

Mouse-Eared Coreopsis *Coreopsis auriculata*

Plant Type: Native Perennial
Sun Exposure: Full Sun, Part Sun
Season of Interest: Spring, Summer
Bloom Time: Early Summer
Bloom Color: Yellow, Orange
Height: 6 to 9 in.
Spread: 12 in.
Spacing: 12 in.
Water Needs: Average
Maintenance: Very little
Soil Type: Clay, Loam, Sandy, Rocky
Soil pH: Acidic, Neutral
Soil Drainage: Well Drained
Pests: None
Diseases: None
Wildlife: Bees, Butterflies



Description: Mouse-eared coreopsis is a native perennial in the aster family. It grows easily and is low maintenance, making its long blooms attractive in borders and beds, and it naturalizes easily. It tolerates humidity well and some dry conditions, but it is not as drought tolerant as some other species of *Coreopsis*. It is resistant to damage by deer. Deadheading of spent flower stalks is tedious for a large planting, but it will encourage additional bloom. Shear plants in mid-summer to promote a fall rebloom and to tidy unkempt foliage. With ideal growing conditions, it spreads over time to form an attractive mass planting. For more information see: plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/coreopsis-auriculata



Care and Growing Tips: This coreopsis prefers full sun but will tolerate partial shade in hot areas. Mouse-eared coreopsis plants prefer well-drained soil. They are clay-tolerant, but they will truly thrive in a loamy soil. This plant has low water needs and is drought-tolerant once established. Water about once a week to help the roots grow down. Water in the mornings if you can. It can be grown in USDA plant hardiness zones 6-9 and is tolerant of high heat and humidity. Fertilization is not necessary and excess fertilizer may limit the plant's growth.