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### Golden Fleece or Parraleña

*Thymophylla (Dyssodia) pentachaeta*

**DESCRIPTION:** Golden Fleece, sometimes known as Dogweed, is native from the mid-elevation deserts of Arizona to Texas. It is an herbaceous perennial, growing new shoots from the crown a couple of times a year. The regrowth is fast, but the ultimate size is no more than a foot across and 6" high. Flowers can occur any month, but the best shows are in the middle of spring and again in the late summer and early fall. The flower heads are bright yellow and less than ½" across. It often reseeds. The plant is a larval food source for the Dainty Sulphur butterfly.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Golden Fleece can be used for its color, as a ground cover, in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, or to attract butterflies.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Very hardy; at least to 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Flowering and form are best in full sun.



**Watering and feeding:** Low water use; it can be unirrigated once established, but performs better with occasional water.



**Soil requirements:** Does well in sandy soil as well as caliche.



**Pruning:** Cut back stems as a new growth emerges from the crown.