

# Native Illinois Plant Sale

April 25, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission, and the Wheaton Park District encourage residents to plant native plants in future landscape projects. Native plants are adapted to the soil and climate of our area. These plant species provide habitat for a wide variety of native wildlife species, and at the same time provide an attractive, low maintenance landscape. Native plants are beneficial because they do not require irrigation or fertilizer, are resistant to drought and insects, will not harm or degrade native ecosystems, and are beautiful and interesting. Cash will **NOT** be accepted. Payment must be made by check or credit card.



**At sale time, trees are approximately 36 to 48 inches, shrubs are approximately 24 to 36 inches and are potted in containers. Forbs, grasses, and ferns are in containers. We are unable to provide any returns or guarantees on these plants. Plants not in this year's order have been shaded grey. Plants are subject to nursery availability at the time of sale. "Right to limit quantities before 9:30 a.m."**










**Trees 3-5 gallon : \$36**

**Shrubs 3-5 gallon : \$36**

**Forbs, Grasses & Ferns 1 gallon : \$16**









**Quarts and pints : \$6**

Plant Name	Height	Spread	Light	Flower	Fall Color	Special Uses	Cultural Information
<b>Large Trees</b>							
<b>Black Tupelo</b> <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	30-50'	20-30'			Glossy orange to red		Native in wet areas or dry, rocky uplands; horizontal branching; spring plant only; pyramidal to spreading; silvery bark; protect from west wind; slow to moderate growth

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<b>Eastern White Pine</b> <i>Pinus strobus</i>	50-80'	20-40'			Evergreen		Prefers moist acidic soil; sensitive to high pH soil, salt, and windy sites; blue-green needles; open airy crown; spreading form; Evergreen
<b>Hackberry</b> <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	40-60'	40-50'			Yellow		Best in rich, moist soils; pH adaptable; tolerant of drought, salt, and temporary wet sites; corky bark; broad oval to vase shaped form
<b>Ohio buckeye</b> <i>Aesculus glabra</i>	30-50'	20-30'		Yellow - green	Orange - red		First tree to leaf out in the spring. Very shade-tolerant tree. Prefers moist to mesic loamy soils. The fruit is 1" diameter "buckeye". Pollinated by ruby-throated hummingbirds. Not a good tree for compacted soils or street-side.
<b>Red Oak</b> <i>Quercus rubra</i>	60-75'	60-75'			Orange/ Red		Relatively rapid growth in moist, well-drained soil; tolerant of some exposure to road salt and city conditions; rounded form
<b>River Birch</b> <i>Betula nigra</i>	40-70'	40-60'			Yellow		Native along rivers and stream banks; develops chlorosis in high pH soil and drought conditions; rounded to spreading form

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



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<b>Sassafras</b> <i>Sassafras albidum</i>	30-60'	25-40'		Yellow	Yellow, orange, red		Easy to grow in average moist well-drained soils. Moderately fast grower. Early spring bloomer. Excellent fall color. Mitten shaped fragrant leaves.
<b>Shagbark Hickory</b> <i>Carya ovata</i>	50-75'	40-50'			Golden yellow		Distinctive, shaggy bark, conspicuous on tall straight trees; grows best in well-drained soils
<b>Sycamore</b> <i>platanus occidentalis</i>	60-140'	50'		Green	Yellow to orange - brown		Prefers moist conditions but tolerates a wide range of soils. Grows rapidly. Sometimes you need to put out a second crop of leaves if spring is very wet and cool. Multi-colored bark and interesting seed heads.
<b>Tulip tree</b> <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	70-100'	20-40'		Whitish - green with yellow inside	Golden-yellow		Grows best in light shade in mesic, well-drained soils. Spectacular tulip shaped flowers about 2-3" long in May. Tulip shaped leaves. Pollinated by hummingbirds. Grows rapidly. A beautiful and majestic tree.
<b>Small Trees</b>							


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<b>Allegheny serviceberry</b> <i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	15-30'	10-15'		White and showy	Orange, red, yellow		Average or moist soil; drought tolerant once established; juicy, edible berries in summer. Plant in lawns, open shrub borders.
<b>American Hornbeam</b> <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	25-35'	20-30'		Orange/ Yellow	Orange/Red Yellow		Best in rich, moist soil; mulch in full sun; winged nuts provide a good food source for wildlife; rounded form
<b>American plum</b> <i>Prunus Americana</i>	15-25'	15-25'		Bright white	Maroon - red		White fragrant blooms very early in spring. Has a few thorns. Suckers freely so best used for naturalizing in medium moisture, loamy soils away from the house. Tolerates dryness after established. Edible fruits especially nice in preserves.
<b>Common Witchhazel</b> <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	20-30'	15-20'		Yellow	Yellow		Prefers moist, well-drained soil; drought sensitive; large shrub to small tree; flowers in Oct.; good for naturalizing, massing, and borders; rounded spreading habit
<b>Ironwood</b> <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	20-40'	15-30'			Yellow		Superb understory tree: leaves that persist through winter (wildlife habitat); fruit looks like hops


























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












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Ref: Tree Shrub Handbook, Morton Arboretum, 2002; Horticultura 1998

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<b>Pacific Serviceberry</b> <i>Amelanchier interior</i>	30'	15'		White	Yellow/Orange/Red		Blooms May or early June; showy flowers; produces red/purple berries July-Aug & are edible. Tolerates clay soils; prefers moist, well-drained soils
<b>Pagoda Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	15-25'	15-25'		White	Red		Small deciduous tree or multi-stem shrub with distinctive horizontal branching; elliptical to egg-shaped medium green leaves; blooms in spring
<b>Paw Paw</b> <i>Asimina triloba</i>	15-20'	15-20'		Purple	Bright Yellow		A large shrub or small tree; large tropical-like leaves; fruit in large yellow-green edible berry; round canopy shape; 2-inch flowers
<b>Redbud</b> <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	15-20'	20-25'		Lavender/ Pink/ Purple	Yellow		Prefers well-drained soil; pH adaptable; rose-purple flowers in spring; rounded habit

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<b>Shadblow Serviceberry</b> <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	10-20'	10-20'		White	Orange/Red Yellow	 	Prefers moist, well-drained soil; good for woodland edge/naturalizing; white flowers in April; red fruit turns purplish - black; good 4-season plant; an oval suckering tree
<b>Shrubs</b>							
<b>American Hazelnut</b> <i>Corylus americana</i>	6-8'	6-8'		Bright Yellow	Orange - yellow	 	Well-drained soil; pH adaptable; drought tolerant; long, catkins in early spring; colony forming shrub good for naturalizing; rounded habit
<b>Black Chokeberry</b> <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	3-5'	6-8'		White	Red	 	Very tolerant of wet soils; black fruits; purplish-red fall color; best used in mass; forms large suckering colonies; upright form
<b>Blackhaw Viburnum</b> <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	12-15'	8-12'		Creamy white	Pinkish - red to Purple	 	Flowers in cluster' small purple fruit; avg. to dry soils; good with northern exposure
<b>Bladdernut</b> <i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	6-12'	8-10'		White	Yellow	 	Prefers moist conditions in fertile, loamy soil. Very few problems with disease or pests. Attractive flowers, seed capsules, and leaves. Flowers mid-to-late spring.

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<b>Blue-fruited Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus obliqua</i>	7-9'		  	Yellowish - white	Red/Purple	 	Beautiful spreading branches with dark green leaves on top and silky underneath
<b>Buttonbush</b> <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	6-12'	12-18'	 	Globe-like white		  	Fragrant flowers in June-September; requires moist to wet soil; sensitive to drought and deep shade; late emerging glossy green leaves; hard, 1" ball-like fruit persistent throughout winter; use in naturalized wet areas; upright and arching
<b>Downy Arrowwood</b> <i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	8'	8'	 	White	Red	 	Masses of flowers in mid-late April, with black fruits in summer; prefers moist to dry areas
<b>Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle</b> <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	3-5'	3-5'	  	Yellow	Yellow-Orange-Red	 	Well-drained, pH adaptable soil; drought tolerant; tolerates dry shade, flowers in July; excellent fall color; mounded and suckering habit
<b>Elderberry</b> <i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	6-12'	6-12'	  	White	Greenish	  	Does best in moist soils, but tolerant of dry conditions; suckers freely forming thickets; white flower clusters in July; purple-black fruit is excellent food source for birds; upright and arching form

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<b>Fragrant Sumac</b> <i>Rhus aromatica</i>	2-6'	6-10'		Inconspicuous	Orange/ Red	 	Prefers acidic; well-drained soil; tolerant of salt and dry conditions; fragrant foliage; small persistent wine-red berries attract birds; mounded and suckering
<b>Highbush Cranberry</b> <i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	8-12'	8-15'		White	Purple/Red	 	Grows in most any soil; clumps of scarlet berries that remain through spring
<b>Indigo Bush</b> <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	6-10'	4'		Deep purple	Yellow	  	Does well in poor dry soil; flowers in May-June; prefers moist ground; can get leggy and suckering; fruit is a curved pod
<b>Kalm's St. Johnswort</b> <i>Hypericum kalmianum</i>	2-4'	3-4'		Bright Yellow	Yellow - Green	 	Found in dry, rocky soils; pH adaptable; flowers in July; blue-green foliage; persistent seed capsules valued by birds; rounded habitat
<b>Maple-leaf Viburnum</b> <i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	3-6'	4-5'		White flat-topped in spring	Reddish/ Purple	 	Understory shrub of well-drained to dry soils; maple-like foliage; blue-black fruit valued by wildlife; upright and spreading form

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<b>Meadowsweet</b> <i>Spiraea alba</i>	3-6'	3-6'		White	Golden	  	Tolerant of many soil conditions, drought, and heat; found in wet areas; flower spikes in summer; dry seed capsules persist into winter; erect and suckering
<b>Nannyberry</b> <i>Viburnum lentago</i>	15'	6-12'	  	White	Orange - Red	 	Upright, multi-stem, spreading shrub with springtime clusters of flat white flowers; blue-black berry-like fruits in fall
<b>New Jersey Tea</b> <i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	1-3'	3'	 	Frothy small white clusters	Green	  	Dark green leaves; prefers dry to moist, well-drained soil; flowers in July; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds; slow-growing shrub; good transition from prairie garden to lawn; while young, protect from rabbits
<b>Ninebark</b> <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	5-7'	6-10'		White	Brown	 	Heart-shaped leaves on long branches covered with loose bark; flowers in May-July
<b>Pasture Rose</b> <i>Rosa Carolina</i>	3-6'	5-10'	 	Pink	Yellow - orange to red	  	Tolerates wide range of soil moisture conditions, from wet-mesic to dry









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<b>Prairie/Illinois Rose</b> <i>Rosa setigera</i>	3-4'	10-15'		Pink fading to White late in the season	Combination of Yellow-orange-red, then Scarlet		Use in dry, open area; wide-spreading, green to red arching stems; solitary flowers; mounded and suckering habit
<b>Red Chokeberry</b> <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	6-10'	3-5'		White	Wine Red		Bright red fruits; tolerant of most soils; upright, multi-stemmed; spreading and suckering habit
<b>Roughleaf Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus drummondii</i>	15-25'	10-15'		White, flat-topped	Purple - red		Does well in drought; white fruits showy from a distance but quickly eaten by wildlife
<b>Snowberry</b> <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	3-6'	3-6'		Small spikes of pink flowers			Tolerates wide range of soils under oak trees. Large white berries hang on during winter. Flowers in June and July. Tends to sucker. Use in shrub borders, as screen or hedge.
<b>Spicebush</b> <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	6-12'	6-12'		Green/ Yellow	Orange/ Yellow		Found in the understory in moist woodlands; does best in moist, well-drained loamy soils; fragrant foliage; rounded form
<b>Swamp Rose</b> <i>Rosa palustris</i>	5-6'	4-5'		Pink	Red - orange		Handles poor drainage; blooms from June into July; numerous, bright scarlet rose hips; found along swamp edges; mounded and suckering









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<b>Wahoo</b> <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	12-20'	15-25'		Dark purple	Red/Greenish red		Blooms in June; showy scarlet red berries appear in fall & attracts wildlife; showy fall color; medium moisture; well-drained soils; adaptable; rain garden plant
<b>Wild Gooseberry</b> <i>Ribes missouriense</i>	2-3'	2-3'		Hanging pale yellow	Red- purple		Attractive, thorny, bushy shrub; fan-shaped leaves turn rich autumn hues; graceful flowers in spring; pea-sized, sweet black edible berries ripen in July
<b>Wolfberry Coralberry</b> <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	2-5'	4-8'		Pinkish/purplish - green			Attracts robins, adapts to moist to dry conditions, and loamy to rocky soil. Attractive foliage and purplish-red berries in the fall. Good for naturalizing and winter interest.
<b>Yellow Honeysuckle Vine</b> <i>Lonicera proliifera</i>	4-5'	8-10'		Yellow tubes	Yellow		Vigorous, low climbing vine or mounded shrub with blue-green leaves; in shade the plant rarely flowers; in full sun the twining vine is covered with blooms in May; fruits profusely with scarlet red berries in clusters

### ***Prairie Grasses & Grass-like Plants***

Plant Name	Height	Spread	Light	Flower	Fall Color	Special Uses	Cultural Information
<b>Big Bluestem</b> <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	4-6'	1.5-3'			Reddish-copper/ Bronze		Fine textured, slightly weeping, silvery-blue foliage until fall; purplish seed heads in Aug.; will tolerate hot, dry areas and heavy clay soils; best suited for background plantings; clump forming
<b>Indian Grass</b> <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	4-9'	2'		Feathery gold plumes	Shades of orange & yellow		Flowers in Aug-Sept; great native alternative to Miscanthus (Maidenhair grass); mound-forming; prefers medium soil moisture (neither wet nor overly dry)
<b>Little Bluestem</b> <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> ( <i>Andropogon scoparius</i> )	2-4'	2-2.5'		Fluffy silvery-white	Bronze to Orange		Medium textured, highly ornamental clump-forming grass; bluish-green foliage until fall; fluffy, seed heads on spikes in July-Aug.; well-drained, medium, and dry soils; great for naturalizing and mass plantings; clump forming
<b>Prairie Brome</b> <i>Bromus kalmii</i>	2'	1-1.5'			Light brown		Silky light green color to foliage; seed heads arch sideways; prefers moist to slightly dry conditions

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<b>Prairie Dropseed</b> <i>Sporobolus heterolepsis</i>	1-2'	2-3'		Airy white	Orange - red		Fountain-like tufts of fine-textured, emerald-green foliage until fall; flowers are held 2-3' above leaves in August; arching and clump forming
<b>Prairie Switchgrass</b> <i>Panicum virgatum</i>	3-6'	2-3'			Golden tan		Green or purplish tone, firm long smooth leaves; prefers dry to moist soils and shores with no shade
<b>Side Oats Grama</b> <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'		Bright Purple/ Orange	Tan/Orange		Graceful and beautiful prairie grass with medium textured foliage; delicate flower parts cluster along one side of the flower stem in June; drought tolerant; warm season grass
<b>Sweet Grass / Vanilla Grass</b> <i>Hierochloa odorata</i>	1-1.5'	1.5'				 GC	Relatively unremarkable looking but foliage is highly aromatic when it is cut and dried; moist to dry soils preferred; deer resistant; can spread rapidly under the right conditions
<b>Prairie Forbs</b>							
<b>Biennial Gaura</b> <i>Gaura biennis</i>	2-5'	3-4'		White/ Pink			Biennial (short-lived) plant tolerant of wide variety of habitats; open airy form, flowers July-October

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<b>Black-eyed Susan</b> <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	2-3'	2-2.5'		Bright Yellow		   	Showy petals around brown center in July-Sept.; long-blooming; tolerant of most soil conditions; short-lived perennial
<b>Blue-eyed Susan</b> <i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	8-10"			Small, Blue			Grass-like foliage accented by small flowers in May-June; good perennial for rock garden
<b>Bottle Gentian</b> <i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'		Bright Blue			Barrel shaped flowers with closed petals; flowering in Sept-early Oct.; moist soils
<b>Brown-eyed Susan</b> <i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	2-4'	2-2.5'		Orange & Yellow		    	Dark green leaves; blossoms from early Aug. to early Oct.; rough textured
<b>Butterfly Weed</b> <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2-3'	3'		Vivid Orange - red		 	Fragrant clusters of flowers from June-Aug., followed by attractive seed heads; prefers well-drained, sandy soil; drought tolerant; late to emerge; creates deep tap root making transplanting difficult; breaks dormancy late
<b>Common (Pale) Blue-eyed Grass</b> <i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	0.5-1.5'	2-3'		White			Leaves are grass-like, being flat, narrow, and long; prefers dry to moderate soils; flowers from May to June with six white, star-like petals 1/2 to 3/4 inch wide

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<b>Common Ironweed</b> <i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	3-5'	2.5-4'		Bright Red - purple			Showy flower spikes in July and August, held atop tough stems with wispy foliage; highly ornamental; moist soil
<b>Common Milkweed</b> <i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	2-5'	1'		Pink - Purple			1/2-inch flowers in 2-inch globe from June-August; milky sap; attracts butterflies; well-drained soil
<b>Common Mountain Mint</b> <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	1-2'	1-2'		White			Flat white flower clusters in July and August above fragrant foliage; a must for any herb garden
<b>Compass Plant</b> <i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	5-9'	3-4'		Yellow			Deeply dissected leaf resembles giant oak leaf; slow to mature; deep-rooted; 4-inch yellow daisies on top of tall stalks; needs well-drained soils
<b>Cream Wild Indigo</b> <i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>	1-2'	1-3'		Creamy white			Showy, long clusters of flowers; low growing and compact plant; prefers well-drained soils
<b>Culver's Root</b> <i>Veronicastrum virginianum</i>	4-5'	2-3'		White candelabra-like spires			Stately 6-9" flowers open slowly from the top down in July-Aug above dark green leaves; medium to moist soil
<b>Cup Plant</b> <i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	5-8'	2-3'		Yellow			Stately plant with large, opposite leaves that form cup around a square stem; showy flowers in July and August


















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






















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<b>Cylindrical blazingstar</b> <i>Liatris cylindracea</i>	12-18"	10"		Pink/purplish - pink			Prefers poor soil and dry conditions but can tolerate loamy soil if well drained. Excellent drought tolerance. Doesn't compete well with aggressive, taller plants.
<b>False Sunflower</b> <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	4-6'	2'		Bright Yellow			Abundant blooms like miniature sunflowers produced in abundance in July-Sept; prefers well-drained soil
<b>Flowering Spurge</b> <i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	3'						Grows in most soil types if well drained. Blooms from June – September, drought tolerant; difficult to transplant once established.
<b>Foxglove Beardtongue</b> <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	2'	1'		White tubular, tinged with reddish - pink	Maroon		Trumpet-shaped flower spikes in June held aloft over dark green foliage; plant adaptable to all soil types, but best in full sun with average moisture; adds early-season color to prairie garden
<b>Golden Alexanders</b> <i>Zizia aurea</i>	1-3'	1-2'		Flat-topped Yellow			Flowers in mid-to late spring; attractive purple-bronze seed heads; dry to moist soils

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












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<b>Golden Aster</b> <i>Chrysopsis camporum</i>	1-3"	1-2"		Golden Yellow			Prefers medium to dry, well-drained soils; showy, abundant blooms July to Sept. with 1-inch flowers
<b>Gray-Headed (Yellow) Coneflower</b> <i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	2-5'	1-2'		Yellow petals around brown-gray center		    	Blooms in profusion all summer; flowers with aromatic seed heads when crushed; very versatile
<b>Hairy Beard Tongue</b> <i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	1-2'	1-2'		Pale Purple tubes			A small, woolly-stemmed plant with attractive trumpet-shaped flowers 1-inch long during June-July; prefers dry, well-drained soil
<b>Heart-leaved Meadow Parsnip</b> <i>Zizia aptera</i>	24" – 36"	24" – 36"		Bright Yellow			Prefers dry soil or moist well drained
<b>Heath Aster</b> <i>Aster ericoides</i>	1-3'	1-1.5'		White		  	Bushy frame covered by small blooms from Sept to Oct; dry to medium soils
<b>Hoary Puccoon</b> <i>Lithospermum canescens</i>	1-1.5'			Yellow-orange, tubular		 	Flowers from May to June; prefers dry, open woods, thickets, and glades; prefers warm sunny positions in a moderately fertile, light to medium, well-drained soil

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<b>Hoary Vervain</b> <i>Verbena stricta</i>	2-3'	1-2'		Purple spikes		   	Upright plant with coarse, fuzzy foliage; widely adaptable in well-drained soil; drought tolerant; 3-inch branched flower spikes from June-Sept.
<b>Horse Mint (Spotted Bee Balm)</b> <i>Monarda punctata</i>	1-2'	1-2'		Cream to Lavender		 	Fragrant flowers July-Sept., aromatic foliage; prefers dry soil; opposite leaves and square stem
<b>Lance-leaf Coreopsis</b> <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'		Bright Yellow		 	Blooms in June-July; dry to medium well-drained soils; drought tolerant; dead-head to encourage blooming
<b>Monkey Flower</b> <i>Mimulus ringens</i>	1-3"	1-1.5'	 	Lilac-Purple		 	Snapdragon-like flowers in July and August; prefers wet soil and full sun
<b>New England Aster</b> <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	3-6'	2-3'	 	Deep Pink - purple		    	Flowers in dense splash of fall color; pinch back in early summer to keep from getting stemmy; drops stem leaves, so plant behind other flowers to hide bare stems; medium to moist soil
<b>Nodding Pink</b> Onion <i>Allium cernuum</i>	12"	12"	 	Star-shaped Lavender-pink		   <b>GC</b>	Flower balls nodding on foot-tall stems in July-August; clumps of grass-like leaves; avoid poorly drained soils

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<b>Obedient Plant</b> <i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	2-4'	2-3'		Pale Pink to Purple			Snapdragon-like flowers in spike at top of plant in Aug-Sept.; grows on riverbanks and damp thickets
<b>Pale Beard Tongue</b> <i>Penstemon pallidus</i>	1-2'	1-2'		White-lavender tubes			Trumpet-shaped white flowers are 3/4 inch long and have lavender lines; prefers medium to dry well drained (sandy) soils
<b>Pale Purple Coneflower</b> <i>Echinacea pallida</i>	2-4'	1'		Light Rosy Lavender			Large flowers with thin, drooping petals around a spiny orange-brown center in June-July; long-lived and tough; attractive seed heads; medium to dry soils
<b>Prairie Alum Root</b> <i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	8-12"	12"		Green to brownish - red			Best appreciated for rounded foliage with filigree edges and mounded habit; thrives in most settings; may need dividing every 3 years or so
<b>Prairie Blazing Star</b> <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	3-5'	1'		Rosy -lavender			Showy flower spikes bloom in Aug.-Sept.; thrives in light soil with adequate moisture
<b>Prairie Cinquefoil</b> <i>Potentilla arguta</i>	2'			White			Blooms June – September
<b>Prairie Coreopsis</b> <i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	18" – 30"	12" – 18"		Yellow			Grows in poor soil; must have good drainage; Tolerates heat, humidity, and drought.

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<b>Prairie Dock</b> <i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	3-10'	1-3'		Yellow		  	Large, spade-like leaves reach to 3', with flowering stalks above; 2" flowers in mid- to late summer; great texture when planted with native grasses
<b>Prairie Gentian</b> <i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>	1-1/2'	1-1/2'		Violet blue			Blooms in fall & last for a month; showy flowers; dry to medium moisture; well-drained soils; tolerates drought.
<b>Prairie Milkweed</b> <i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	2-3'	1-1.5'		Pink			Prefers wet-mesic to mesic soil conditions, can be competitive
<b>Prairie Smoke</b> <i>Geum triflorum</i>	6"	8"		Deep Rose-pink		 	Flower clusters in May-June; followed by spectacular, long-lasting, feathery, silvery-pink seed heads; attractive, deeply cut leaves; grows in dry to medium soils
<b>Purple Meadow Rue</b> <i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	3-6'	1'	 	White - cream			A hardy perennial that has delicate flowers, purple stems, and blue-green foliage; prefers wet-mesic to mesic soil moisture
<b>Purple Prairie Clover</b> <i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	1-2'	1'		Thimble-like heads with purple ring at base		 	Prefers average to dry soils; drought-tolerant; protect from rabbits; flowers in mid-summer

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<b>Queen of the Prairie</b> <i>Filipendula rubra</i>	4-6'	2-3'		Deep pink fluffy plumes			Flowers on strong stems from July-Aug.; bold plant forms a large, shrub-like mound with deeply cut leaves; prefers rich, moist soils
<b>Rattlesnake Master</b> <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	3-4'	1 1/2'		Whitish-green spiny globes	Evergreen		Long lance-like evergreen foliage with flowers held on long stalks in July-Aug.; prefers medium to dry well-drained soils; drought tolerant
<b>Rosinweed</b> <i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	2-6'	1 1/2'		Bright Yellow			Profuse, large, daisy-like flowers on tall stems in late July-Aug.; rough sandpapery textured, lance-shaped foliage; well-drained soil
<b>Rough Blazing Star</b> <i>Liatris aspera</i>	2-3'	1'		Bright Purple-pink bottlebrush			Low growing most of the year, flowers on stalks blaze into color July-Sept.; well-drained soil
<b>Royal Catchfly</b> <i>Silene regia</i>	2-4'	1 1/2 -2'		Red - scarlet			Incredibly vivid flowers July-Aug; dry to medium soils (best in rich soil); excellent drainage is essential; attracts hummingbirds
<b>Sand Prairie Phlox</b> <i>Phlox pilosa</i>	1-2'	1/2 -1'		Pink			Suitable ground cover or rock garden perennial; tolerates wide range of soil moisture conditions, from wet-mesic to dry

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

















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<b>Showy Goldenrod</b> <i>Solidago speciosa</i>	1-3'	2-3'		Yellow			A beautiful species with conical spires of bright gold flowers; forms a beautiful clump when planted in full sun and well-drained soils; prefers mesic to dry soil conditions; remove spent flower clusters to encourage additional bloom; provides good color and contrast in late summer for the perennial border
<b>Silky Aster</b> <i>Aster sericeus</i>	1-2'	1'		Purple-violet petals with yellow center			Blooms Sept-Oct; leaves with fine silky hairs; drought tolerant; well-drained soils mandatory (too much water kills this plant)
<b>Sky Blue Aster</b> <i>Aster azureus</i>	2-3'	1'		Brilliant Blue			Dainty, daisy like flowers in Sept-early Oct.; deep greenish-blue arrow shaped leaves; dry to medium soils
<b>Slender Mountain Mint</b> <i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	1-3'	1-1.5'		White			Stems and leaves are fragrant when crushed; prefers wet-mesic to mesic soil moisture

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<b>Smooth Blue Aster</b> <i>Aster laevis</i>	2-4'	1'		Pale Blue-lavender			Numerous, yellow-centered flowers in Aug.-Sept.; tolerates moist to dry soils of average to poor fertility
<b>Spiderwort (Ohio Spiderwort)</b> <i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	2-4'	1.5'		Deep Blue, 3-petaled			Clustered flowers from July-Sept.; unique, grass-like foliage; cut back after flowering to produce neater clumps; prefers moist, organic soil; clump forming
<b>Starry Campion</b> <i>Silene stellata</i>	2-3'	2'		White			Prefers dry, well-drained soils; blooms July-October
<b>Stiff Goldenrod</b> <i>Solidago rigida</i>	1.5'	1.5'		Flat-topped yellow			Flowers in late summer; gray-green leaves largest at bottom of stem; dry to moist soils
<b>Swamp Milkweed</b> <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	4-5'	2-3'		Rose-pink hourglass			Flowers in July-Aug.; milky sap; medium to wet soils; interesting seed pods; fragrant blooms
<b>Sweet Black-eyed Susan</b> <i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	2-3'	2'		Yellow with brown			Flowers in late July and August; attractive seed heads in winter; best in well-drained, organic soil
<b>Turk's Cap Lily</b> <i>Lilium michiganense</i>	2-5'	1-2'		Red - yellow with brown spots			Whorled leaves; flowers in June-July with petals arching up and back; attracts hummingbirds; prefers medium wet to wet conditions










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<b>Violet Wood Sorrel</b> <i>Oxalis violacea</i>	1/2 - 1'	1/2 - 3/4'		Lavender			Small but attractive; three-parted leaves are like upside-down hearts, greenish - purple on top and purple below; bloom in late spring and may bloom again in fall
<b>White (Upland) Aster</b> <i>Aster ptarmicoides</i>	1-2'	1'		White		   	Small blossoms cover the compact form from July-Sept.; attractive silvery seed heads; dry soils
<b>White False Indigo</b> <i>Baptisia leucantha</i> ( <i>B. lactea</i> )	3-5'	3'		White		  	Flowers in June; attractive blue-green foliage; forms a dense, bush-like mound; interesting seed pods; prefers deep, porous soil that is well-drained
<b>Wild Bergamot</b> <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	2-3'	2'		Lavender		  	Flowers in June-Aug; needs air movement to avoid mildew on leaves; damp to dry, clay to sand soils; attracts hummingbirds
<b>Wild Golden Glow</b> <i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	3-7'	2-3'		Lemon-yellow		    	Fluffy double flowers in July; finely cut foliage and a clump forming habit
<b>Wild Hyacinth</b> <i>Camassia scilloides</i>	1-2'	1'		Light - blue/white			Top-dense star-like clusters of flowers during spring (May-June), then goes dormant; prefers wet-mesic to dry soils; slow-growing, transplant during fall

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
























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<b>Wild Petunia</b> <i>Ruellia humilis</i>	10"	1'		Lavender			Trumpet-shaped flowers on trailing stems in June-Aug. prefers moist, well-drained soils but will tolerate dry soils; excellent for rock gardens; breaks dormancy late
<b>Wild Quinine</b> <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	3-4'	1-2'		Green-white clusters			Odd button-like flowers in flat-top clusters from July-Sept; good form, excellent foliage; medium to dry soil
<b>Wild Stonecrop</b> <i>Sedum ternatum</i>	8"	8"		White, star-like			Succulent, thick, fleshy leaves; flowers in spring; garden soils (not too dry); stems creep to slowly form groundcover
<b>World Milkweed</b> <i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	1' - 2'			White, green			Prefers sand/loam soil; blooms June - August
<b>Yellow Star Grass</b> <i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	1/2 - 1'			Brilliant Yellow			Grass-like olive-green leaves; interesting texture plant; medium or dry soils; can form loose colonies but not particularly aggressive; star-shaped flowers
<b>Ferns</b>							

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<b>Christmas Fern</b> <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	1-3'	2-3'			Evergreen		Lustrous, arching, deep green fronds extend from a central crown; silvery "fiddleheads" in spring, contrast nicely with the evergreen foliage; used in floral arrangements; adaptable but prefers moist, organic soil
<b>Cinnamon Fern</b> <i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	2-4'	2-3'					Large, slightly arching, deep green foliage grown in vase shaped clusters; emerges early in spring; slender fertile fronds are cinnamon in color and disappear by mid-summer; slowly spreading and easily grown; thrives in wet, organic soils
<b>Interrupted Fern</b> <i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	2-4'	1-2'					Light green foliage is erect, arching from center and emerges in early spring; spores are clustered in the middle of fertile fronds, giving an interrupted look; tolerates drier sites; very long-lived but slow to establish

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<b>Lady Fern</b> <i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	1'	1'					Leathery, bright green, wavy-cut fronds; Evergreen; prefers a damp to slightly boggy, rich, organic soil; great for massing
<b>Leather Wood Fern</b> <i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	1-2'	1-2'					Slightly arching fronds unfurl yellow-green and darken to bluish-green by summer and rise from a broad, upright crown; prefers moist, organic soils, but can tolerate some dryness once established; good in rock gardens
<b>Maidenhair Fern</b> <i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'					Fan-shaped fronds with green leaflets on shiny, black stalks; prefers moist, rich soil in a cool and humid area
<b>Royal Fern</b> <i>Osmunda regalis</i>	2-5'	3-5'			Golden-yellow		Large fronds with widely spaced leaflets; fronds unfold red, mature to deep sea-green; spores appear in clusters on the frond tips; needs constantly moist, acid, organic soil; good massed or as a specimen plant
<b>Sensitive Fern</b> <i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	1-2'	2'				 	Light summer foliage: wet to mesic soils preferred.

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<b>Woodland Grasses</b>							
<b>Bottlebrush Grass</b> <i>Hystrix patula</i>	3-5'	1-2'		Green/ Tan		   	Showy seed heads resemble bottlebrushes; grows in small clumps on well-drained soil; can grow under trees where most turf grass fails to thrive; clump forming
<b>Common Burr Sedge</b> <i>Carex grayii</i>	2'	1'				    	Unique clustered fruits resembling spiked clubs rise above the light green, clump-forming foliage; thrives near water; dried fruit is stunning in arrangements
<b>Common Oak Sedge</b> <i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	1-2'	8"				  	Soft low tufts of slender foliage; reddish-brown flowers appear just above the foliage in April to mid-May
<b>Curly-styled Wood Sedge</b> <i>Carex rosea</i>	1-2'	1'				    GC	Delicate pale-green leaves; relaxed stems and elongated seed beaks
<b>Nodding Fescue</b> <i>Festuca obtusa</i>	1-2'	1-2'			Tan	   	Refined, nodding, graceful, long-stemmed spikelet; prefers moist to dry soils
<b>Palm Sedge</b> <i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	1-3'	1'				   GC	Foliage resembles palm fronds; leaves radiate from the stem, giving it a unique, tropical appearance









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<b>Silky Wild Rye</b> <i>Elymus villosus</i>	1-3'	2'		Green/ Tan	Tan		Silky soft leaves; wheat-like flower stalks; prefers moist soil
<b>Straight-styled Wood Sedge</b> <i>Carex radiata</i>	1'	1'					Graceful fountain of bright green, extremely fine foliage; outstanding as a mass planting; fine textured mound
<b>Woodland Brome</b> <i>Bromus purgans</i> ( <i>B. pubescens</i> )	1-3'	1'					Gently arching spikes; blooms in mid-summer; dry to moist soils
<b>Wood Reed Grass</b> <i>Cinna arundinacea</i>	3-5'	2-3'					Blooms August-September
<b>Woodland Forbs</b>							
<b>Bellwort</b> <i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	12"	6-12"		Pendulous, Yellow			Flowers hang on wiry, arching stems in May to June; drooping foliage; prefers moist soil rich in organic matter; best grown in mass; spring ephemeral
<b>Black Cohosh</b> <i>Actaea racemosa</i>	4-6'	2-4'		White			Numerous small, fragrant flowers occur in fluffy spires at the end of stalks; blooms in June and July




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<b>Bloodroot</b> <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	6-10"	6"		White			Spring ephemeral with 2-inch-wide flowers with yellow centers in March-May; performs best in rich woods, light and medium soils; uniquely shaped leaves
<b>Blue Cohosh</b> <i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>	1-3'	1'		Greenish - yellow			Bright blue berries appear in August after inconspicuous flowers in May; constant moisture is necessary
<b>Blue Phlox</b> <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	1'	10"		Blue			Fragrant, loose flower clusters in late April-June; dark-green semi-evergreen foliage; prefers deep, rich, moist, acid soil
<b>Blue-stemmed Goldenrod</b> <i>Solidago caesia</i>	1-3'	1-2'		Yellow			Clusters of tiny yellow flowers on graceful arching stem in late August-September makes an airy mass of gold; great for late season color in drab shady areas; best in light to moderate shade

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<b>Early Meadow Rue</b> <i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	1-3'	1-2'		Greenish-white & Gold			One of the first spring wildflowers; covered in dainty flowers suspended above lacy blue-green foliage; prefers wet-mesic to mesic soil moisture conditions; serves as excellent focal point; groups of three to five create stunning backdrop
<b>Elm-leaved Goldenrod</b> <i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	1-3'	2-4'		Yellow		 	Blooms from July through October
<b>Feathery Solomons Plume</b> <i>Smilacina racemosum</i>	1' – 3'	1 – 2'		White			Blooms in spring, good nectar source for bumblebees. Clusters of berries in fall consumed by wildlife.
<b>Jack-In-Pulpit</b> <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	1-2'	1'		Greenish purple, hood-shaped		   	Distinctive three-lobed leaves on stalks; flowers in May; bright red berries in autumn; prefers moist, acid rich soil rich in organic matter
<b>Jacob's Ladder</b> <i>Polemonium reptans</i>	1'	1'		Light Blue		  	Flowers in loose clusters in spring; pairs of leaves form a ladder effect; moist, well-drained soil; spreading

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<b>Large White Trillium</b> <i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>	1'	1'		Showy white			Very distinctive wildflower; very large 3-petaled flowers from April-June; moist, organic soil; spring ephemeral
<b>May Apple</b> <i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	1-2'	1'		Single white			1-2 very large, umbrella-like leaves with deeply cut lobes attached to one stem; flowers in May; small apple-like fruit under leaves in late June
<b>Northern Bedstraw</b> <i>Galium boreale</i>	2'			White			Medium-dry to medium-moist soils. Blooms June-July
<b>Purple Joe Pye Weed</b> <i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	5-7'	2-3'		Massive domes of smoky - pink			Widely spaced, coarse leaves; large 12-inch flower heads; moisture-loving; clump-forming
<b>Red Trillium</b> <i>Trillium recurvatum</i>	1'	0.5'		Dark Red			Three mottled, distinct, short-stalked leaves; single dark red, stalkless flower April-June
<b>Round-Lobed Liverleaf</b> <i>Hepatica americana</i>	6"	6"		Blue, White or Pink			Flowers in March-May; earliest flowers of spring; flowers appear before new leaves; older 3-lobed leaves persist through winter turning purplish













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<b>Sharp-lobed Liverleaf</b> <i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>	6"	6"		Blue, white or pink			Flowers in March-May; earliest flowers of spring; flowers appear before new leaves; older 3-lobed leaves persist through winter turning purplish
<b>Shooting Star</b> <i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	1-1.5'	6-12"		Pink - white			Fragrant dainty blooms from mid-April to June; flowers on stalks; petals have backward-bent look and hang pendulously toward ground; medium soils
<b>Short's Aster</b> <i>Aster shortii</i>	1-3'			Blue			Produces a cloud of lavender-blue flowers in September and early October
<b>Side – Flowering (Calico) Aster</b> <i>Aster lateriflorus</i>	2-3'	2-3'		Dainty White with Rosy centers			Flowers in Aug-Oct arranged on one side of stem as foliage turns purple; open growth form; medium soils
<b>(Great) Solomon's Seal</b> <i>Polygonatum canaliculatum (biflorum)</i>	1-2'			Whitish - green			Tiny, flowers hang tassel like in June; blue berries in fall; prefers humus-rich soil
<b>Toad Trillium</b> <i>Trillium sessile</i>	6"	6"		Maroon, purplish or greenish - yellow			Flowers in May; mottled leaves

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<b>Toothwort</b> <i>Dentaria laciniata</i>	1'			White to light Pink			Spring ephemeral: flowers appear March-May; white to light pink, 4-petal flowers stand above deeply toothed leaves with narrow leaflets.
<b>Trout Lily (early)</b> <i>Erythronium americanum</i>	4"	6"		Yellow			Tulip-like gray-green and purple-mottled leaves; forms solid groundcover; rich, moist, well-drained soils; spring ephemeral; space 6" apart; provide 2-inch layer of shredded leaf mulch over winter
<b>Virginia Bluebells</b> <i>Mertensia virginica</i>	1-2'	1'	 	Bright Blue		  	Pink buds open to blue flower bells in April-May; prefers moist organic soil; plant goes dormant; foliage disappears soon after flowering
<b>Virginia Waterleaf</b> <i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	1'	1'		Pale lavender			Pale green, deeply lobed, (variegated like water spots) leaflets; flower clusters bloom early May to mid-June
<b>Waxy Meadow Rue</b> <i>Thalictrum revolutum</i>	3-7'		 	Whitish to Green			Stout reddish-green stem; prefers medium to slightly dry conditions and typical green soils; height depends on soil moisture and fertility; airy appearance; blooms late spring to early summer

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


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<b>Wild Columbine</b> <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1-2'	1'		Red/ Yellow			Two-tone yellow and red flowers appear in May-June; attracts hummingbirds; airy lobed, gray-green foliage; performs best in well-drained soil with organic matter
<b>Wild Geranium</b> <i>Geranium maculatum</i>	1'	1'		Pale-deep Lavender-pink			Clusters of flowers held above deeply cut deep green foliage in May-June; prefers slightly acidic, moist, humus-rich soil
<b>Wild Ginger</b> <i>Asarum canadense</i>	6"	colonies		Greenish to purplish - brown			Large heart-shaped leaves; flowers in April are hidden by the foliage; prefers moist, highly organic, slightly acid soil; excellent ground cover for shade
<b>Wild Strawberry</b> <i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	.25 – .50"			White			Prefers sandy/Loam soil; Berries appear April – June
<b>Woodland Sunflower</b> <i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	2'	3-5'		Bright Yellow			Daisy-like blooms in late summer; moist to dry soils; competitive
<b>Yellow Violet</b> <i>Viola pubescens</i>	1/2 - 1 1/2'			Bright Yellow			Prefers medium loamy soils rich with organic matter; 3/4-inch flowers in mid to late spring; flowers have dulled purple veins

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<b>Zig-zag Goldenrod</b> <i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	1-3'	1-3'		Yellow		   GC	Brilliant yellow flowers in August to October; attractive, finely serrated leaves; great plant for color and interest in late fall woodland
<b>Woody Vines</b>							
<b>Climbing bittersweet</b> <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	20-30'	3-6'		White, yellow		 	Prefers average soils with regular moisture in full sun but will tolerate drought. Generally, it is best not to grow up small trees or through shrubs. Best known for its showy red berries that last well into winter. Berries are poisonous to humans, but birds like them.
<b>Virgin's Bower</b> <i>Clematis virginiana</i>	12-20'	3-6'		White			Fragrant flowers bloom August – October; twines about fences and adjacent vegetation. Rapid grower. Interesting puffy seed heads. Prefers moist to mesic fertile soils. It's generally best not to grow up small trees or through shrubs. Can spread aggressively.
<b>Rain Garden</b>							

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<b>Blue Flag Iris</b> <i>Iris virginica</i>	1-2.5'	12"		Purple - blue			Flowers in June-July; blooms have distinctive yellow patch; prefers wet soils, though adaptable to moist garden soils
<b>Brown Fox Sedge</b> <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	1-2'	1-2'		Green - brown			Wet soils to shaded moist ground preferred; excellent plant for rain garden; fine-leaved, mound forming foliage; seed heads form in May-June
<b>Cardinal Flower</b> <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	2-5'	1/2'		Brilliant Red			Blooms July-early Sept.; prefers moist to wet soils; dazzling tall red wands attract hummingbirds; short-lived – may require replanting every few years but well worth it
<b>Great blue lobelia</b> <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	1-3'	0.5-1'		Blue - white			Elongated clusters of snapdragon-like flowers (blue with white markings) on an upright leafy stem. Blooms from July to October. Best in wet to medium soils.
<b>Marsh Blazing Star</b> <i>Liatris spicata</i>	2 – 5'			Purple			Prefers moist conditions and sandy loam. Blooms July - September

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<b>Marsh Marigold</b> <i>Caltha palustris</i>	1-2'	2'		Bright Gold			Beautiful 1-inch flowers in April; waxy round foliage attractive throughout spring; prefers wet soil; excellent for water garden
<b>Meadow Anemone</b> <i>Anemone canadensis</i>	1-2'	2 – 2.5'		White			Prefers well-drained soils; blooms April - June
<b>Porcupine Sedge</b> <i>Carex hystericina</i>	1-3'	2'		Green			Attractive bottlebrush type seed heads in spring (May-June); prefers wet ground, forms mounds
<b>Sneezeweed</b> <i>Helenium autumnale</i>	3-5'	2'		Yellow			Flowers from mid-summer to mid-fall with abundant daisy-like petals that are "toothed"; excellent in damp to wet soil but also does well in good garden soil
<b>Turtlehead</b> <i>Chelone glabra</i>	2-3'	1'		Creamy white			Flowers resembling snapdragons are borne on dense spikes; prefers a humus-rich soil