

## Four-Nerve Daisy

The Four-Nerve Daisy's botanical name *Tetrameuris scaposa* is of Greek origin, tetra, four and neuron, nerve. The name is a reference to the petal-like parts (rays) of the flower that have 3 veined lobes. Four-Nerve Daisy, also known by the common names Hymenoxys, Stemmy Four-nerve Daisy, Yellow Daisy, and Bitterweed, is a perennial 1 to 3 feet tall with silvery clumping foliage from a woody base. It forms a single 1-inch yellow flower on leafless stalks. It often appears covered in long-lasting flowers.



Native to Texas and nearby states, the Four-Nerve Daisy is heat and drought tolerant. It does best in dry, well-drained soil. It prefers full sun or part shade, and once established does not require supplemental water. The most notable feature of the Four-Nerve Daisy is its bloom time which is typically from February through early summer but can flower almost every day of the year even in the northern part of the state. The bloom time can be extended by pruning off the spent bloom stalks.

Although deer resistant, Four-Nerve Daisy is a good pollinator attractive to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Its winter-time blooms are often one of the only sources of nectar.

As an ornamental plant, it works well in sunny rock gardens, as a border plant, and in containers. It is a more colorful substitute for liriope or monkey grass. Consider planting Four-Nerve Daisies in the 'nuisance strip' between the curb and sidewalk where it can be difficult to water regularly.

Learn more about Four-Nerve Daisies at these websites:

"*Tetrameuris scaposa*", Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Plant Database, [https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=tesc2](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=tesc2)

"A flower for all seasons" (January 17, 2018), Native Plant Society of Texas, <https://npsot.org/wp/story/2018/10534/>