

***Balsamorhiza sagittata*****Common names:** Arrowleaf balsamroot

Arrowleaf balsamroot is a native perennial that grows up to 2 feet tall. The bright yellow flower heads bloom in early spring. The large grayish green arrow shaped leaves are basal, covered with silvery-white fine hairs and provide an interest in the garden after flowering is complete. Plant goes dormant with onset of warm, dry weather. Arrowleaf balsamroot can be a very long lived plant.

**Use in the landscape:** Arrowleaf balsamroot prefers full sun to light shade, well drained soil and has a deep taproot which makes it very draught tolerant.



**Propagation:** Grown from seed, this plant takes 4-6 years to bloom. Do not dig up from the wild, the deep tap root will not survive transplanting. Sow seeds outdoors in deep pots and leave them out there. Do not leave them in pots too long. Does not grow in a warm greenhouse.

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