



Sun-Loving Native Perennials

Native plants are part of our rich natural heritage. These special plants are adapted to our local conditions, require less maintenance in the landscape and offer food sources for native wildlife. Native plants play a vital role in creating healthy ecosystems that can support a rich diversity of birds, insects, and other animals. Plant native!

Spring Blooming Plants

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color	Soil Moisture
Anemone, Canadian	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	6"-1'	white	moist
Blue Star	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	2'	blue	wet
Columbine, Eastern	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1-2'	red	dry
Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	1-2'	yellow	moist to dry
Indigo, Blue False	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	3-4'	blue	dry

Summer Blooming Plants

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color	Soil Moisture
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	2-5'	red	wet to moist
Bergamot, Wild	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	3-4'	pink, purple	moist to dry
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	3-4'	purple	moist to dry
Boltonia	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	3-4'	white	moist to dry
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1-2'	orange	dry
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	2-4'	red	wet
Coneflower, Grayheaded	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	4-5'	yellow	moist to dry
Coneflower, Orange	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	2-3'	yellow	moist to dry
Coneflower, Purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	2-3'	pink, purple	dry
Coreopsis, Threadleaf	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	1-3'	yellow	dry
Foxglove, Beard-Tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	2-4'	white	wet to dry
Ironweed, New York	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	4-6'	purple	wet to moist
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eutrochium sp.</i>	4-7'	pink, purple	avg. to wet
Lobelia, Great Blue	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	2-4'	blue	wet
Mountain-Mints	<i>Pycnanthemum sp.</i>	2-3'	white	avg. to moist
Obedient Plant	<i>Physotegia virginiana</i>	3-6'	white, pink	moist to wet
Phlox, Summer	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	2-4'	varies	moist
Skullcap, Downy	<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	2-3'	violet to blue	moist
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	3-4'	yellow	wet to moist
Sunflower, False	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	3-4'	yellow	moist to dry
Tickseed, Tall	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	3-6'	yellow	moist to dry
Turtlehead, Pink	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	2-3'	pink	wet to moist

Fall Blooming Plants

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color	Soil Moisture
Aster, New England	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	3-5'	purple	moist
Aster, New York	<i>Symphyotrichum novi-belgii</i>	4'	violet to rose	dry to wet
Aster, Smooth Blue	<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	3-4'	blue	dry
Goldenrod, Anise-Scented	<i>Solidago odora</i>	2-5'	yellow	moist to dry
Goldenrod, Gray	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	1-2'	yellow	dry
Goldenrod, Showy	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	2-4'	yellow	moist to dry
Goldenrod, Stiff	<i>Oligoneuron rigida</i>	3-5'	yellow	moist to dry
Goldenrod, Wrinkle-Leaf	<i>Solidago rugos</i>	3-6'	yellow	wet to moist
Mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	1'	blue, purple	moist

Grasses

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color	Soil Moisture
Bluestem, Little	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	3-5'	wheat	dry
Pennsylvania Sedge	<i>Carex pennsylvanica</i>	6-10"	wheat	avg. to dry
Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	2-3'	wheat	moist to dry
Purpletop Grass	<i>Tridens flavus</i>	3-5'	purplish	moist to dry
Sallow Sedge	<i>Carex lurida</i>	1-3'	green	medium
Sea Oats, Northern	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	2-5'	green	moist to avg.
Switch Grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	3-6'	wheat	moist to dry