brown, drooping ray flowers surrounded by a long, red-brown central cone of disk flowers. It can grow to 2’ to 3’ tall. It is native to grassland and woodland areas throughout much of North America.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use for garden color in sun or light shade, or in a patio container.

**CULTURE:**

- **Hardiness:** 15°F.
- **Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light shade.
- **Watering and feeding:** Moderate water use. Fertilize in spring and summer.
- **Soil requirements:** Best in deep, loamy soil.
- **Pruning:** As needed.