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About our plants

With the exception of the six grass species with which we seeded the Bro. Don Geiger, SM Prairie in 1986, our plants originate from *local genotypes* - the genetically-distinct populations that have thrived in southwest Ohio since before European settlement. All are straight species (no “nativars”) and were legally and ethically harvested right here in southwest Ohio. They have been hand-propagated at Mount Saint John for more than two decades in one of our region’s oldest native plant nurseries. By purchasing our plants, you not only support our not-for-profit work to restore local habitats, but you also ensure our truly local plants continue to thrive in relationship with the local ecology.

All of our plants are perennials unless noted as self-seeding annuals or biennials. Nearly every plant in this catalog is a nectar or pollen plant for at least one species of butterfly. Butterfly icons () indicate *host plants*, which feed caterpillars and are crucial to pollinator population stability.

Our Friends of MEEC donors & volunteers may place pre-orders by Friday, June 5 for pickup at the sale or at a later time by arrangement. Join or renew online, or add a donation to your pre-order. If you need a pre-order form, visit <https://meec.center>.

Plant codes

The letters to the right of plant names indicates the probability a plant will be found in a wetland. A “+” indicates a higher probability, while a “-” indicates a lower probability.

- OBL = Obligate Wetland; Occurs almost always (99% probability) under natural conditions in wetlands.
- FACW = Facultative Wetland; Usually (67%-99% probability) occurs in wetlands.

- FAC = Facultative; Likely (34%-66% probability) to occur in both wetlands and non-wetlands.
- FACU = Facultative Upland; Usually (67%-99% probability) occurs in non-wetlands.
- UPL = Upland; Occurs almost always (99% probability) in non-wetlands.

Numbers represent Coefficients of Conservatism (CC), the probability that a plant found in nature will occur in a relatively unaltered landscape. A CC of 1 is given to plants that demonstrate little fidelity to any remnant natural community, and may be found almost anywhere. A CC of 10 is applied to plants that are almost always restricted to a high-quality remnant. Higher CC plants may be more particular about their location.

New to natives?

Native plant gardening is as much art as science, and the following tips will help you start on the road to success.

- Start off slowly. What seems like a modest project in spring can be overwhelming come summer or next spring. Start small, and make sure you can identify your new plants at all stages of their development.
- Spend time in preparation. Preparing a site is the least exciting but the most important step in a successful native garden. Make sure your site is free of weeds that may outcompete your natives as they establish.
- Don’t forget grasses. While they may not be as showy as wildflowers in peak bloom, they provide important winter interest and can help wildflowers perform as desired by providing above- and below-ground competition.
- Consider cues of care. Using low-growing edge-plants, maintaining mowed margins, and installing signs, benches, and/or paths communicate to your neighbors that your garden is intentional.

WILDFLOWERS

NODDING PINK ALLIUM

Allium cernuum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Aug., 1-2 ft. tall, Under 1 ft. spread

A pollinator attractor, this plant is topped by rounded, nodding clusters of pale pink flowers for late summer color. Performs well as a border planting and tolerant of clay soils.

[FACU], 5

CANADA ANEMONE

Anemone canadensis



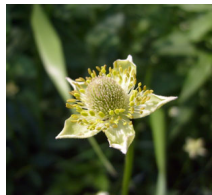
Full sun-full shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers May-June, 1-2 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Large 2" white blooms in late spring and foliage that adds interest throughout the seasons. The rhizomatous root system makes this a vigorous native plant ground cover. Growth is tempered in dry shade conditions.

FACW, 5

WOODLAND THIMBLEWEED

Anemone virginiana



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Aug., 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Beautifully-veined dark green foliage creates an excellent ground cover for dry, shady spots with low fertility. It features numerous white blossoms on a tall spike and in the fall cottony seed heads appear.

FACU, 3

WILD COLUMBINE

Aquilegia canadensis



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April-July, 1-2 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A food source for hummingbirds grown for both showy flowers and soft, green foliage. Blooms just as the woodland spring ephemerals are concluding their season. Tolerant of a wide range of soil moisture and light conditions.

 FAC, 6

PALE INDIAN-PLANTAIN

Arnoglossum atriplicifolium



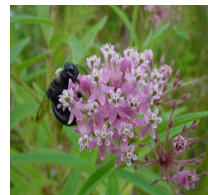
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 2-6 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A prairie herb for dry places distinguished by wide, fan-shaped, blue-green leaves with a nearly white underside. Clusters of attractive white flowers add to this plant's appeal.

[UPL], 6


SWAMP MILKWEED

Asclepias incarnata



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 3-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Popular for wet areas, swamp milkweed is favored for its pink clusters of crown-shaped flowers. The favored milkweed host plant for monarchs and an important nectar source for a wide range of insects.

 OBL, 4

COMMON MILKWEED

Asclepias syriaca



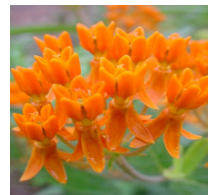
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Aug., 2-5 ft. tall, over 4 ft. spread

Stunning clusters of fragrant, pale, purplish-pink flowers attract butterflies and beneficial insects. Seed pods add unusual late-fall interest. Rhizome spread can be extensive.

 FACU-, 1


BUTTERFLY-WEED

Asclepias tuberosa



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Sept., 1-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Emerging in late spring, butterfly-weed's bright orange flowers are worth the wait. Thrives in hot weather and dry, well-drained, sandy soil. Often blooms twice in a year if seed pods are not formed in the early summer flush.

 [UPL], 4

BLUE FALSE INDIGO

Baptisia australis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers May-June, 1-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

A beautiful specimen plant favored for its blue-green foliage, purple-blue pea-like flowers. Showy, decorative, dark seed pods create late season interest. Slow growing but long-lived.

 [FACU-], 6

WHITE FALSE INDIGO

Baptisia lactea



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, 2-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

A terrific specimen plant with spikes of pea-like flowers and blue-green leaves that adds character to a garden well into the fall. Distinctive seed pods add to the beauty of this long-lived plant.

 FACU, 8

DOWNY WOODMINT

Blephilia ciliata



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers May - July, 1-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Whorls of lavender flowers and aromatic dense gray green foliage make this plant a handsome addition to dry, shady areas. Very attractive to bees and butterflies. A fast-growing, spreading plant that can be used as a groundcover.

[UPL], 4

HAIRY WOODMINT

Blephilia hirsuta



Full sun-full shade, Mesic
Flowers June-July, 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

White to light purple clustered flowers in tiers along the stem and a strong mint fragrance make this a popular plant for woodland gardens and edge habitats.

FACU-, 4

TALL BELLFLOWER

Campanulastrum americanum



Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Sept., 2-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Biennial. A spike-like cluster of showy lavender-blue five-petaled flowers with a distinctive protruding style adds color in the summer woodland and attracts hummingbirds. Thriving in rich moist open woods where it can self-sow freely.

FAC, 4

TURTLEHEAD

Chelone glabra



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Named for stunning bright white flowers shaped like a turtle's head late season. Blossoms are arranged in dense spikes at the top of the plant where they are pollinated by bumblebees. Grows best in moist soil.



OBL, 6

PASTURE THISTLE

Cirsium discolor



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Oct., 3-8 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Biennial or short-lived perennial. A host for the painted lady butterfly. Help bring back our native thistles and be rewarded with summer-long pink blooms and pollinators galore. Distinct leaves are soft white underneath and deer resistant.



UPL, 4

BLUE MISTFLOWER

Conoclinium coelestinum



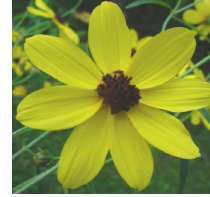
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 1-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

An attractive late season perennial that bees and butterflies can't resist. Its bright blue-violet flower clusters have a fine-textured "misty" look. It prefers full sun but tolerates some shade. Once established it can spread by rhizomes.

FAC, 3

TALL COREOPSIS

Coreopsis tripteris



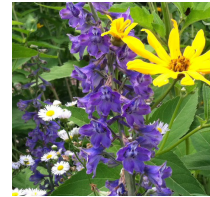
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 3-9 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Also known as tall tickseed, this plant is known for large, showy yellow flower heads and attractive divided foliage. A show-stopper for the back of your native landscape. Goldfinches will feast on the seeds in fall.

FAC, 5

TALL LARKSPUR

Delphinium exaltatum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Aug., 3-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

This perennial is perfect for the woodland edge. Spikes of bluish purple-spurred flowers appear in summer to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Deep grayish green-lobed foliage is not favored by deer.

[FACU], 7

PRAIRIE MIMOSA

Desmanthus illinoensis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Aug., 2-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Favored for its soft, fern-like foliage and white stamens which resemble a small starburst, this plant is rare in eastern prairies. Curved, wafer-shaped pods add winter interest. Also called prairie bundle-flower.

FAC, 3

SHOOTING STAR

Dodecatheon meadia



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April-May, 1-2 ft. tall, Under 1 ft. spread

A spring ephemeral with early-emerging, basal foliage and 1" white shootingstar-shaped, nodding blooms in spring. Protect flowering stalks from deer. This plant goes dormant shortly after so plant among summer or fall bloomers at the garden edge.

FACU, 7

PURPLE CONEFLOWER

Echinacea purpurea



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Sept., 3-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A perennial favored by gardeners, birds and bees. Purple flowers add color throughout the growing season, and as petals drop the cone-shaped seed head adds winter interest and a valuable seed source.

[UPL], 6

ROBIN'S-PLANTAIN

Erigeron pulchellus



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers May-June, 0.5-2ft. Tall, 1 ft. spread

Late spring blooms of large white petals with a yellow center offer nectar and pollen just before the summer prairie plants erupt. Basal rosettes are stoloniferous and could work as a groundcover in well drained soils.

FACU, 5

RATTLESNAKE-MASTER

Eryngium yuccifolium



Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 3-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

An excellent specimen plant with yucca-like leaves and unusual white flowers that resemble golf balls. Flowers attract a wide diversity of pollinators. Performs well in a variety of soils including clay.

FAC, 7

BONESET

Eupatorium perfoliatum



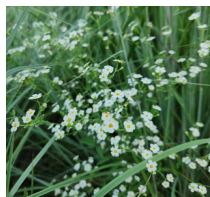
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 3-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Thrives in moist, sunny conditions. This relative of Joe Pye Weed is known for leaves that are fused around the stem. White flower clusters are attractive to birds and butterflies.

FACW+, 3

FLOWERING SPURGE

Euphorbia corollata



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Aug., 2-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Likened to baby's breath, airy white flowers appear for weeks during the summer. Tolerant of a wide range of soil and performs well in poor, droughty soils. Deer avoid the toxic leaves.

[UPL], 4

SPOTTED JOE-PYE WEED

Eutrochium maculatum



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 3-6 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Whorls of coarse, toothed leaves add texture, and grand umbrels of pink flowers are irresistible to butterflies. Perfect for rain gardens, stream banks or pond plantings.

FACW, 6

PURPLE JOE-PYE WEED

Eutrochium purpureum



Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 4-6 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Great for architectural height in your native plant garden. Showy and fragrant purple flower heads attract butterflies, and attractive seed heads persist into winter. Ideal for woodland edges. Also called Sweet Joe-Pye Weed.

FAC, 5

QUEEN-OF-THE-PRAIRIE

Filipendula rubra



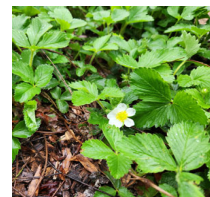
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers June - July, 3-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A truly remarkable plant that lives up to its name and is easy to grow if you have plenty of room. It is topped by large plumes of pink flowers, tolerant of clay soils and not palatable to deer.

FACW, 8

WILD STRAWBERRY

Fragaria virginiana



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April-May, 0.5-1ft. Tall, 2 ft. spread

This plant spreads by runners easily even in dry, sandy soils making it a perfect groundcover/greenmulch. This wild native supports many pollinators, hosting several moths and the endangered grizzled skipper. Tasty fruit is loved by wildlife.

 FACU, 1

WILD GERANIUM

Geranium maculatum



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April-May, 1-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A woodland spring bloomer with tolerance for full sun. It forms loose clusters of basal leaves that can act as ground cover by reseeding. Showy pale-pink to lilac colored flowers attract butterflies and other pollinators.

FACU, 4

HELEN'S FLOWER

Helenium autumnale



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 2-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A fall bloomer with distinctive yellow flowers. Makes a spectacular color combination in the fall when planted with New England aster. Contrary to its other common name, sneezeweed does not cause seasonal allergies.

 FACW+, 4

GIANT SUNFLOWER

Helianthus giganteus



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 6-9 ft. tall, 2-3 ft. spread

NEW! A thick reddish purple stalk holds this sunflower up to it's 'giant' name reaching heights of 9 ft. Yellow 3" flowers top the plant through the mid-summer season and attracts bees, butterflies and beetles. It needs room for the rhizomatous roots.

 FACW, 6

ASHY SUNFLOWER

Helianthus mollis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-4 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Large butter-yellow flower heads and distinctive clasping gray-green leaves are covered with fine hair and are drought tolerant. Best suited for large landscapes where it will form a colony.

[UPL], 7


SMOOTH OXEYE

Heliopsis helianthoides



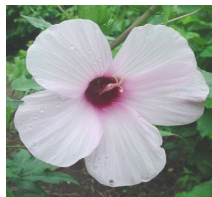
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June - Sept., 4-6 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Easy-to-grow, this wildflower races to maturity with a long bloom period and bright yellow flowers. Grows well in almost any soil and self-seeds readily. A host plant for painted ladies and checkerspot.

 [UPL], 5


HALBERD-LEAVED ROSE-MALLOW

Hibiscus laevis



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Aug., 3-6 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Striking 5" pink flowers open during the day and close at night. Great for larger wet areas and rain gardens. Named because the leaves resemble a medieval sword. A host for a number of moth and butterfly species.

 OBL, 7

FALSE BONESET

Kuhnia eupatorioides



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 1-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Lends interest to sunny locations with cream-colored flowers in late summer and early fall. A flowering companion for the flat-topped goldenrod. Visited by an array of insects.

[UPL], 7

ROUND-HEADED BUSH-CLOVER

Lespedeza capitata



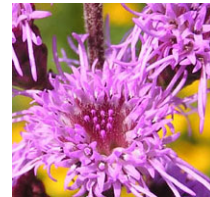
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Small white flowers pack the rounded heads at the top of this drought tolerant plant. The mature dark brown seedheads add winter interest and food for birds. A host for the eastern tailed blue butterfly and several moths.

 FACU-, 5

ROUGH BLAZING-STAR

Liatris aspera



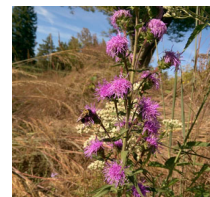
Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 1-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Beautiful purple button-like flowers are spaced out along tall spikes. Blooms attracts a wide variety of bees, butterflies and hummingbirds in the late summer early fall. Pair it with butterfly weed in well-drained soil types.

[UPL], 6

NORTHERN BLAZING-STAR

Liatris scariosa



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Large, showy, button-like purple blooms in an open upright branching raceme pattern up to 2 ft tall. It blooms for nearly 6 weeks in late summer to early fall. This blazingstar species is more shade tolerant than it's relatives.

[UPL], 6

SPIKED BLAZING-STAR

Liatris spicata



Full sun, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Aug., 2-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A gardener's favorite, this plant is topped by tall tight-packed spikes of bright purple flowers that bloom from the top down. The earliest blazingstar species blooming mid summer, attracting pollinators, and thriving in damp, heavy clay soils!

FAC+, 7

CARDINAL-FLOWER

Lobelia cardinalis



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 2-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Fire-red flowers that are stunning even at a distance attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Prefers moist soil and light shade but tolerates a wide-range of conditions. An instantly-recognizable classic native plant.

FACW+, 5

GREAT BLUE LOBELIA

Lobelia siphilitica



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July - Sept., 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A showy plant topped by deep blue 1" irregular flowers. Great for early fall color in combination with goldenrods. Rabbits and deer tend to leave the lobelia species alone.

FACW+, 3

FRINGED LOOSESTRIFE

Lysimachia ciliata



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers June-July, 1-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

RETURNING to the sale. The 1" star-shaped yellow blooms secrete floral oils utilized by rare specialist bees. A good addition to rain gardens with a tolerance for seasonal flooding or in a shady woodland edge to add summer color.

FACW, 4

SOLOMON'S PLUME

Maianthemum racemosum



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers May-June, 1-2 ft. tall, 1-2 ft. spread

Small white flower clusters appear at the terminal end of the leafy, arching flower stalk. Red berries with bown stripes form in the summer. Most commonly found as colonies at shady woodland edges, but tolerant of full sun too.

FACU-, 4

WILD BERGAMOT

Monarda fistulosa



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 2-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Another favorite of prairie gardeners and herb enthusiasts, this member of the mint family produces dense, rounded clusters of tube-shaped light purple flowers. Will grow near black walnut trees and is not palatable to deer.

UPL, 3

RIDDELL'S GOLDENROD

Oligoneuron riddellii



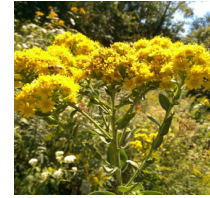
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers Sept.-Oct., 3-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

An uncommon, hard to find goldenrod that thrives in sunny wet areas. This plant produces dense, flat to slightly-rounded clusters of yellow flowers that attract an abundance of pollinators.

OBL, 8

STIFF GOLDENROD

Oligoneuron rigidum



Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 3-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

An ideal addition to a bird and butterfly garden, this plant is topped by bright yellow clusters of flowers in late summer. Gray-green foliage adds interest and is not favored by deer.

UPL, 8

FOXGLOVE BEARD-TONGUE

Penstemon digitalis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A late-spring bloomer, this plant loves clay but thrives in a variety of soils. White, tubular blooms are numerous and long-lasting and favored by bees. It can reseed and fill in open garden areas.

 FAC, 2

HAIRY BEARD-TONGUE

Penstemon hirsutus



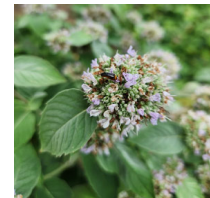
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers May-June, 1-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Tubular white flowers with purple throats bring early color to the prairie garden. In late fall foliage turns deep red and handsome brown seed heads add winter interest.

 [UPL], 3

HOARY MOUNTAIN-MINT

Pycnanthemum incanum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 2-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Striking silvery white foliage on the upper stems are topped with broad clusters of pale purple tinged blooms. The plant will be abuzz with pollinators and beneficial insects nearly all summer long. Perfect at a dry woodland edge to thrive!

[UPL], 6

HAIRY MOUNTAIN-MINT

Pycnanthemum pilosum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 2-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Fine hairs give this plant an appearance of frosted foliage which aids in deterring deer browse. Excellent ground cover in sunny to light shaded areas. Mountain mints are aromatic when crushed and has some medicinal and edible uses.

[FAC], 5

VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN-MINT

Pycnanthemum virginianum



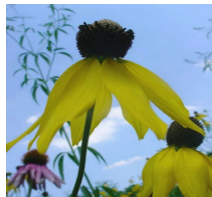
Full sun, Mesic
Flowers July - Sept., 1-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

The tiny white flowers cover this plant through the summer. Sturdy upright stems with fine green leaves looks stunning in combination with royal catchfly and little bluestem. Mountain mints can be root pruned to control in smaller gardens.

FAC, 4


GRAY-HEADED CONEFLOWER

Ratibida pinnata



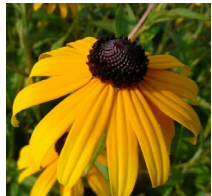
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 3-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Topped with droopy, bright yellow flower petals set against black centers, the seed heads are a favorite food source for finches in fall. Tolerant of drought and clay soils.

 [UPL], 5

ORANGE CONEFLOWER

Rudbeckia fulgida



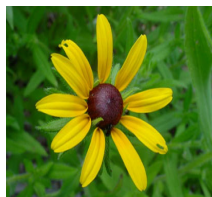
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 2-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Bright yellow-orange flowers appear all summer. Excellent in combination with summer bloomers like-mountain mints, wild bergamot and purple coneflower. A hardy plant for clay soils and damp areas.

 FAC, 6

BLACK-EYED SUSAN

Rudbeckia hirta



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Sept., 1-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Biennial. Rich yellow flower petals contrast with black centers. Look for the abundant flowers in early summer just ahead of the other rudbeckias. Grows in a wide range of soil conditions where it will self-seed into open areas.

 FACU-, 1

GREEN-HEADED CONEFLOWER

Rudbeckia laciniata



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Oct., 3-9 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Favored for both its large bold leaves as well as its bright yellow flowers with lime green centers. This plant makes a great backdrop to your prairie planting or try it as a living green border to your property edge. A fall food source for finches.

 FACW, 6

THREE-LOBED CONEFLOWER

Rudbeckia triloba



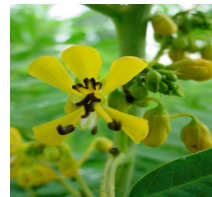
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Oct., 3-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Biennial or short lived perennial. This clump-forming and densely-branched plant self-sows readily and maintains its bounteous bright yellow and black flowers well into the fall. Tolerant of drought and not palatable to deer.

 FACU, 5

SOUTHERN WILD SENNA

Senna marilandica



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July - Aug., 3-5 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

A specimen plant with winter persistent seed pods. Showy yellow petals with brown anthers and white pistil hairs attract bees and curious humans. Extra-floral nectaries lures ants, beetle and flies. A host plant for several migratory sulphur butterflies.

 FAC+, 4

ROYAL CATCHFLY

Silene regia



Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Aug., 2-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A classic prairie plant that you must protect from deer. Topped by bright, showy 1" crimson-red flowers that are visited by hummingbirds. A standout in the prairie garden.

[UPL], 8

COMPASS PLANT

Silphium laciniatum



Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 3-9 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

A slow-growing but long-lived plant topped with large, showy yellow flowers on stalks that can reach 9 foot tall and tolerant of poor soils. The deeply lobed leaves tend to orient north-south. Flowers are primarily pollinated by a range of bee species.

[UPL], 8

CUP-PLANT

Silphium perfoliatum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 6-8 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Robust tall plants with leaves fused at the stem that can hold rain water. Bright yellow flowers appear throughout the summer and the seeds are savored by finches in late summer and fall.

FACU, 6

PRAIRIE DOCK

Silphium terebinthinaceum



Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-10 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Have you ever been licked by a cow? The huge leaves are the same texture as a cow's tongue! A must have for any large prairie planting. The mid-summer yellow flowers appear on flower stalks reaching above the tallest prairie grasses.

UPL, 8

STOUT BLUE-EYED-GRASS

Sisyrinchium angustifolium



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers May-July, 0.5-1 ft. tall, Under 1 ft. spread

A short-lived perennial with delicate blue flowers with bright yellow centers are a favorite of pollinators. Fine grass-like foliage forms clumps that work great for borders especially in moist soils of poor fertility.

FACW-, 2

BLUE-STEMMED GOLDENROD

Solidago caesia



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Sept.-Oct., 1-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

An unusual, shade-tolerant goldenrod with delicate flower clusters at the base of the leaves along the stem as well as an inflorescence at the top. A strong-stemmed, beautiful addition to the autumn scene.

FACU, 5

ZIGZAG GOLDENROD

Solidago flexicaulis



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 1-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

A shade-loving goldenrod with bright yellow flowers that cluster along the zig-zag stem, adding splashes of color to woodland and shade plantings in fall. This species will spread by rhizomes.

FACU, 5

GRAY GOLDENROD

Solidago nemoralis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A compact well-behave goldenrod slowly spreading by rhizomes whose small size makes it ideal for small prairie gardens. Unique for its gray-green foliage, it will also tolerate very dry conditions and attract pollinators.

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ELM-LEAVED GOLDENROD

Solidago ulmifolia



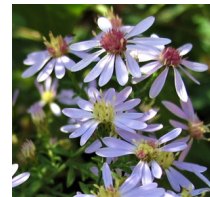
Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 2-4 ft. tall, 1-2 ft. spread

Arching panicles burst of yellow flowers late season full of nectar and pollen attracting bees, wasp, and flies. Top of the herbaceous list for a self-seeding alternative to honeysuckle at the woodland edge. Birds feed on seeds into the winter.

[UPL], 5


HEART-LEAVED ASTER

Symphotrichum cordifolium



Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 2-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Wildlife feeds on its seeds which develop from dense clusters of numerous, dainty pale blue flowers in the fall. A bird magnet! Also attracting butterflies and bees while in flower.

 [UPL], 4

SMOOTH ASTER

Symphotrichum laeve



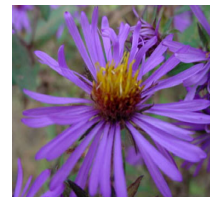
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 2-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

Billowing 1"-wide blue and yellow flower heads appear in loose panicles and feed the bees and butterflies in fall. This tough, adaptable species is tolerant of drought and salt and features lovely, smooth blue-gray leaves.

 UPL, 6

NEW ENGLAND ASTER

Symphotrichum novae-angliae



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 3-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

A showy late-bloomer topped by clusters of bright purple flower heads with yellow disks. Plant this in combination with goldenrods for fantastic fall color. An excellent nectar source for monarchs in migration.

 FACW-, 2


SHORT'S ASTER

Symphotrichum shortii



Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 1-4 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Late summer blooms kick-off the spectacular season of asters and goldenrods. This clay-tolerant plant is perfectly suited to dry woodland habitats. Similar to heart-leaved aster but devoid (or nearly so) of teeth along the leaf edge.

 [UPL], 4


ARROW-LEAVED ASTER

Symphotrichum urophyllum



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 2-4 ft. tall, 1-2 ft. spread

An aster powerhouse for insects both in the rich nectar and pollen resources but also leaves feed a wide assemblage of insect larvae and adults (moths, leaf hoppers, leaf beetles, grasshoppers). Pale purple flowers are late season delights.

 [UPL], 3

AMERICAN GERMANDER

Teucrium canadense



Full sun-part shade, Mesic
Flowers June-Sept., 1.5-3 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

A stout, hollow stemmed mint with attractive foliage spreads by rhizomes. In the summer, narrow upright terminal clusters of white to light lavender flowers with purple at the base attract a wide range of nectar and pollen seeking insects.

FACW-, 3

OHIO SPIDERWORT

Tradescantia ohiensis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, 2-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

RETURNING to the sale. Sturdy blue-green stems and thin leaves are topped by gorgeous clusters of blue flowers with striking bright yellow anthers. Flowers open in the morning and on cloudy days, and close in hot sun.

FAC, 5

BLUE VERVAIN

Verbena hastata



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Aug., 2-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A biennial or short-lived perennial with spiky clusters of deep blue flower native to wet prairies. A great addition to a rain garden or moist area with adequate sun. A long list of insects benefit from its foliage and its pollen- and nectar-rich flowers.

FACW+, 4

HOARY VERVAIN

Verbena stricta



Full sun, Dry
Flowers July-Sept., 1-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A short-lived perennial with showy purple flower spikes bloom from the bottom up and provide color in mid to late summer. Thrives in poor soil and is drought-tolerant. Attracts butterflies, and provides winter food for cardinals and juncos.

 [UPL], 3

YELLOW CROWNBEARD

Verbesina helianthoides



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, 3-5 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Yellow daisy-like blooms start the prairie flowering season in early summer and are visited by many bee species. Foliage with a fuzzy appearance from fine white hairs makes it less palatable to deer and gives it the other common name, hairy wingstem.

 [UPL], 5

TALL IRONWEED

Vernonia gigantea



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 5-8 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Stunning magenta flowers that pop in late summer through fall. Butterflies can't resist this plant and deer don't browse on it. Great in combination with native grasses and coneflowers.

FAC, 2

CULVER'S-ROOT

Veronicastrum virginicum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Aug., 3-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

A tall and sturdy-stemmed plant with dark green whorls of leaves and tall spikes of white flowers. Handsome in combination with little bluestem and royal catchfly.

FACU, 7

GOLDEN ALEXANDERS

Zizia aurea



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers April-June, 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Broad yellow flower heads in late spring to early summer give a lacy appearance and attract beneficial insects. Self seeds in moist woods and open meadows. A host plant for the black swallowtail.

 FAC, 6

GRASSES, SEDGES & RUSHES

 FACU, 7

BIG BLUESTEM

Andropogon gerardii

 FAC, 5




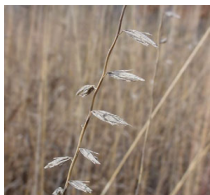
Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Oct., 4-8 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

The king of the prairie, this grass will thrive in a variety of soil types. The "turkey-foot" flower head is instantly recognizable, and the leaves and stem turn bronze-red in late fall for winter interest.

SIDE-OATS GRAMA GRASS

Bouteloua curtipendula

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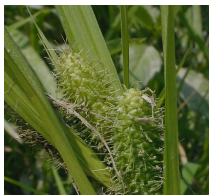
Full sun, Dry-mesic
Flowers July - Aug., 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A smaller, shade-intolerant grass that is perfect for a small home prairie patch, but tolerant of poor soils and black walnuts. Noted for its distinctive flowering stalks with tiny seeds dangling of one side of the stem.

FRANK'S SEDGE

Carex frankii

 OBL, 2



Full sun-part shade, Wet
Flowers May, 1-2 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

Frank's sedge bears flowers on cylindrical spikes nestled among leafy bracts. The tuft of basal leaves makes this a stout sedge for a border in a rain garden or tuck this sedge into shady areas along streambanks or woodland floodplains.

GRAY'S SEDGE

Carex grayi

 FACW+, 5



Full sun-full shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers April-May, 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

If you're considering sedges, this is a spectacular one! Green spring flowering heads and brown fall seeds looks like a medieval mace. An especially nice addition to rain gardens since it is unpalatable to deer and hosts many moth and butterfly species.

ROSE SEDGE

Carex rosea

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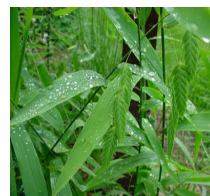


Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers May, Up to 1 ft. tall, Under 1 ft. spread

A fine textured clump sedge of deep green foliage in dry woodlands especially along path light openings. Star-like seedheads in late spring and are eaten by song birds and not by deer. As a groundcover adds winter interest to a shade garden.

WILD RIVER OATS

Chasmanthium latifolium




Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 2-3 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

This grass has even larger, showier seeds than most natives and makes an excellent addition to dried arrangements. Striking when used along a woodland border and will grow underneath black walnuts.

BOTTLEBRUSH GRASS

Elymus hystrix

 UPL, 4



Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, 2-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

The wispy bottlebrush-shaped seed heads appear in summer and persist through the fall. Excellent plant for shaded dry areas as a back drop for other woodland wildflowers.

PURPLE LOVE GRASS

Eragrostis spectabilis

 [UPL], 2



Full sun-part shade, Dry
Flowers Sept.-Oct., 1-2 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

This deer resistant grass grows in dense tufts low to the ground on sandy and poor soil sites. In late summer airy clouds of soft reddish-purple flowers appear fading to brown that will break away like tumbleweeds.

FOWL MANNA GRASS

Glyceria striata

OBL, 2



Full sun-full shade, Mesic-Wet
Flowers May-Aug., 2-4 ft. tall, 1-2 ft. spread

A grass for full sun to full shade sites with medium to wet soils providing valuable habitat for wildlife. It is known to support up to 11 different insect species and deer tend to pass it by. Fibrous root systems could help stabilize streambanks.

PATH RUSH

Juncus tenuis

FAC-, 1



Full sun-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Aug., Up to 1 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

NEW! Need a lawn alternative for compacted soil where is a challenge to grow anything? Here is your answer! An adaptable clump forming species with slender deep green upright foliage under a foot tall. Try it in foots path or disturbed areas too.

SWITCH GRASS

Panicum virgatum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 4-5 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

This lacy-topped native grass is a great alternative to non-native ornamental grasses. Switch grass is often used to enhance habitat and soil conservation. Not as tall as Indian grass, but they grow well together and adapt to various soil conditions.



FAC, 4

LITTLE BLUESTEM

Schizachyrium scoparium



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Oct., 2-4 ft. tall, 2 ft. spread

A clump-forming, classic prairie grass with fine blue-green foliage that turns reddish in the fall. Works well as a specimen plant or among a collection of forbs in a naturalistic arrangement.



FACU-, 5

INDIAN GRASS

Sorghastrum nutans



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers Aug.-Sept., 4-7 ft. tall, 3 ft. spread

Large golden seed heads resemble flames when they emerge and as they open make a gorgeous late season display. Fast growing and reliable on any well-drained soil.



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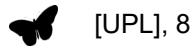
PRAIRIE DROPSEED

Sporobolus heterolepis



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., 2-3 ft. tall, 1 ft. spread

A low-growing specimen plant with very numerous thin leaves that flow outward from the center like a green fountain. Fantastic as an edge plant, where it can neatly delineate your native garden. Delicate seed heads add to the fall display.



[UPL], 8

SHRUBS & VINES

PAWPAW

Asimina triloba



Full sun-full shade, Mesic
Flowers April, 15-30 ft. tall, 15-30 ft. spread

An understory multi-stemmed woodland species that tolerates full sun conditions. Glossy green foliage appears as the maroon flowers fade in spring. Small banana-like fruits are favored by wildlife and humans in the fall.



FACU+, 6

BUTTONBUSH

Cephalanthus occidentalis



Full sun-full shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers June-Aug., Up to 15 ft. tall, 5-8 ft. spread

A large shrub that attracts pollinators to spherical, white flower clusters and host some silk and sphinx moth species. Drooping seeds add winter interest. Add this shrub to a stream or pond's edge or in rich, medium garden soils where it can be pruned.

OBL, 6

VIRGIN'S-BOWER

Clematis virginiana



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers July-Sept., Up to 9 ft. tall, 6-12 ft. spread

RETURNING to the sale. A showy, semi-woody vine with profuse fragrant white flowers that develop into plume-like seed heads. Will grow high if supported, or will tumble over the ground. Tolerant of dry and compacted soils.

FAC, 3

AMERICAN HAZELNUT

Corylus americana



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers March, Up to 12 ft. tall, 10-15 ft. spread

A beautiful addition to an edible landscape with dense foliage and stunning fall color. Mature plants produce hazelnuts, a favorite for people and wildlife. Wind pollinated, so plant more than one.

FACU-, 4

SHRUBBY CINQUEFOIL

Dasiphora fruticosa



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., Up to 4 ft. tall, 2-3 ft. spread

A small, compact deciduous shrub with yellow flowers that attract butterflies. One of the longest bloom periods of our native shrubs. Deer resistant and low-maintenance preferring moist soils.

FACW, 10

SHRUBBY ST. JOHN'S-WORT

Hypericum prolificum



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-Aug., Up to 4 ft. tall, 3-5 ft. spread

An attractive specimen shrub with showy masses of ball-shaped, bright yellow flowers. Dark green leaves and pale orange bark add appeal. Excellent for honeybees and a host for gray hairstreak caterpillars.



FACU, 3

SPICEBUSH

Lindera benzoin



Part-full shade, Mesic
Flowers Mar.-Apr., 6-8 ft. tall, 6-12 ft. spread

An aromatic, deciduous shrub with profuse yellow flowers that bloom in spring before leaves emerge. Great as a replacement for bush honeysuckle. Host plant for Eastern tiger and spicebush swallowtails.

 FACW-, 5

NINEBARK

Physocarpus opulifolius



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers May-June, Up to 10 ft. tall, 3-6 ft. spread

A thicket-forming deciduous shrub with ball-shaped clusters of white flowers. As flowers fade the seed pods turn pink-red and eventually to golden brown. Exfoliating bark adds winter interest.

FACW-, 4

AMERICAN PLUM

Prunus americana



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April, 10-12 ft. tall, 6-12 ft. spread

This shrub forms thorny thickets great for nesting, loafing and roosting birds in open areas or woodland edges. Small white flowers emerge before the deep green foliage in early spring. Tasty fruit typically ripens in early August.

 FACU-, 3

HOP-TREE

Ptelea trifoliata



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April-May, Up to 20 ft. tall, 10-15 ft. spread

Aromatic shrub with a slightly lemon-like scent. Distinctive winged fruits used to be a substitute for hops in brewing. Host plant for giant swallowtail butterflies. Established plants are tolerant of drought, shade and salt!

 FAC, 5

SWAMP ROSE

Rosa palustris



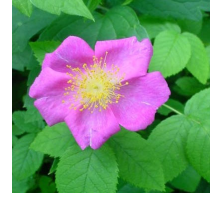
Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers June-July, Up to 6 ft. tall, 3-4 ft. spread

RETURNING to the sale. A large, upright, branching rose that likes to get its feet wet. Grows well along stream or pond banks with ample sun. Very fragrant flowers and fruit that is a favorite with birds.

OBL, 5

CLIMBING PRAIRIE ROSE

Rosa setigera



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, Up to 12 ft. tall, Up to 10 ft. spread

Features long arching canes that can fill a large area with lush foliage. Strong-scented flowers emerge late in the rose season. A favorite for butterflies, this rose also provides a nesting site for birds.

FACU, 4

COMMON ELDERBERRY

Sambucus canadensis



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers June, 6-12 ft. tall, 6-12 ft. spread

A multi-stemmed shrub ideal for moist soils. Large white umbel-shaped blooms cover the shrub in early summer. The dark purple edible fruits can be used in preserves, wines and herbal remedies.

FACW-, 3

MEADOW-SWEET

Spiraea alba



Full sun-part shade, Mesic-wet
Flowers July-Sept., 3-4 ft. tall, 3-5 ft. spread

The native spirea's summer blooms are clusters of tiny white blooms that attract pollinators and is a host for the azure butterfly. An upright 4' tall shrub thrives at stream and pond banks or as a hedge in damp soils. Fall foliage turns yellow.

 FACW+, 3

AMERICAN BLADDERNUT

Staphylea trifolia



Part-full shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers April-May, Up to 15 ft. tall, 6-12 ft. spread

A thicket-forming shrub with soft, white bell-shaped flowers in the spring. Ornate Chinese lantern-shaped seed pods add fall and winter interest. Tolerant of heavy clay, shallow rocky soils and drought.

FAC, 6

CORALBERRY

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus



Full sun-part shade, Dry-mesic
Flowers June-July, 2-5 ft. tall, Up to 6 ft. spread

Attractive purplish red berries add interest to a garden through the fall and winter months. Spreads by runners to form thickets. Tolerant of dry and clay soils and seldom bothered by deer.

UPL, 3

Land Stewardship at Mount Saint John

MEEC stewards more than 100 acres at Mount St. John, including the 62-acre Marianist Nature Preserve which is permanently protected with a conservation easement held by our partners at the Tecumseh Land Trust.



The preserve features the Bro. Don Geiger Eastern Tallgrass prairie, planted in 1986, as well as oak-hickory and oak-maple woodlands, and restored and created wetlands.



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