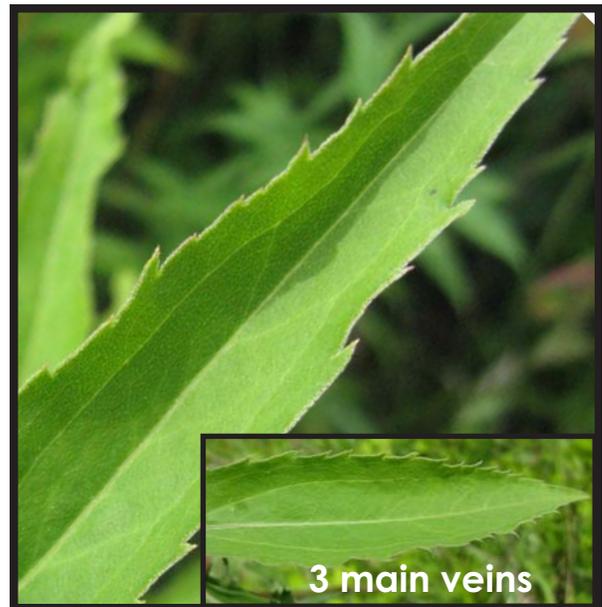


# Giant goldenrod

*Solidago gigantea*

Minnesota C-Value: 3  
Wetland Indicator Status: FACW  
Native



**Leaves:** 3 veined above the base, lance shaped and serrated.

**Stems:** Erect stem, 1-7 ft tall. Smooth and somewhat waxy, giving the reddish stem a bluish hue.

**Flowers and fruit:** Large with numerous small yellow flowers that have 10-17 rays each. Flowers up to 1/4 in. across.

**Plant communities:** Wet meadows, marsh fringes, woodland edges and prairies.

**Comments:** Perennial, also known as late goldenrod. Looks similar to Canada goldenrod (*S. canadensis*). Canada goldenrod has hair on the stem, especially near the top, while giant goldenrod is smooth stemmed. Canada goldenrod is more common in uplands.

