

NATIVE PERENNIALS

Alexanders, Golden

(*Zizia aurea*) Golden Alexander is fairly easy to grow and, although short-lived, will self-seed and persist in many sun/soil situations. The yellow umbrella shaped flowers are attractive to many kinds of insects especially to a number of short-tongued insects that are able to easily reach the nectar in the small yellow flowers. Black swallowtail caterpillars will feed on its leaves. It prefers full to partial sun, although light shade under trees is tolerated. The soil should be moist and loamy. It has a long bloom time, giving the garden/prairie some well deserved early color for several weeks in late spring to early summer when many other plants have not yet flowered.

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