



Project BudBurst

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Common Name: Soft green eyes
Scientific Name: *Berlandiera pumila*
Plant Family: Asteraceae

Identifying Characteristics:

Size: Plant grows from 31 to 91 cm (1 to 3 ft) tall.

Leaves: Leaves are evenly distributed along stems, are oblong, oval or ovate in shape, and are 1.9 to 3.2 cm (0.75 to 1.25 in) wide. Leaf faces are grayish and velvety.

Flowers: Yellow and 2.5 to 7.6 cm (1 to 3 in) across, with green veins giving the centers of the flower a light, chartreuse green color, inspiring the name "soft green eyes."

Habitat: Found in sandy, dry soils of sand dunes. Also found at roadsides, and in fields, woodland borders, and open woodlots.

Bloom time: Mid-spring through summer (April-October), depending on location.

Information sources:

Flora of North America Database
(www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=250066220)
Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center Database
(wildflower.utexas.edu/plants/result.php?id_plant=BEPU2)
USDA Plants Database (plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=BEPU2)
The Herb Society of America Database
(www.herbsociety.org/promplant/bpumila.php)

Did you know? Soft green eyes is a long-living, long-blooming ornamental plant with conspicuous flowers. The flowers have a delicious scent of chocolate, and the plant makes a charming addition to a fragrant garden.



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Phenological observation:
First Flower

Distribution Area:

