## Autumn Gold Willowleaf Sunflower



Sunny blooms bring smiles!





## Helianthus salicifolius 'Autumn Gold'

- <u>Uses</u>: Blooming from September to a hard frost, this beauty is a wonderful addition to the perennial garden. The narrow, dark green willow-like leaves form into a tight mound giving a tidy shrub-like appearance from spring through summer before it erupts into color in the fall.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun. Prefers average, well-drained soils. Grows best with added moisture but can tolerate drought once established. Cut back to the ground in early spring or late winter. Divide clumps in spring or fall every 3 to 4 years.
- Growth: Grows 24-26" tall and 20-24" wide.
- *Hardiness:* Zone 5-9; Perennial
- Foliage: Deciduous; Narrow, dark-green leaves give the plant a shrub-like appearance during Spring and Summer.
- <u>Flower:</u> Covered in bright golden yellow flowers from July to November, or a hard frost. Allow stalks and seed heads to remain for winter interest and for food for birds.