

Native Perennials for Sunny Locations

Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Other
* <i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Anise Hyssop	2 - 3'	2'	mid summer to early fall	purple	drought tolerant, rabbit resistant
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Lead Plant	2 - 3'	2'	late summer to early fall	medium blue to purple	drought tolerant
<i>Amsonia hubrechtii</i>	Narrowleaf Blue Star	2.5 - 4'	1.5 - 2'	mid spring	pale blue	drought tolerant
* <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	2 - 6'	2 - 3'	mid summer to early fall	pink/purple	deer resistant
* <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	2 - 3'	1.5'	mid summer to early fall	orange to brick red	drought tolerant, deer resistant
* <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	3 - 4'	3 - 4'	late summer to early fall	depends on cultivar	deer resistant
* <i>Aster drummondii</i>	Drummond's Aster	2 - 3'	2 - 3'	late summer to late fall	pale yellow to purple	deer resistant
* <i>Aster macrophyllus</i>	Big-Leaved Aster	1.5 - 3'	1.5'	late summer to early fall	light blue to purple	deer resistant
* <i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	1.5 - 2'	1.5 - 2'	late spring to mid summer	purple	drought tolerant, deer resistant
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Tickseed	1.5 - 2'	1'-2'	late spring to early summer	bright yellow or gold	drought tolerant
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	Field Nut Sedge	6" - 1.5'	6"	late spring to early summer	yellow-green to bronze	
* <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	2 - 6'	2 - 4'	mid summer to mid fall	pinks & purples to white	deer resistant
* <i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Joe Pye Weed (tall)	3 - 6'	3 - 4'	late summer to early fall	rose to mauve	drought tolerant, deer resistant
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge	2 - 3'	1.5 - 2'	mid summer to early fall	white	
* <i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing Star	4 - 6'	1.5 - 2'	late summer to early fall	pinkish purple	dry sandy soils are best
* <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prairie Blazing Star/Gayfeather	4 - 6'	1.5'	mid summer to early fall	violet-lavender to rosy purple	drought tolerant
* <i>Liatris spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star/Kansas Gayfeather	1.5 - 4'	1.5 - 2'	mid summer to early fall	light pink to deep purple, white	
* <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> - 'Kobold'	Cardinal Flower	2 - 3'	1.5'	mid summer to early fall	scarlet	needs good moisture
* <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Giant Blue Lobelia	1 - 2'	1 - 1.5'	late summer to early fall	deep blue to violet	
* <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot/Bee Balm	2 - 3'	2 - 3'	late spring to early fall	pink to violet/lavender	
* <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	2 - 3'	1.5 - 2'	late spring to early fall	white with purple lines	drought tolerant, rabbit resistant
<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	Purple Prairie Clover	1 - 3'	1.5 - 2'	mid summer	violet/lavender to purple	
* <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Common Mountain Mint	2 - 3'	1.5 - 2'	mid summer to early fall	violet/lavender to white	
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Gray Coneflower	3 - 4'	1.5'	mid summer to early fall	bright yellow	drought tolerant
* <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-Eyed Susan	1 - 4'	1.5 - 2'	mid summer to early fall	bright yellow	
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	Sweet Brown-Eyed Susan	3 - 6'	6" - 4'	mid summer to early fall	yellow-orange	
<i>Trillium erectum</i>	Red Trillium	1 - 1.5'	1'	mid spring	maroon, off white and greenish	
<i>Trillium luteum</i>	Yellow Trillium	1'	9"	mid spring	pale to bright lemon yellow	
* <i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain (tall)	4 - 6'	2'	late spring to early fall	dark blue to violet or whiteish	
* <i>Verbena stricta</i>	Hoary Vervain	1 - 2'	2'	mid summer to early fall	violet	
* <i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	Smooth Ironweed (tall)	3 - 4'	2 - 3'	late summer to early fall	pink-purple to magenta	
* denotes attractive to butterflies and/or hummingbirds						

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<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Maidenhair Fern	1 - 3'	1'			
* <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	1 - 1.5'	1'	late spring to early summer	bright yellow	rabbit resistant
* <i>Aster shortii</i>	Short's Aster	2 - 4'	1 - 1.5'	mid summer to mid fall	pale pink, light blue, white	
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Blue Sedge	6" - 1'	1.5'	mid summer	blue-green foliage	
<i>Carex granularis</i>	Pale Sedge	2 - 3'	1.5 - 2'	late summer to early fall	yellow-green	
<i>Carex stipata</i>	Common Fox Sedge	1.5 - 3'	1 - 1.5'	late spring to mid summer		
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Brown Fox Sedge	2 - 3'	1.5 - 2'	late spring to mid summer	yellow-green	
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	Shooting Star	1 - 1.5'	1 - 1.5'	late spring to early summer	pink, violet/lavender to white	
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Spotted Cranesbill	1 - 1.5'	1.5 - 2'	late spring to mid summer	pale pink to rose, violet/lavender	deer resistant, rabbit resistant
* <i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Dogtooth Daisy	4 - 6'	3 - 4'	late summer to mid fall	yellow to reddish bronze	
<i>Iris virginica</i>	Blue Flag Iris	2 - 3'	1 - 1.5'	late midseason	blue-violet	lots of water
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	1.5 - 2'	1'	mid spring	pink, violet/lavender to medium blue	
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	3 - 6'	2 - 3'	spring	cinnamon like spore stems	
* <i>Penstemon calycosus</i>	Smooth Beardstongue	1 - 3'	1.5'	late spring to early summer	violet/lavender to whitish	
* <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Woodland Phlox	1 - 1.5'	1 - 1.5'	mid spring to early summer	blue-violet to violet/lavender	
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Mayapple	1 - 1.5'	4 - 6'	mid spring	whitish	
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Solomon's Seal	1 - 6'		mid spring to early summer	pale yellow, yellow-green to whitish	will form large colonies
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern	1 - 2'	1'			
* <i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Three-Leaved Coneflower	3 - 4'	2 - 3'	late summer to mid fall	bright yellow to yellow orange	re-seeds freely
* <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot	6" - 1'	1 - 1.5'	late winter to mid spring	whitish	
* <i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	Zig-Zag Goldenrod	1.5 - 2'	2 - 3'	late summer to early fall	bright yellow	deer resistant, may be aggressive
* <i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Spiderwort	2 - 3'	1'	mid spring to early summer	blue to purple, white	
<i>Uvularia perfoliata</i>	Merrybells	1 - 1.5'	1'	mid spring to early summer	pale yellow	
* <i>Viola missouriensis</i>	Wood Violet	6"	1 - 1.5'	mid spring to early fall	purple	deer resistant

Native Grasses

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<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side-Oats Grama	1.5 - 2'	1 - 1.5'	mid summer to early fall	purple and orange flower parts, blue-green foliage	prefers dry soil - doesn't do well with competition from other grasses
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	Blue Joint Grass	1.5 - 4'	2 - 3'	summer	brown/bronze	
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	2 - 3'	2 - 3'	late summer to early fall	reddish fall color	drought tolerant, beautiful when planted in drifts, and restores damaged wilderness

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<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Nodding Wild Rye	2 - 3'	2 - 3'	summer	green/brownish	
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia Wild Rye	1 - 3'	1 - 1.5'	late spring to mid summer		
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl Manna Grass	2 - 3.5'	1 - 2'	late spring to mid summer	pale green to pale purple	