



***Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks'**
Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod

Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks' is a compact, cascading, clump-forming native cultivar with a radiating flower form that really looks like fireworks! A great addition for late season color and to lure the butterflies in. Selected and named by Ken Moore of North Carolina Botanical Garden in 1970.

Full sun to part shade Moist well-

drained soil

Height: 3 – 4 feet Spread: 2 – 3 feet

Bloom time: Late summer

Bloom color: Yellow

Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks' is a striking, clump-forming perennial with stiff lateral electric-yellow inflorescences in early to mid-autumn that are reminiscent of exploding fireworks. This tough and robust cultivar of wrinkle-leaf goldenrod performs very well in full sun and seasonally dry soils. Fireworks wrinkle-leaf goldenrod attracts many pollinating insects when flowering. It blooms for up to two weeks

The flowers resemble fireworks, an accurate description of the multitude of fluffy golden sprays on nearly horizontal flowering spikes that seem to burst from this lush green bushy perennial like sizzling skyrockets.

This 1993 introduction from Ken Moore of the NC Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill was originally selected from a NC coastal plain population of *S. rugosa*. It was rated #1 in the goldenrod trials at the Chicago Botanic Garden. From a slowly spreading rhizome, the stalks emerge upward in late spring, topping out at 3' tall. The clumps are showered with 18" long arching spires of brilliant yellow flowers held well atop the foliage.