



Native Plants for DuPage County
 Recommended By
Wild Ones Greater DuPage Chapter

The following is a partial list of native plants suitable for the DuPage County area.

Perennial Forbs	
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Part Shade to Shade</u>
<p>Short up to 18” Bottle gentian – <i>Gentiana andrewsii</i> Pasque flower – <i>Pulsatilla patens</i> Prairie alumroot – <i>Heuchera richardsonii</i> Prairie coreopsis - <i>Coreopsis palmata</i> Prairie Smoke - <i>Geum triflorum</i> Wild Petunia – <i>Ruellia humilis</i></p> <p>Medium 18” – 36” Aromatic aster – <i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i> Black-eyed Susan – <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Blue Lobelia – <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (moist soil) Cream wild indigo – <i>Baptisia leucophaea</i> Downy Phlox – <i>Phlox pilosa</i> Foxglove beardtongue - <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> Lance-leaf coreopsis – <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> Leadplant – <i>Amorpha canescens</i> Milkweeds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Butterfly - <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> ● Common - <i>Asclepias syriaca</i> ● Swamp - <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (moist soil) ● Whorled – <i>Asclepias verticillata</i> Mountain mint - <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> Pale purple coneflower - <i>Echinacea pallida</i> Purple coneflower – <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Purple prairie clover – <i>Dalea purpurea</i> Spiderwort - <i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i> Wild quinine - <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i></p> <p>Tall over 36” Bee Balm – <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Blazing star – <i>Liatris sp.</i> Compass plant - <i>Silphium laciniatum</i> Culvers Root – <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> Cup plant – <i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> Gray headed coneflower – <i>Ratibida pinnata</i> Ironweed – <i>Veronia fasciculata</i> Prairie Dock - <i>Silphium terabinthinaceum</i> Rattlesnake master - <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> Royal catchfly – <i>Silene regia</i> Sweet black-eyed Susan – <i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i></p>	<p>Short up to 18” Bloodroot - <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> * Columbine – <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Dutchman’s breeches – <i>Dicentra cucullaria</i> * Jacob’s ladder - <i>Polemonium reptans</i> Jack in the Pulpit – <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> * Mayapple - <i>Podophyllum peltatum</i> * Trilliums: * Prairie – <i>Trillium recurvatum</i> White – <i>Trillium grandiflorum</i> Trout lily – <i>Erythronium albidum</i> Virginia Waterleaf – <i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i> Wild Geranium – <i>Geranium maculatum</i> Wild ginger - <i>Asarum canadense</i></p> <p>Medium 18-36” Blue Cohosh – <i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i> * Ferns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christmas - <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> ● Lady - <i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> ● Ostrich - <i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i> Short’s Aster - <i>Symphyotrichum shortii</i> Solomon’s seal - <i>Polygonatum spp.</i> False - <i>Smilacina racemosa</i> Smooth - <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i> Starry - <i>Smilacina stellata</i> Turtlehead – <i>Chelone glabra</i> (moist) Virginia bluebells - <i>Mertensia virginiana</i> * Wild columbine - <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Wild geranium - <i>Geranium maculatum</i> Zigzag goldenrod - <i>Solidago flexicaulis</i></p> <p>Tall over 36” Black Cohosh – <i>Actaea racemosa</i> (moist soil) Goats Beard – <i>Aruncus dioicus</i> (moist) Joe-Pye Weed – <i>Eutrochium purpureum</i></p>

*Ephemerals - perennial plants, which bloom in spring & go dormant in summer, returning the next spring.

Grasses & Sedges

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Shade to Part Shade</u>
<p>Short up to 18” Brown Fox sedge - <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> Buffalo grass – <i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> Pennsylvania sedge - <i>Carex pensylvanica</i></p> <p>Medium 18-36” Little bluestem - <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Prairie dropseed - <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> Sideoats grama – <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i></p> <p>Tall over 36” Big blue stem – <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> Indian grass – <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> Switchgrass – <i>Panicum virgatum</i></p>	<p>Short up to 18” Common bur sedge - <i>Carex grayi</i> Common oak sedge – <i>Carex pensylvanica</i> Curly-styled wood sedge - <i>Carex rosea</i> Ivory sedge - <i>Carex eburnea</i></p> <p>Medium 18” to 36” Bottle-brush grass - <i>Hystrix patula</i> Palm sedge – <i>Carex muskingumensis</i> Silky wild rye – <i>Elymus villosus</i></p>

Books and Websites

Books

Illinois Wildflowers – by Don Kurz. Tim Ernst Publishing; (2021); 256 pages

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Checklist of Illinois Native Trees -

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/checklist_of_illinois_native_trees_1.pdf

Illinois Native Plant Society - <https://illinoisplants.org/>

Illinois Wildflowers – (also covers trees, shrubs & vines) <https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/>

Openlands Trees and Shrubs Native to NE Illinois - <https://www.openlands.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Openlands-Native-Tree-and-Shrub-List-2020.pdf>