



RW Smith, Lenawee Mi, 2011

Golden Alexanders *Zizia aurea*

- 1-3 ft tall, native NJ & NE No America, winter-dormant perennial
- Yellow flower clusters bloom April to July
- Average to moist soil, full to part sun
- Good rain garden plant, attracts bees, butterflies
- Food Plant for caterpillars of Black Swallowtail and others
- Propagates easily from seed, self-seeds
- Collect seed heads when brown, June – November
- Air dry briefly, then rub seeds off the stem
- Store seeds cold and dry to maintain dormancy
- Sow seeds in pots or outdoors in a garden bed
- Press seeds into moist soil surface, do not cover with soil
- A very thin covering of straw or pale sand may be used
- Treat 8 weeks moist at 40°F, or winter outdoors, to break dormancy
- Move to 70°F with light, indoors or outdoors in spring, to germinate