



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

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.