



# Grassland Goldenrods in Virginia: Identification Guide



*Solidago altissima*  
**Tall Goldenrod**



*Solidago rugosa*  
**Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod**



*Solidago nemoralis*  
**Gray Goldenrod**



*Solidago juncea*  
**Early Goldenrod**



*Solidago erecta*  
**Erect Goldenrod**



*Euthamia graminifolia*  
**Flat-topped Goldenrod**





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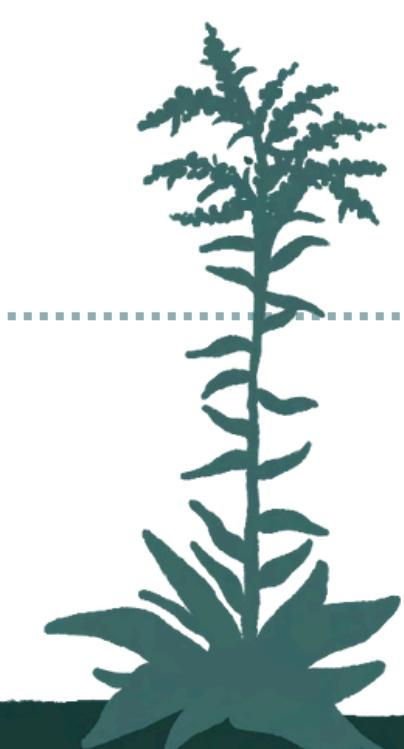
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*Solidago altissima*  
**Tall Goldenrod**

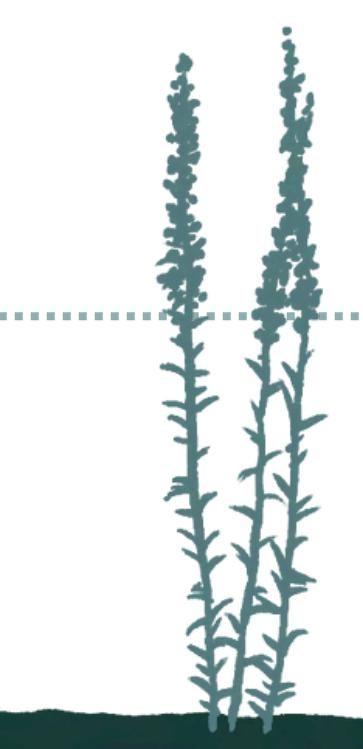
- Blooms Aug-Oct
- Tall and aggressive
- Rough stem
- Often has goldenrod bunch galls

  
*Solidago juncea*  
**Early Goldenrod**

- Blooms Jun-Sep
- Large smooth basal leaves
- Reddish stem

  
*Solidago rugosa*  
**Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod**

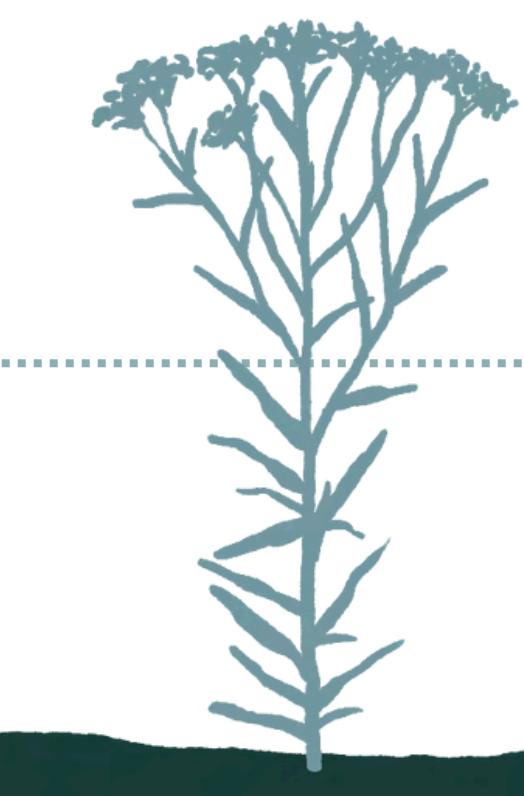
- Blooms Aug-Oct
- Leaves loosely veiny
- Firework-like flower cluster

  
*Solidago erecta*  
**Erect Goldenrod**

- Blooms Aug-Oct
- Cyclindrical inflorescence
- Smooth leaves
- Grows in part shade

  
*Solidago nemoralis*  
**Gray Goldenrod**

- Blooms Aug-Oct
- Short
- Rough grayish leaves

  
*Euthamia graminifolia*  
**Flat-topped Goldenrod**

- Blooms Aug-Oct
- Distinctive flat-topped inflorescence
- Prefers moist soil

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