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Coreopsis tripteris

[Synonyms : *Coreopsis tripteris* var. *deamii*, *Coreopsis tripteris* var. *intercedens*, *Coreopsis tripteris* var. *smithii*, *Coreopsis tripteris* var. *subrhomboidea*]

TALL COREOPSIS is a perennial. Native to the central and south-eastern United States it has daisy-like, brown or purple-centred, yellow flowers.

It is also known as Atlantic coreopsis, Golden crown, Small tickweed, Sunflower, Tall tickseed, and Tickseed.

The crushed leaves emit an anise-like scent and the flowers are pollinated by bees and butterflies.

Tripteris is derived from Greek *tri-* (three) and *-pteryx* (wing) components.

Among the Meskwaki North American Indian tribe tall coreopsis was known as the source of a medicine taken to ease internal pain or haemorrhaging.

Apparently many birds enjoy the seeds but according to several authorities none more than the goldfinches.

Medicinally, local herbalists have used the leaves and flowers to treat some lung disorders, while liquor from the boiled stem has been prescribed for internal pains (especially when these are accompanied by internal bleeding).