

YELLOWTOPS

Flaveria linearis

Narrowleaf yellowtops (*Flaveria linearis*) is a widely distributed wildflower in Florida, found in most coastal counties except the panhandle. This species is a near endemic as it is not found elsewhere in the U.S. Narrowleaf yellowtops is primarily a coastal wildflower, but can be encountered in a wide variety of moist to upland sites including old fields, coastal strand and salt marsh communities. It is a perennial, semi-woody species that stands about three feet tall in late fall. Plants eventually sucker by underground rhizomes and colonies are formed. Flowering occurs in fall and lasts for several weeks. Flat corymbs of canary yellow flowers make this plant especially showy. Like other members of the aster family, these flowers are visited by a large number of pollinators. They can be maintained well in most typical landscape settings, but they prefer a bit of extra moisture during the summer and early fall.

