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earlier and longer than other Heleniums. Easy to grow, it attracts butterflies. Height: 12-18 inches; spread: 24 inches: USDA Zone 4. This perennial blooms from summer to late fall. Skagit Gardens. www. skagitgardens.com. Write in 1437

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