

# **YELLOW ROOT**

Xanthorhiza simplicissima

***Brownish Purple star-like flowers.***



**Description:** A slightly shrubby plant. Brownish purple star-like flowers in spring. You'll understand why the common name is "Yellow Root" when you dig it up to divide it. Plants can spread considerably by means of sucker, especially when they are growing in a light soil. A greedy plant inhibits the growth

of nearby plants, especially legumes.

**Natural Habitat:** Mesic forest

**Conservation Status:** Florida- endangered.

**Size:** 2- 3 feet

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Light:** part shade to full shade

**Planting and Care:** prefers moist, well-drained, acidic soil but tolerates heavy soil and is also considered drought tolerant.

**Ornamental Value:** Autumn color, an indescribable shade of purple that persists for weeks.

**Landscape Usage:** Front to mid shade border or wild garden. Woodland, Sunny Edge, Dappled Shade, Shady Edge, Deep Shade, Ground Cover

**Commercial/Traditional Uses:** Native Americans used it in a tea for stomach ulcers and ulcers in the mouth. It may have also been used as a tonic and externally on sores. It has been used in the southern US as a folk remedy for diabetes and high blood pressure. A yellow dye was also made from the roots.