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Ratibida pinnata

[Synonyms : *Lepachys pinnata*, *Rudbeckia pinnata*]

PRAIRIE CONEFLOWER is a perennial. Native to central North America it has small drooping yellow-petalled flowers with a brown cone-shaped, central disc.

It is also known as Drooping coneflower, Gray-headed coneflower, Greyhead coneflower, and Pinnate prairie coneflower.

Pinnata is a botanical reference to the leaf-shape meaning ‘a feathery arrangement of leaflets on each side of the common stalk’.

As prairie coneflower is much enjoyed by livestock it can be an indicator of over-grazing when blooms are sparse in areas of its natural habitat.