

Ratibida - Growing Guide

Growing Ratibida

Mexican hat, Prairie coneflower

These are drought resistant perennials originating from the prairies of North America and Mexico which are fully hardy in the UK. Ratibida are another genus of attractive border plants which have daisy-like flowers with cone shaped centres and florets although they are perhaps less well known in the UK than Helenium or Rudbeckia. They however have much the same characteristics in terms of size, flowering times, and suitability of their flowers for cutting as these other genera.

R. columnifera f. *pulcherima* grows to around 12-24in in height and has purple-brown or reddish-brown ray florets on its flowers which appear from early summer and carry on to early autumn.



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Ratibida pinnata



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