



## EASY TO GROW NATIVE PLANTS

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### Perennials for Sun (some can take part shade too)

#### .....Short—to 18”

*Allium cernuum*, nodding wild onion  
*Coreopsis palmata*, prairie coreopsis, can become aggressive so use sparingly  
*Dalea (Petalostemum) purpurea*, purple prairie clover  
*Dodecatheon meadia*, shooting star  
*Zizia aptera*, Heart-leaved Parsnip

#### .....Medium—18” to 36”

*Asclepias incarnata*, swamp milkweed, prefers moist areas  
*Asclepias tuberosa*, butterfly milkweed, prefers well drained soil, may not last in clay  
*Aster oblongifolia*, aromatic aster  
*Echinacea pallida*, pale purple coneflower  
*Parthenium integrifolium*, wild quinine  
*Penstemon digitalis*, foxglove beard tongue  
*Pycnanthemum virginianum*, common mountain mint; mints do spread  
*Tradescantia ohiensis*, Ohio spiderwort  
*Zizia aurea* Golden Alexander

#### .....Tall—over 36”

*Aster nova-angliae*, New England aster  
*Baptisia leucantha*, white wild indigo  
*Coreopsis tripteris*, tall coreopsis; can become aggressive, so use sparingly  
*Eryngium yuccifolium*, rattlesnake master  
*Monarda fistulosa*, beebalm, wild bergamot; mints do spread  
*Ratibida pinnata*, yellow coneflower, gray-headed coneflower  
*Rudbeckia subtomentosa*, Sweet Black-eyed Susan  
*Silphium laciniatum*, compass plant  
*Silphium terebinthinaceum*, prairie dock  
*Solidago rigida*, stiff goldenrod; can be aggressive, so use sparingly

### Grasses and Sedges for sun (some can take part shade too)

#### .....Short—to 18”

*Carex pennsylvanica*, Penn sedge, common oak sedge  
*Carex vulpinoidea*, Brown Fox sedge

#### .....Medium—18” to 36”

*Bouteloua curtipendula*, Side Oats Grama  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*, Little bluestem; prefers well drained soil, may not last in clay  
*Sporobolus heterolepis*, prairie dropseed

#### .....Tall—over 36”

*Andropogon gerardii*, big bluestem; can be aggressive, use sparingly or add once garden is established  
*Panicum virgatum*, switch grass; can be aggressive, use sparingly or add once garden is established  
*Sorghastrum nutans*, Indian grass; use sparingly or add once garden is established

### Perennials for Shade (some can take part sun too)

*Aquilegia canadensis*, wild columbine  
*Asarum canadense*, wild ginger  
*Aster shortii*, Short's aster  
*Athyrium filix-femina var. michauxii*, lady fern  
*Geranium maculatum*, wild geranium  
*Mertensia virginiana*, Virginia bluebells

*Podophyllum peltatum*, Mayapple  
*Polemonium reptans*, Jacob's ladder  
*Polygonatum canaliculatum/biflorum*, Solomon's seal  
*Sanguinaria canadensis*, bloodroot  
*Smilacina racemosa*, Solomon's plume  
*Solidago flexicaulis*, zig-zag goldenrod  
*Stylophorum diphyllum*, Celadine Poppy

### **Grasses and Sedges for Shade (some can take part sun too)**

#### **.....Short—to 18”**

*Carex gracillima*, purple-sheathed graceful sedge  
*Carex grayi*, common bur sedge  
*Carex rosea*, curly-styled wood sedge

#### **.....Medium—18” to 36”**

*Chasmanthium latifolium*, spike grass  
*Hystrix patula*, bottle-brush grass

### **Shrubs for Dry Soils**

*Corylus americanus*, American hazelnut  
*Lonicera prolifica*, yellow honeysuckle  
*Diervilla lonicera*, Northern Bush Honeysuckle— spreads  
*Rhus aromatica*, aromatic sumac  
*Viburnum acerifolium*, maple-leaved viburnum

### **Shrubs for Medium Soils**

*Aronia (melanocarpa) prunifolia*, black chokeberry  
*Hamamelis virginiana*, witch hazel  
*Rosa setigera*, Illinois rose  
*Rubus odoratus*, purple-flowering raspberry  
*Sambucus canadensis*, common elderberry  
*Viburnum prunifolium*, black haw viburnum

### **Shrubs for Moist Soils**

*Cephalanthus occidentalis*, buttonbush  
*Cornus stolonifera (sericea)*, red-osier dogwood  
*Lindera benzoin*, spice bush  
*Physocarpus opulifolius*, ninebark

### **Small Trees for Colorful Accent**

*Amelanchier laevis*, Allegheny shadblow  
*Carpinus caroliniana*, musclewood (moist)  
*Cercis canadensis*, red bud  
*Cornus alternifolia*, pagoda dogwood (moist)

### **Large Trees for Making Shade**

*Acer saccharum*, sugar maple  
*Gymnocladus dioica*, Kentucky coffee tree  
*Liriodendron tulipifera*, tulip tree  
*Quercus macrocarpa*, bur oak  
*Quercus muhlenbergii*, chinquapin oak  
*Taxodium distichum*, bald cypress (moist)  
*Tilia americana*, American linden, basswood