

# Maryland goldenaster

(*Chrysopsis mariana*)

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Florida has 11 native Goldenaster species, eight of which are endemic; several are listed by the state as rare or endangered. Maryland goldenaster is found in pinelands, sandhills and sandy roadsides. Native butterflies, as well as a variety of native long-tongued bees — including green metallic, sweat, leafcutter, bumble and mining bees — are attracted to the plant's nectar. The flowers bloom in spring, summer and fall.



Photo by Emily Bell

Maryland goldenaster's yellow daisy-like flowers are born in terminal clusters. The loosely hairy but bright green stem leaves are broadest at the tip and alternately arranged. The fruit is an achene. Plants are compact with many stems.

The genus name *Chrysopsis* is from the Greek *khrusós*, or "gold," and *ópsis*, or "resembling in appearance." It refers to the plant's gold-colored flowers.

**Family:** Asteraceae (Aster, composite or daisy family)

**Native range:** Throughout Florida, except the extreme south

*To see where natural populations of Maryland goldenaster have been vouchered, visit [www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu](http://www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu).*

**Lifespan:** Perennial

**Soil:** Dry to moist, well-drained sandy soils

**Exposure:** Full sun to minimal (high pine) shade

**Growth habit:** 18" tall when flowering

**Propagation:** Seed (sow in well-drained soil in late fall or winter)

**Florida regions of landscape suitability:** North, Central, South

**Garden tips:** Use Maryland goldenaster in mixed wildflower and bunchgrass settings or in small masses that will attract the eye when in bloom. Its compact shape and tips covered with blooms make it a desirable landscape plant.

Maryland goldenaster is available from nurseries that specialize in Florida native plants. Visit [www.PlantRealFlorida.org](http://www.PlantRealFlorida.org) to find a nursery in your area.

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