

Operation NICE! Plant of the Season – Winter 2009

Perennial: Four-nerve Daisy (*Tetrandeureis scaposa*)

Description: Four-nerve Daisy, also known as Hymenoxys, Stemmy Four-nerve Daisy and Slender-stem Bitterweed is native to Texas and surrounding states and has been found as far north as Kansas. It is a short, upright perennial with a woody base that can reach 1 ft in height. The long narrow leaves of gray-green foliage form a clump from



Photos by Lon Turnbull

which the flower stems arise. When in full bloom, Four-nerve Daisy can appear covered with flowers; 1 inch flower heads are found on each leafless stalk. The individual flowers are long lasting.

Bloom/berry period:

Blooms: Bright-yellow flowers are mostly found from February through early summer, although Four-nerve Daisy has been known to show flowers almost every day of the year even in the northern part of the state.

Planting sites:

Four-nerve Daisy prefers full sun or part shade and must have good drainage but will grow in almost any soil.

Watering Instructions:

Water new plants and once established they shouldn't need supplemental water. Four-nerve Daisy is very drought tolerant.

Comments:

This is a great plant for use in borders or in rock gardens. Its extended bloom period makes it a welcome addition to gardens and landscapes, especially in the winter. Four-nerve Daisy may be used instead of liriope for borders; it gives more color with similar foliage.

Look for the NICE! Plant of the Season signs and information sheets on your next visit to a participating North Texas nursery. And thank you for supporting native plants by using them in your landscapes.

Trinity Forks Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas

Meetings 4th Thursday Jan, Feb, March, April, May, Sept & Oct, TWU's ACT building 6:30 pm, second floor.