



*Flowers in full bloom*

## Planting Tips:

This flower does well in the sun. Bushy goldentop needs at least a few hours of sunlight a day, and must not be over-watered.

This plant can be propagated from seeds that form once flowers disappear.

This plant is easily removed if desired due to the shallow root system.

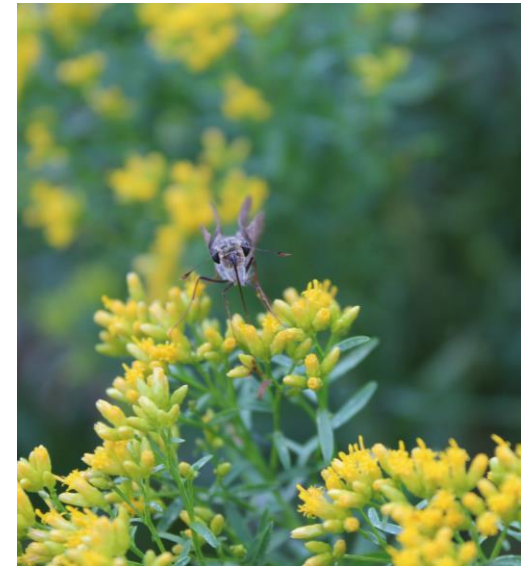
## Visitor Education Center (VEC)

### About Us

The Visitor Education Center (VEC) at the Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery is the first and only facility of its kind in Mississippi. It is owned and operated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

In addition to the native habitat area, the VEC features a 10,000 gallon aquarium, interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, fishing rodeo pond, gift shop and gallery, and the World Record White Crappie. All of these elements serve as entertaining and engaging learning experiences for all visitors.

The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



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## MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: BUSHY GOLDENTOP

*(Euthamia leptoccephala)*

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*Attracts bees (honey and bumble)*

## Description/Season:

This perennial blooms September – November.

Standing erect with narrow, green leaves pointing upward and spreading, this plant displays clustered, flat flowers forming a rounded top. These flowers are greenish yellow to brilliant yellow in color.

Brown seeds form after blooming ends in the fall.

## Habitat/Size:

This plant can be found in moist, sandy soils, particularly wooded areas.

Leaves are 1 – 2 ½ inches long.  
The plant is 1 – 3 feet tall.

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### *Other Names:*

*Mississippi Valley Goldentop;*  
*Bushy Goldentop; Mississippi*  
*Valley Flat Top Goldenrod*

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## Interesting Facts:

This native is an excellent attraction for butterflies, moths, honeybees, and other insects.



*Attracts butterflies*

## Bushy Goldentop at the VEC:

When in full bloom the plants appear to be moving and “humming.” This movement and sound are from the honeybees and other insects this plant attracts.

In full bloom, the flowers resemble a “carpet of gold.”



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, Clemson.edu, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.