

## Grassleaf-coneflower

(Rudbeckia graminifolia)

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Grassleaf coneflower is a Florida endemic perennial wildflower. Its solitary blooms are distinctly different than most Florida *Rudbeckia* species in that they have short, brick-red ray florets and large conelike disk florets. Comparatively, it is a small bloom among *Rudbeckias*. Its leaves are small, narrow and grasslike (hence the common name).

Grassleaf coneflower typically flowers in summer and occurs naturally savannas and along moist roadsides.

**Family**: Asteraceae (Aster, daisy or composite family) **Native range**: Panhandle near and in the Apalachicola

National Forest

To see where natural populations of Grassleaf coneflower have been vouchered, visit www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu.

Hardiness: Zones 8a-9a

Soil: Sand

Exposure: Full sun Growth habit: 1–2' tall

Garden tips: Grassleaf coneflower can be propagated by seed, but is not generally commercially

available. Your best bet is to visit its natural habitat and see it in the wild.



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