

YELLOW TICKSEED

Coreopsis



They range from 46–120 cm (18–47 in) in height. The flat fruits are small and dry and look like bugs. Many of its species are cultivated. The 75 to 80 *Coreopsis* species are native to North, Central, and South America. The flowers are usually yellow with a toothed tip. They have showy flower heads with involucre bracts in two distinct series of eight each, the outer being commonly connate at the base. The name *Coreopsis* is derived from the Greek words κόρις (*koris*), meaning "bedbug," and ὄψις (*opsis*), meaning "view," referring to the shape of the achene.

Coreopsis species are used as food plants by the caterpillars of some Lepidoptera species including *Coleophora acamtopappi*. The sunny, summer blooming, yellow daisy-like flowers are popular in gardens to attract butterflies.