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*Isocoma plurifolia*

[Synonyms : *Aster heterophyllus*, *Bigelowia plurifolia*, *Bigelowia wrightii*, *Bigelowia wrightii* var. *hirtella*, *Haplopappus heterophyllus*, *Haplopappus pluriflorus*, *Isocoma habphytica*, *Isocoma heterophylla*, *Isocoma hirtella*, *Isocoma oxylepis*, *Isocoma wrightii*, *Linosyris heterophylla*, *Linosyris hirtella*, *Linosyris plurifolia*, *Linosyris wrightii*]

**RAYLESS GOLDENROD** is a subshrub. Native to the southern United States it has small, yellow flowers.

It is also known as Jimmy weed, and Southern goldenbush.

Warning – rayless goldenrod can cause abdominal pain, constipation, vomiting, weakness, collapse, trembling, coma and death. It is a poisonous plant for animals and humans alike (although reports of poisoning of the latter are said by some authorities to be unknown).

*Plurifolia* is derived from Latin *pluri-* (more) and *-folia* (leaved) meaning ‘many leaved’.

This is the most usual cause of human poisoning if milk has been contaminated. In those areas where rayless goldenrod thrives, it only occurs when inadequate farming controls are being practised on dairy herds.