



Gutierrezia sarothrae Snakeweed

This long-lived plant is herbaceous, with a woody base, and grows into a rounded mound. The threadlike leaves are lime green, with sticky green stems. Also called turpentine weed, this plant is extremely resinous, and flammable when dry. It reseeds prolifically, and establishes quickly on disturbed soils, at elevations from 2000 to 8000 feet. Cattle won't eat it, so it is an indicator plant for overgrazed rangeland. It is native across the western U.S., and into Canada and Mexico. Snakeweed is actually quite attractive, especially when covered with yellow, flattop flower clusters in the early fall. Although it will establish and thrive under almost any conditions, full sun exposures and minimal irrigation are best.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	2 feet x 2 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow to moderate
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	To shape



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