

School-to-Nature

Rosinweed



- Rosinweed is a prairie wildflower that blooms in August, on Conservancy lands at King's Corner and Trout Ponds Prairie. It looks a little like Black-Eyed Susan and is in the Aster family, but flowers have a greenish-yellow center and narrower golden petals. The plant grows 3-5 feet tall, and has opposing leaves.
- Rosinweed gets its name from a resinous substance found in the stems that was once chewed as a "gum" by Native Americans and settlers.
- The flowers attract all kinds of pollinators including honeybees and bumblebees.
- Rosinweed, Prairie Dock, and Cup Plant are often mistaken for one another because the flowers are similar. Cup Plant has unique opposing leaves that connect to make the "cup"; Prairie Dock has huge basal leaves; and Rosinweed has smoother, pointed opposing leaves. You'll feel like an expert when you can tell them apart!