

sand coreopsis *Coreopsis lanceolata*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Sand coreopsis is also known as tickseed coreopsis. This perennial herb grows from a short, woody, underground stem. Its leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. The simple, entire leaves are lance-shaped or lance-shaped with two basal extensions. The flower heads each have ray and disk flowers. There are eight, yellow, ray flowers (usually sterile), each with four lobes at the tip. The yellow, disk flowers are fertile. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. Sand coreopsis may attain a height of one to two feet.

BEHAVIORS

Sand coreopsis may be found throughout Illinois. It grows in dry prairies, roadsides, along railroads and in dry sandy or rocky soil. Flowers are produced from June through July.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge; sand prairie; shrub prairie

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