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## GEORGIA POLLINATOR PLANT OF THE YEAR WINNER Fall Bloomer Category

Downy Goldenrod  
*Solidago petiolaris*

**ABOUT ME:** This plant is one of the shorter goldenrods standing at 1-3' tall. In August to October the flowers bloom in dense, spike-like clusters creating a yellow plume.

**PROPAGATION:** Easy to propagate from seeds. Collect seeds in late fall when the tufted seeds pull off the stem easily. Seeds don't require stratification but seed viability drops considerably with age.

**GROWING CONDITIONS:** Drought-tolerant and prefers full sun. Avoid overwatering.

**CONSERVATION VALUE:** An excellent plant for supporting pollinators: bees, wasps and at least 112 species of butterflies and moths.

**CONSUMER APPEAL:** This is a great fall bloomer, is relatively deer resistant, and behaves well in the garden -- unlike many other goldenrods.



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