*Solidago rigida*

**STIFF GOLDENROD**  *(Aster Family)*

Stem branched at the top, forming a flattish flower cluster; flower heads large for a goldenrod. Leaves oval or oblong, rough; lower leaves obscurely toothed or entire; basal leaves long-stalked, much larger than the upper leaves. Stem downy, 1-5' (30-152 cm) high. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie blooms from about the 3rd week of August through the 3rd week of September.

Text from *Newcomb’s Wildflower Guide* by Lawrence Newcomb, page 450. Photos by Frank Mayfield at black sweater art.