

Japanese name: Seitaka-awadachiso English name: Tall goldenrod Scientific name: Solidago altissima

Family: Compositae

Characteristics: Originally from America, this aggressive perennial herb spreads and dominates by producing large numbers of light-fringed seeds easily carried by the wind and by excreting germination-inhibiting chemicals from its roots to fight competitors. All goldenrod species — more than 60 in America — produce tiny, yellow-rayed blossoms in clusters. They bloom October through November.

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