Canada goldenrod
Solidago canadensis

Minnesota C-Value: 1
Wetland Indicator Status: FACU
Native

Leaves: 3 veined above the base, narrow, lance shaped and sharply toothed.

Stems: Erect stem 1-7 ft tall. Hairy towards the top of the stem, but usually smooth towards base. Stem is reddish in color.

Flowers and fruit: Large, nearly pyramidal panicles with numerous small yellow flowers that have 10-17 rays each. Produces numerous windborne seeds in August.

Plant communities: Wet meadow fringes, prairies. Also found in ditches and disturbed woodland edges.

Comments: Early colonizer of prairies and wet meadow fringes. Looks similar to giant goldenrod (*S. gigantea*), but giant goldenrod lacks hairs on the stem.