Nodding beggartick

Bidens cernua

Minnesota C-Value: 3
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native

Leaves: 2-7 in. long and 1/2-2 in. wide. Opposite, serrated, and lanceolate in shape. Stalkless. Rough to the touch.

Stems: 2-4 ft tall. Usually hairy, but sometimes smooth.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers 1-3 inch diameter, centers conspicuously globe-shaped. 6-8 yellow rays with 4-8 uneven, green bracts beneath. Flowers usually nodding in form. Seeds are oblong, roughly 5 mm long with 4 awns and downward pointing barbs.

Plant communities: Shorelines, wet meadows, shallow marshes, disturbed soils.

Comments: Annual. Looks similar to other yellow-rayed *Bidens*. This one can be distinguished by its nodding flowers, its simple and undivided leaves, and its convex-shaped seed with 4 awns.