This is a native biennial or short-lived perennial plant that is about 1-2½' tall. (30-76 cm) It occasionally branches near the base, with each stem producing a single composite flower. The stems have long white hairs. The alternate leaves are greyish green and covered with small stiff hairs, providing them with a rough texture. The leaves are up to 7" long and 2" across. The upper stems are long and devoid of leaves, each producing a single composite flower. This flower consists of many dark brown disk florets, forming a flattened cone, surrounded by 8-20 ray florets that are bright yellow (rarely with patches of maroon near the base). The style-tips of the disk florets are slender and pointed. Each composite flower is about 2-3” across, and has no noticeable scent. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie blooms start about the 1st week of June to the 4th week of July.

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