

Early Goldenrod (*Solidago gigantea*)



Habitat: Terrestrial

Family name: Asteraceae

Reproduction: Self-sterile and insect-pollinated. Sometimes spreading by means of underground rhizomes.

Early Goldenrod is native to North America but is now found throughout Europe and Asia. It invades poorly managed pasture, dry meadows, wetland edges, rail sides, roadsides and wasteland.

A perennial herb that reaches heights of up to 2m tall, sometimes spreading by means of underground rhizomes. It often grows in clumps with no leaves at the base but numerous leaves on the stem. At the top, each stem produces a sizable array of many small flower heads, sometimes several hundred. Each head is yellow, containing both disc florets and ray florets.



Flowers



Smooth stem

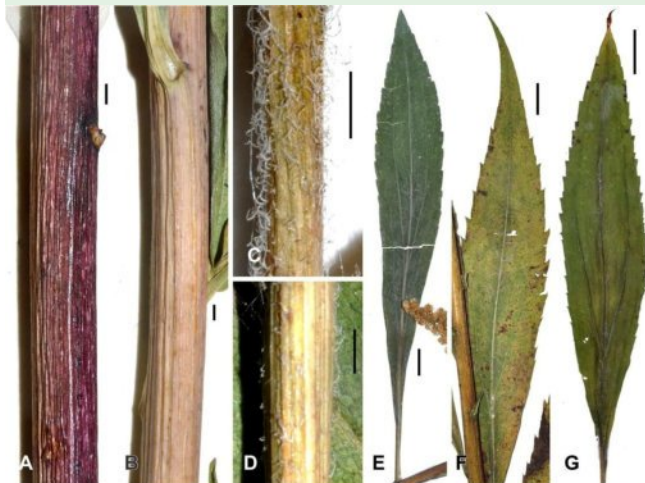


Seed



Leaves

Late Summer – Autumn: Flowering late summer with small yellow flowers in clusters.



- A. Lower stem
- B. Mid stem
- C-D. Upper and lower stem in inflorescence
- E. Lower stem leaf;
- F. Mid stem leaf
- G. Mid stem leaf
- H. Heads