

Blanket Flower

Gaillardia pulchella

Plant Description – native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, annual

Height: 1 - 1.5 ft Width/Spread: 0.5 - 1 ft





<u>Leaves</u>

Shape: lanceolate **Arrangement:** alternate

Margin: entire & serrate & lobed Form: simple

Leaf Description: hairy branched stems usually become woody at the base; mostly leafy near the base and leafless at the top; lower leaves are petiolate (have a stalk) and upper leaves are sessile (attached directly to stem); leaves are hairy, gray-green, and up to 3 inches long, margins range from entire to toothed to lobed

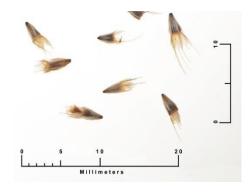
Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: red, yellow, brown In Bloom: May - Aug

Flower Shape: radiate/ ligulate

Flower(s) Description: flower heads 1-2 inches in diameter with red center and yellow outer band; ray florets (narrow, petal-like, infertile floret that surround the disk) are red at the base and yellow at the tip, each with 3 teeth at the broad end; disk florets (tubular, fertile floret that forms disk) are reddish brown; flowers are sometimes all red or yellow





Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds **Seed Type:** Dry seed pod

Seed Season: Summer - Fall

Fruit and Seed Description: seed pod is small, black, and awned (has

hair- or bristle-like appendage)

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Native Bees, Other Pollinators, and Other Birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; prefers average watering (water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year)