

Native Perennials for Your Ecological Garden

Bloom PD	Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Bloom Color	Moisture/Light		Wildlife Value
Flowers							
July - Sept	anise hyssop	Agastache foeniculum	2-4 ft	purple	M	FS/PS	H,P
June - July	blue star	Amsonia spp	3-5 ft	blue	M	FS/PS	H,P
April - June	meadow anemone	Anemone canadensis	1-2 ft	white	M	FS/PS	P
April - May	wild columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	1-3 ft	red	M	PS/S	H,P
May - July	goats beard	Aruncus dioicus	4-5 ft	white	M	PS/S	P
April - May	wild ginger	Asarum canadense	0.5-1 ft	brown	M	PS/S	P
June - July	milkweed	Asclepias spp	1-4 ft	orange, pink, white	D,M,W	FS/PS	P
May - June	false blue indigo	Baptisia australis	3-4 ft	blue	D,M	FS/PS	P
Sept - Oct	turtlehead	Chelone glabra	2-4 ft	white	M,W	FS/PS	H,P
April - Sept	green-and-gold	Chrysogonum virginianum	0.5-1 ft	yellow	D, M	PS/S	P
Aug - Oct	mistflower	Conoclinium coelestinum	2-3 ft	violet	D, M, W	FS/PS	B,P
June - Sept	tickseed	Coreopsis spp	1-7 ft	yellow	D, M	FS/PS	B,P
July - Aug	purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	2-3 ft	purple	D, M	FS/PS	B,P
July - Oct	boneset; thoroughwort	Eupatorium spp	3-4 ft	white	D,M	FS/PS	B,P
July - Oct	joe pye weed	Eutrochium spp	2-8 ft	pink, purple	M,W	FS/PS	B,P
Aptil - June	wild geranium	Geranium maculatum	1-2 ft	purple	D,M	FS/PS/S	B,P
April - June	barren strawberry	Geum fragaroides	0.5 ft	yellow	D,M	PS/S	P
July - Oct	common sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	3-5 ft	yellow	M	FS	P
July - Oct	sunflower	Helianthus spp	2-6 ft	yellow	D,M,W	FS/PS	B,P
June - Sept	smooth oxeye	Helopsis helianthoides	3-5 ft	yellow	D,M	FS/PS	B,H,P
April - Sept	alumroot	Heuchera spp	2-3 ft	green, pink, white	D,M	PS/S	P
July - Sept	swamp rosemallow	Hibiscus moscheutos	3-6 ft	pink, white	M,W	FS/PS	H,P
April - June	iris	Iris spp	0.5-3 ft	blue, purple, white	M,W	FS/PS	P
July - Sept	cardinal flower, lobelia	Lobelia spp	2-4 ft	blue, red	M,W	FS/PS	B,H,P
June - Aug	bee balm	Monarda spp	2-4 ft	purple, red	D,M,W	FS	H,P
June - July	sundrops	Oenothera fruiticosa	1-2 ft	yellow	D,M	FS/PS	B,H,P
April - May	golden ragwort	Packera aurea	1-2 ft	yellow	M,W	FS/PS/S	P
June - Aug	beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis	3-4 ft	white	D,M	FS/PS	H,P
April - Sept	phlox	Phlox spp	1-5 ft	pink, purple, white	D,M	FS/PS/S	P
Aug- Sept	obedient plant	Physotegia virginiana	3-5 ft	pink	D,M	FS/PS	H,P
April - May	jacob's ladder	Polemonium reptans	1-2 ft	blue	M	PS/S	P
July - Sept	mountain mint	Pycnanthemum spp	1-3 ft	white	M	FS/PS	P
June - Oct	coneflower	Rudbeckia spp	2-5 ft	orange, yellow	M	FS/PS	B,P

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June - Aug	wild petunia	Ruellia humilis	1-2 ft	purple	M	FS/PS	H,P
May - June	lyreleaf sage	Salvia lyrata	1-2 ft	purple	D,M	FS/PS	H,P
May-June	wild stonecrop	Sedum ternatum	0.5 ft	white	M	PS/S	P
May-June	fire pink	Silene virginica	1-2 ft	red	D,M	PS	H,P
July - Oct	goldenrod	Solidago spp	1-5 ft	yellow	D,M	FS/PS/S	B,P
April - May	celandine poppy	Stylophorum diphyllum	1-2 ft	yellow	M	PS/S	P
Aug - Oct	aster	Symphotrichum spp	1-4 ft	blue, purple, white	M	FS/PS/S	P
April - May	foamflower	Tiarella cordifolia	1-2 ft	white	M	PS/S	P
May-July	spiderwort	Tradescantia virginiana	1-2 ft	blue, purple, white	M	FS/PS	P
Aug - Oct	New York ironweed	Vernonia noveboracensis	4-7 ft	purple	M,W	FS/PS	P
July - Aug	culver's root	Veronicastrum virginicum	3-6 ft	white	M,W	FS/PS	P
May - June	violet	Viola spp	0.5 ft	purple, white, yellow	M	FS/PS/S	P
May - June	golden alexanders	Zizia aurea	1-2 ft	yellow	M,W	FS/PS	P
Grasses							
May - Aug	sedge	Carex spp	1 ft	green	M,W	PS/S	B,P
July	wild oats	Chasmanthium latifolium	3-4 ft	tan	M	FS/PS/S	B,P
Aug - Sept	purple love grass	Eragrostis spectabilis	2 ft	purple, red	M	FS	P
July - Sept	switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	3-6 ft	brown	D,M	FS/PS	B,P
Aug - Oct	little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	2-4 ft	white	D,M	FS/PS	B,P
Aug	prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepsis	1-2 ft	tan	D	FS	B,P
Vines							
May - June	pipevine	Aristolochia macrophylla	12-36 ft	yellow, purple	M	PS/S	P
July - Sept	virgin's bower	Clematis virginiana	10-20 ft	white	M	FS/PS	P
May - July	coral honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens	6-12 ft	coral, red	M	FS/PS	B,H,P
June-July	Virginia creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	25-35 ft	green,white	M	FS/PS/S	B,P
June- Aug	passionflower	Passiflora incarnata	15-35 ft	purple	M	FS/PS	B,P

KEY

FS: Full sun [6 hrs/day]
PS: Part sun [4 hrs/day]
S: Shade [2hrs/day]
spp: Species

D: Dry
M: Moist, average soil
W: Wet

B: Bird food
H: Hummingbird
P: Pollinator

NATIVE TREES & BUSHES



ADDITIONAL NATIVE TREES/BUSHES

Viburnum species

V. nudum: possumhaw
V. dentatum : arrowwood
V. lentago: nannyberry
V. prunifolium: blackhaw
V. trilobum: highbush cranberry

Cornus species

C. alternifolia: pagoda dogwood
C. amomum: silky dogwood
C. racemosa: gray dogwood
C. sericea: red twig dogwood

Amelanchier species

A. arborea: shadbush
A. canadensis: juneberry
A. laevis: serviceberry

Aronia species

A. arbutifolia: red chokeberry
A. melanocarpa: black chokeberry

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Getting Started with Native Plants

Native plants are at the heart of a pollinator-friendly garden providing food and host plant benefits beyond what most non-native plants can offer in any landscape. There are over 2,100 native plants of many colors, shapes, and sizes attracting a variety of pollinators like bees, butterflies, beetles, and moths to perform their essential pollination service.

Planting for Success

- ▶ Plant natives
- ▶ Right plant-right place: Check light, soil ph and moisture requirements
- ▶ Bring Latin name (genus, species) to the nursery. The same common name could be used for native and non-native plants
- ▶ Plant a diversity of nectar, pollen and host plants
- ▶ Plant in clusters with blooms throughout the season
- ▶ Use native grasses to add a natural appeal to your landscape
- ▶ Leave garden seed heads, dried grasses, dead wood, and leaves
- ▶ Protect pollinators from insecticides
- ▶ Include rock and water features
- ▶ If you plant it, they will come

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