

Bronze Fennel



Foeniculum vulgare 'Bronze'

- **Use:** A terrific foliage plant and a great attraction for butterflies and beneficial insects. It is a preferred host plant for swallowtail butterflies. The anise-flavored leaves and seeds are used in cooking. We love shaved fennel in our salads! The large umbels of nectar-filled, yellow flowers are attractive to many butterflies and pollinators and will eventually dry and create a bountiful harvest of fennel seeds. A prized host plant for the Eastern Black Swallowtail butterfly and caterpillar.
- **Exposure/Soil:** They love full hot sun, but be sure to keep them well watered, but not drowning. Pinch tips back occasionally to produce a bushy plant! Use slow release fertilizer for best results
- **Growth:** Grows 12" tall and continues to spread.
- **Hardiness:** 6-10, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark, smoky foliage to a height of 6', an attractive backdrop in perennial borders, where it adds a soft, airy, somewhat mysterious look.
- **Flower:** Tiny yellow flowers in large, flattened, compound umbels. Flowers bloom in mid- to late summer, and are followed by aromatic seeds. Be sure to cut off flowers if you do not want them to reseed in the garden.