

Illinois Native Plant Society 2019 Plant List

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 11, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Illinois State Fairgrounds Commodity Pavilion (Across from Grandstand)

Herbaceous Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Description	Growing Conditions	Comment
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Anise Hyssop	2-4', Lavender to purple flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer Butterfly, bee. AKA Blue Giant Hyssop
<i>Allium cernuum</i> var. <i>cernuum</i>	Nodding Onion	12-18", Showy white flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid summer Bee. Mammals avoid
<i>Allium tricoccum</i>	Ramp (Wild Leek)	18", White flowers after leaves die back	Moist, Shade	Blooms summer Bee. Edible
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Red Columbine	30", Scarlet and yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Part shade to shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Hummingbird, bee
<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>	Green Dragon	1-3', Narrow greenish spadix	Moist to wet, Part to full shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Showy red fruits. Mammals avoid
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-Pulpit	1-2', Green-purple spadix, striped inside	Moist to wet, Part to full shade	Blooms mid-late spring Showy red fruits. Mammals avoid
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	2-4', White fluffy panicles in spring	Wet to moist, Part shade to shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Bee. AKA Brides Feathers
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canadian Wildginger	6-12", Purplish brown flowers	Wet to moist, Light to full shade	Blooms mid-late spring Mammals avoid. Attractive groundcover
<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>	Poke Milkweed	3-5', White flowers with purple/green tint	Moist, Dappled sun to part shade	Blooms summer Monarch larval food. Bee, butterfly. Uncommon
<i>Asclepias hirtella</i>	(Tall) Green Milkweed	To 3', Showy white flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer Monarch larval food. Bee, butterfly
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	4-5', Pink flowers	Wet to moist, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer Monarch larval food. Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Asclepias incarnata alba</i> NEW	Swamp Milkweed	4-5', White flowers	Wet to moist, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer Monarch larval food. Butterfly, bee. Natural variant
<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	Purple Milkweed	2-3', Showy fragrant redish-purple flowers	Moist, Dappled sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-mid summer Monarch larval food. Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	Prairie Milkweed	2-3', Showy pink flowers	Wet to moist, Sun	Blooms early summer to frost Monarch larval food. Butterfly, bee

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<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	3-5', Fragrant pink to deep pink purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Preferred Monarch larval food. Bee, butterfly. Spreads
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	18-30", Showy orange flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms summer Monarch larval food. Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	Spider (Green) Milkweed	10-24", White to green, purple tinged flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late spring-early summer Monarch larval food. Butterfly, bee. AKA Green Antelopehorn
<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	Canadian Milkvetch	18-42", Showy cream flower clusters	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms summer Bee. NOT toxic to livestock
<i>Baptisia alba</i>	White Wild Indigo	3-5', Showy white pea-like flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late spring-mid summer Butterfly, skipper larval food. Bumblebee. Decorative seed pods
<i>Baptisia australis var. minor</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	18-36", Showy blue flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly, skipper larval food. Bee. Decorative seed pods
<i>Baptisia bracteata var. leucophaea</i>	Creamy Wild Indigo	18-24", Showy cream pea-like flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late spring Butterfly, skipper larval food. Bee. Decorative seed pods
<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	Downey Pagoda-Plant	12-24", Pale lavender flowers	Dry to Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms early summer Bee, butterfly
<i>Blephilia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Pagoda-Plant	12-30", White to pale lavender flowers	Dry to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Bee, butterfly
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Grama	18-30", Purplish flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall Some skipper larval food. Decorative native grass
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Purple Poppymallow	6-9", Showy magenta flowers	Dry to well-drained moist, Sun	Blooms late spring-late summer Bee. Adventive in IL
<i>Cardamine bulbosa</i>	Spring Cress	2-3', White flowers	Wet to moist, Shade	Blooms mid-late spring Butterfly, bee. Mammals avoid. AKA Blubous Bittercress
<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>	Buxbaum's Sedge	1-3', Dark brown inflorescence	Moist, Sun	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly and skipper larval food. Attractive inflorescence
<i>Carex grayi</i>	Gray's (Morning Star) Sedge	18", Green fruits	Moist, Sun	Blooms late spring-mid summer Butterfly and skipper larval food. Showy green fruits
<i>Carex jamesii</i> NEW	James' Sedge	To 12", Small green inflorescence	Moist to dry, Part sun to shade	Blooms mid-late spring Butterfly and skipper larval food

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<i>Carex meadii</i>	Mead's Sedge	1', Flowers grouped in dense stalked head	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late spring Butterfly and skipper larval food. Blue-green leaves
<i>Carex muehlenbergii</i> <i>NEW</i>	Muhlenberg's (Sand) Sedge	12-30", Yellow-green inflorescence	Dry to moist, Sun to part sun.	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly and skipper larval food
<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	Muskingum (Palm) Sedge	1', Attractive inflorescence	Moist, Sun	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly and skipper larval food. Attractive foliage
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Inland Oats (Indian Woodoats)	3-4', Decorative seed heads	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall Northern Pearly Eye larval food. Decorative dried
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead	2-3', White flowers	Wet to moist, Part shade	Blooms late summer-fall Bee, hummingbird
<i>Cirsium discolor</i> <i>NEW</i>	Pasture (Field) Thistle	2-8', Pink or rarely white flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-fall Painted Lady larval food. Butterfly, Hummingbird, bee
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue Mistflower	18-24", Showy pale purple flowers	Moist, Light shade to part sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall Butterfly, bee. AKA Eupatorium coelestinum
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lanceleaf (Sand) Coreopsis	1-3', Yellow flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms summer Butterfly, Bee. Good cut flower. AKA Lanceleaf Tickseed
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis	12-30", Yellow flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms early summer Butterfly, Bee. Good cut flower. AKA Stiff Tickseed
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall Coreopsis	3-7', Yellow flowers with redish-brown center	Moist to dry, Sun to part sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall Butterfly, bee. Goldfinches eat seed
<i>Cystopteris protrusa</i>	Southern Fragile Fern	4-12", Non-blooming	Moist, Light shade	Small fern Mat forming. AKA Cystopteris fragilis var. protrusa
<i>Dalea candida</i>	White Prairie Clover	12-30", White Flowers	Dry to moist Well-drained, Sun	Blooms early-mid summer Dogface Sulfur larval food. Bee, small butterflies
<i>Dalea foliosa</i>	Leafy Prairie Clover	2', Purple flowers	Well-drained moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer Dogface Sulfur larval food. Bee, butterfly. Prairie Moon seed
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Purple Prairie Clover	1-3', Purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms early-mid summer Dogface Sulfur larval food. Bee, butterfly
<i>Delphinium exaltatum</i>	Tall Larkspur	4-6', Showy purplish-blue flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. Toxic to mammals. Not IL native
<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	Illinois Bundleflower	To 3', White powder puff flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Bee. Lacy foliage. AKA Prairie Mimosa

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<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	Shooting Star	12-18", White, pink, or purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring Bee. Showy flowers
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pale Purple Coneflower	To 3', Light pink flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms early-mid summer Silvery Checkerspot larval food. Butterfly, bee
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Eastern Purple Coneflower	To 4', Pink flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer Silvery Checkerspot larval food. Butterfly, bee
<i>Elymus canadensis glaucifolius</i>	Canada Wildrye	2-5', Arching rye-like seed heads	Dry to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer Decorative bluish grass. Clump forming
<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Eastern Bottlebrush Grass	3-5', Bottlebrush-shaped seed heads	Dry to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Northern Pearly Eye larval food. Showy seed heads
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	3-5', White flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid-late summer Butterfly, bee. Excellent accent plant
<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	Spotted Joe Pye Weed	2-4', Dusky rose flowers	Moist to wet, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer Butterfly, bee. AKA Eupatorium maculatum
<i>Eutrochium purpureum var. purpureum</i>	Sweetscented Joe Pye	4-7', Mauve pink flowers	Moist to wet, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer Butterfly, bee. AKA Purple Joe Pye
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen-of-the-Prairie	4-6', Showy pink flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms early-mid summer Bee. Rare
<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	Closed Bottle Gentian	1-2', Showy blue flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-early fall Bumblebee
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium	To 30", Purplish-pink flowers	Moist to dryish, Shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly, bee. Can form dense colonies. AKA Spotted Geranium
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Prairie Smoke	12-18", Red flowers, wispy seed heads	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms spring Bumblebee. Attractive in gardens
<i>Gillenia (Porteranthus) stipulata</i>	American Ipecac	To 30", Small white flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms early-mid summer Bee, butterfly. 3 Season Plant. AKA Indian Physic
<i>Glandularia canadensis</i>	Rose (Mock) Vervain	To 18", Purple flowers	Dry to moist, Full sun	Blooms late spring-fall Butterfly, bee. Will not tolerate competition
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Common Sneezeweed	3-4', Abundant yellow daisy-like flowers	Moist, Sun	Blooms fall Bee, butterfly. Mammals avoid
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	Richardson's (Prairie) Alumroot	1-2', Greenish flowers	Moist to Dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms early summer Bee. Good rock garden plant

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<i>Hibiscus lasiocarpus</i>	(Hairy) Rosemallow	3-6', Large white to light pink flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall Some butterfly larval food. Hummingbird, bee
<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i> var. <i>virginianum</i>	Virginia Waterleaf	8-24", Showy lilac to whitish flowers	Moist, Part sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Bee. AKA Eastern Waterleaf
<i>Hymenocallis caroliniana</i>	(Northern) Spider Lily	To 30", Large showy white flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Spectacular when in bloom. AKA <i>Hymenocallis occidentalis</i>
<i>Hypericum sphaerocarpum</i>	Round-Fruited St. Johnswort	18-30", Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-summer Bee. Mammals avoid. May spread
<i>Iliamna rivularis</i> var. <i>rivularis</i>	Kankakee Mallow	3-5', Large pink flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Very rare. AKA <i>Iliamna remota</i>
<i>Iris cristata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris	8-12", Lt blue to Lt purple flowers	Moist, Light shade	Blooms mid spring Bee. Wonderful dwarf iris. Forms colonies
<i>Iris fulva</i>	Copper Iris	2-3', Showy copper flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Hummingbird, bee. Rare native Iris
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	Prairie Junegrass	12-20", Showy dense seed heads	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Attractive edging grass
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing Star	2-5', Purple flower spikes	Dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-early fall Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. AKA Tall Blazing Star
<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>	Rocky Mountain Blazing Star	2-5', Spike of purple flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. AKA Meadow Blazing Star
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prairie Blazing Star	3-4', Dense spikes of purple blooms	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late summer Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Liatris scariosa</i> var. <i>nieuwlandii</i>	Savanna Blazing Star	3-5', Spike of lavender-pink flowers	Dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late summer-mid fall Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. Rare. AKA Nieuwland's Blazing Star
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	2-5', Red flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late summer-early fall Hummingbird, butterfly
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	18-30", Blue flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late summer-fall Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. Most mammals avoid
<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern	3-5', Erect fronds	Moist to wet, Part to full shade	Large fern Striking appearance. Forms colonies

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<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	18-30", Showy blue flowers	Moist, Light shade	Blooms mid spring Bee, butterfly, occasional hummingbird
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Allegheny Monkeyflower	1-3', Pale purplish blue flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall Buckeye larval food. Bumblebee
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	Eastern Beebalm	1-2', White to pink with purple dots	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	36-48", Pinkish-lavender flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid-late summer Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Spotted Beebalm	18-30", Lt yellow, purple spotted flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall Butterfly, bee. Mammals avoid
<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>	Meadow Evening Primrose	To 18", Showy yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms early summer Bee, butterfly. AKA Prairie Sundrops
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	18-30", Non-flowering	Moist, Light shade	Medium size fern Forms open colonies. Fertile leaves dry for winter interest
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	2-3', White foxglove-like flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Perideridia americana</i>	Wild Dill	2-3', Small white flowers in umbels	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms early summer Bee. Flower umbel is 6" across. AKA Thicket Parsley
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Wild Blue Phlox	10-20", Blue violet flowers	Moist to dry, Shade	Blooms spring-early summer Butterfly, bee. Fragrant flowers. AKA Woodland Phlox
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Fall Phlox	30", Fragrant lavender to white flowers	Moist, Part shade to sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall Butterfly. Fragrant. Mildew resistant. AKA Summer Phlox
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	12-20", Fragrant lavender flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to lt shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Butterfly, bee. Mildew resistant. AKA Downey Phlox
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May Apple	12-18", Large white flowers	Moist to dry, Part to light shade	Blooms mid-late spring Bee. Mammals avoid
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's Ladder	12-18", Showy blue to white flowers	Moist, Light shade	Blooms late spring Butterfly, bee. AKA Greek Valerian
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Smooth Solomon's Seal	2-3', White bell shaped flowers	Moist, Shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Bee, hummingbird

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<i>Pycnanthemum verticillatum</i> var <i>pilosum</i>	Hairy Mountainmint	1-3', White flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer Bee, butterfly. AKA <i>Pycnanthemum pilosum</i>
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Common Mountain Mint	1-3', White with purple spotted flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer Bee, small butterflies. AKA Virginia Mountainmint
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower	To 4', Yellow petals with brown center	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms early summer-early fall Silvery Checkerspot larval food. Bee, butterfly
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Orange Coneflower	To 30", Yellow petals with brown center	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall Bee, butterfly. Excellent garden and cut flower
<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	Hairy Wild Petunia	12-18", Light purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer Bee. Good companion for Prairie Milkweed
<i>Salvia azurea grandiflora</i>	Wild Blue Sage	3-5', Sky blue flowers	Dry, Sun	Blooms late summer-fall Bee, occasional butterfly. Rare. AKA Azure Blue Sage
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Blood Root	6-12", Showy white flowers	Moist to dry, Part to full shade	Blooms early-mid spring Bee. Leafs and roots toxic
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> var. <i>scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	To 40", Feathery seed heads	Dry, Sun	Blooms late summer-fall Several skippers larval food. Small songbirds eat seed
<i>Sedum pulchellum</i>	Widowscross	4-10", Pink or white flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Bee. Self-seeding winter annual. Unknown seed source
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Wild Stonecrop	8", White flowers	Moist to dry, Shade	Blooms mid spring-early summer Bee. Excellent shade ground cover. AKA Woodland Stonecrop
<i>Silene nivea</i> NEW	Snowy Campion	1-3', White flowers	Moist, Full sun to part shade	Blooms summer Pollinators TBD. Will spread by runners. AKA Evening Campion
<i>Silene regia</i>	Royal Catchfly	2-3', Red or scarlet flowers	Moist to Dry, Full sun to lt shade	Blooms mid-late summer Hummingbird, butterfly. Showy
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant	6-12', Sunflower-like yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid summer Bee, occasional butterfly. Unusual foliage orientation
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup Plant	4-10', Sunflower like Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms early-mid summer Bee, butterfly. Goldfinch food source
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	Zigzag Goldenrod	1-3', Yellow flowers	Moist well drained, Light shade	Blooms late summer-early fall Bee, butterfly. Attractive woodland bloomer

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<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	3-4', Yellow plummy flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late summer-early fall Butterfly, Bee
<i>Solidago sphacelata</i>	Autumn Goldenrod	1-3', Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms early-late fall Bee, butterfly. AKA <i>Solidago cordata</i>
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Indian Pink	1-2', Two-toned red and yellow flowers	Moist, Part to full shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Hummingbird. Striking flowers. AKA Woodland Pinkroot
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	To 30", Fountain-shaped grass	Dry to moist, Full sun	Blooms late summer-mid fall Small songbirds eat seed. Showy. Buttered popcorn scented
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Wood Poppy	12-18", Showy yellow flowers	Moist, Shade	Blooms mid-late spring, some rebloom Easy to grow. Mammals avoid. AKA Celandine Poppy
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth Blue Aster	To 3', Blue flowers	Moist to dry, Sun part sun	Blooms late summer-early fall Butterfly, bee. AKA Aster laevis
<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i> var. <i>horizontale</i>	Calico Aster	To 3', Small white-yellowish flowers	Moist, Part sun to light shade	Blooms fall Silvery Checkerspot, Pearl Crescent larval food. Butterfly, bee
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	4-5', Pink, purple, rose, or magenta flowers	Moist to Dry, Sun to part sun	Blooms fall Butterfly, bee. Clip to shorten. AKA Aster novae-angliae
<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	Aromatic Aster	1-3', Blue to purple flowers	Dry, Sun	Blooms fall to killing frost Butterfly, bee. AKA Aster oblongifolius
<i>Taenidia integerrima</i>	Yellow Pimpernel	2-3', Yellow flowers	Dry, Light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer Eastern Black Swallowtail larval food. Bee
<i>Tradescantia bracteata</i>	Prairie Spiderwort	8-18", Purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-mid summer Bee. Compact plant. Rare. AKA Longbract Spiderwort
<i>Trillium recurvatum recurvatum</i>	Prairie Trillium	6-18", Maroon flowers	Moist, Part to full shade	Blooms mid-late spring Excellent when massed. Spreads slowly
<i>Trillium recurvatum shayii</i>	Shay's Trillium	6-18", Yellow flowers with yellow anthers	Moist, Part to full shade	Blooms mid-late spring Spreads slowly. Rare in IL
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	3-5', Blue-violet flowers	Moist to Wet, Sun to part sun	Blooms mid-late summer Bee, small butterflies. AKA Swamp Verbena

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<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Hoary Vervain	2-3', Lavender flowers	Moist to Dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer Butterfly, bee. Mammals avoid. AKA Hoary Verbena
<i>Verbesina virginica</i> var. <i>virginica</i>	White Crownbeard	3-5', White flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-mid fall Butterfly. Mammals avoid. Forms frostflowers
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	To 4', White candelabra flowers	Moist to day, Full to part sun	Blooms early-mid summer Butterfly, Bee. Striking when in bloom
<i>Viola pubescens</i> var. <i>eriocarpa</i>	Common Yellow Violet	4-9", Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Part shade	Blooms mid-late spring Fritillary larval food. Bee, butterfly
<i>Viola sororia sororia</i>	Common Blue Violet	4-8", Purple flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late spring Fritillary larval food. Bee. Purple selection
<i>Viola x viarum</i>	Twoflower Violet	4-9", Purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to shade	Blooms mid-late spring Fritillary larval food. Bee, butterfly. Natural hybrid
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders (Zizia)	30", Yellow flowers	Moist, Sun. Shade tolerated	Blooms late spring-early summer Eastern Black Swallowtail larval food. Bee

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines

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<i>Aesculus glabra</i> var. <i>nana</i>	Dwarf Ohio buckeye	A rare 6' shrubby form of Ohio buckeye	Sun to shade, Moist, well-drained soil	Attractive white flowers loved by hummingbirds
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Alleghany Serviceberry	15-40' multi-trunk understory tree with showy white flower clusters	Sun to part shade, Average well-drained soil	Birds feed on purple-black fruits, good reddish fall color
<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Robin Hill'	Robin Hill Serviceberry	20-30' Oval, rounded, upright, spreading form	Sun to part shade, Moist soil	Pink spring flower buds, white flowers. Birds love fruit!
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	To 3', Purple flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms mid summer; Gray Hairstreak larval food. Bee. Can be small shrub
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Indigobush	6-10' airy shrub with blue flower spikes	Sun to part shade, Well-drained site	Seeds readily
<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Woolly Dutchmen's Pipe	Vine 20-30', Greenish-yellow flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer; Pipevine Swallowtail larval food
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	3'-5' small, mound-shaped shrub	Sun to part shade, Moist, well-drained soil	White spring flowers, Black berries, Showy fall foliage
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw	30' small tree or shrub bearing unusual fruit	Sun to part shade, Well-drained site	Great for the garden or the forest understory

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<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Cross Vine	To 50', Showy orange and yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid spring-late summer; Hummingbird. Very showy when in bloom
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry	3'-6' airy shrub known for shockingly purple fruit	Sun to part shade, Moist soil	Birds feed on showy fruit
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	20'-40' tree, Attractive blue-gray bark	Sun to part shade, Moist soil	Great size for urban landscapes
<i>Carya glabra</i>	Pignut Hickory	50' to 60' tall, 25' to 35' wide tree, occurring on hillsides and ridges	Well-drained to dry, moderately rich soils; Full sun	Compound dark yellowish green leaves with 5 to 7 leaflets; rich golden fall color; small bitter nuts
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	Up to 100' with broad, rounded crown	Sun to part shade, Moist, well-drained soil	Planted for shade and familiar nut
<i>Carya laciniosa</i>	Shellbark Hickory	Largest of the native hickories, 100' tall, 85' spread	Sun to part shade, Prefers moist to wet sites	Narrow rounded crown, large nuts
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	3-4', Dwarf Shrub, Showy white flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms early-mid summer; Spring and Summer Azure larval food. Bee, butterfly
<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Sugarberry	80' large shade tree	Sun to part sun, Moist soil	Similar to hackberry, Narrow, toothed leaves
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry	60'-100' shade tree with wide spreading crown	Highly adaptable	Larval host to several butterflies, fruit eaten by birds
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	3'-6' shrub with white pincushion-like flowers	Part shade to sun, Thrives in moist soil	Great for rain gardens, Attracts butterflies
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Red Bud	Brilliant pink spring flowers, Heart shaped leaves	Sun to dappled shade, Well-drained soil	Great in small gardens, 20'
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringe Tree	Single-stem tree or large shrub; cloud-like white, fragrant blossoms in spring; 20'-30' tall, 15'-35' spread	Full sun/partial shade; average well-drained soil, tolerates clay soil	Male plants more impressive in bloom but female bear date-like fruits; yellow fall color
<i>Cladrastis kentuckea</i>	American Yellowwood	30-50' vase-shaped ornamental tree	Sun to part shade, Well-drained soil	Fragrant white, pea-like flowers hang in 12" long chains
<i>Cornus drummondii</i>	Rough-leaved Dogwood	15' flat clusters of white flowers, Burgundy fall color	Part sun to shade, Well-drained soil	Good wildlife food
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood	Distinctive white spring flower, 15-30'	Part sun to shade, Well-drained soil	Good wildlife food
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American Filbert	10'-15' thicket forming shrub	Part shade to sun, Well-drained, moist soil	Valued for wildlife food and cover, fall color

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<i>Diervella lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle	2'-3' native shrub, not to be confused with the invasive species!	Sun to shade, drought tolerant	Mound-shaped, exfoliating bark, small flowers, yellow to red fall color
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon	35'-60' slow-growing tree with interesting, coarse bark	Full sun, Somewhat drought tolerant	Sweet orange fruit is edible, Valued by wildlife
<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Heart's-A-Bursting	4'-6' sprawling shrub, Pink seed capsules reveal red seeds	Shade tolerant, Moist organic soil	A native relative of burning bush
<i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	Eastern Wahoo	12'-20' small tree, Native burning bush	Part shade, Most soil types	Red fall color, attractive fruit
<i>Euonymus obovatus</i>	Running Euonymus	Fast-growing, trailing woodland groundcover	Shade, moist soil	Colorful pink fruit capsules open to reveal red fruit
<i>Frangula caroliniana</i>	Carolina Coffeeberry	15'-20' deciduous tree, Foliage remains late into season	Part shade, Most soil types	Attractive berries feed wildlife
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	Kentucky Coffee Tree	60'-80' shade tree with upright form and unique shape	Full sun, Very adaptable	Golden fall color, Deep furrowed bark
<i>Halesia carolinia</i>	Carolina Silverbell	White flowers hang like bells in clusters; 30'-40' tall, 20'-35' wide	Prefers moist organic loam, roots in shade, leaves in partial or full sun	Leaves drop early in fall; may grow up to 80'
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witch-hazel	15'-25' shrub with fragrant yellow flowers October to December	Sun to shade, Highly adaptable	Attractive irregular form, Yellow fall color, Birds feed on seed
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Smooth Hydrangea	3'-5' small shrub, white, hairy bloom clusters in May to July	Partial shade, tolerates most soil types but sensitive to drought and harsh winters	Blooms on new wood so can be cut to ground in late winter
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Shrubby St John's Wort	1-5', Yellow flowers, Naturalizes easily	Moist, Sun to part shade	Showy summer blooming shrub
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Sweetspire	Small mound, suckering multi-stemmed shrub; 3'-5' tall/wide	Tolerates heavy shade to full sun; wet or dry	Fragrant white flowers in June, good fall color
<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	Butternut	50'-75' slow-growing shade tree	Sun, Grows well in most soil types	Nuts attract wildlife
<i>Leitneria floridana</i>	Corkwood	8'-15' rare suckering shrub, Glossy foliage	Sun to part shade, Tolerates wet sites	Separate male/female plants
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Northern Spicebush	8'-10' woodland shrub, Attractive gold fall color	Part sun to shade, Moist soil	Fragrant, host plant to swallowtails
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree	60'-90' fast growing shade tree for large spaces	Full sun, Moist, well-drained soil	Namesake yellow flowers, Gold fall color

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<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber Tree	Large tree 50'-80' tall, large leaves up to 8" in length, greenish-yellow blooms	Sun to moderate shade, prefers evenly moist sites	Only magnolia native to Illinois, aromatic fruit that resembles small cucumbers, turn red and split open to expose bright orange seeds
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	30'-35' tall and wide multi-stemmed shrub, creamy white blooms	Sun or shade, tolerates wet soils, requires acidic soil	Sweetbay is sub-evergreen, may be slow to flower when young
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	Grows in perfectly horizontal form; slow grower to 30'-50' tall, 20'-30' wide	Best in moist, acidic soil; tolerates wet and dry, rocky uplands	May develop crimson red fall color; female trees' fruits turn blue in fall; attracts honeybees
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Common Ninebark	8' to 10' tall and wide somewhat coarse shrub	Tolerant of most all growing condition, sun or partial shade; renew shrub by cutting to ground in late winter	Blooms pink to white in June, red fruit in September-October; older stems exfoliate in papery strips and expose cinnamon-brown inner bark
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American or Wild Plum	Single-stemmed tree or allow to sucker into thickets, 15'-20' tall, showy, snow white blooms in spring	Sun and good drainage, follow spray regimen for home fruit orchard	Earliest native plum to bloom, tangy fruits form in late summer, good fall color
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Common Chokecherry	Large, shade tolerant shrub 20'-30' tall, white blooms followed by red fruits that ripen to purple	Sun or shade but best flowering in full sun	Only native cherry that tolerates shade; fruits favored by birds and other wildlife
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Hoptree / Wafer Ash	15'-20' understory shrub/small tree	Shade to sun, Dry to moist soil	Host plant for the giant swallowtail
<i>Quercus xsternbergii</i>	Sternberg Hybrid Oak	50'-60' shade tree with brilliant red lasting fall color	Sun, Well-drained, moist soil	Hybrid of Buckley's and Shumard oaks
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	80'+ long-lived shade tree	Sun to part sun, Well-drained, acidic soil	Rounded lobed leaves with reddish fall color
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	50' shade tree with rounded to oval form	Full sun, Tolerates wet sites	Acorn almost entirely covered by unique cap
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak	50'-75' shade tree with outstanding fall color	Full sun, Well-drained, alkaline soil	Food and cover for wildlife
<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	Overcup Oak	60' shade tree, Upright oval crown	Full sun, Adaptable to most sites	Acorn almost entirely covered by unique cap
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	50'-80' shade tree, Slow-growing but majestic with age	Sun to part shade, Very adaptable	Large leaves and acorns, Rough bark

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<i>Quercus marilandica</i>	Blackjack Oak	20'-40' slow growing tree with irregular crown	Sun to part shade, Well-drained soil, Heat and drought tolerant	Uniquely triangular leaf, Showy fall color
<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	Swamp Chestnut Oak	40'-60' shade tree, adapted to periodic flooding	Full sun, Moist, well-drained soil	Brilliant red fall color, Attractive silver plate-like bark
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Chinkapin Oak	50'-80' shade tree, Narrow with rounded crown	Full sun, Well-drained soil	Toothed leaves with russet-toned fall color
<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	Cherrybark Oak	60'-110' shade tree with attractive scaly bark	Full sun, Moist, loamy soil	Known for very hard, beautiful wood
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak	Fast growing, medium-sized tree 40'-75' tall, 25'-50' wide	Prefers full sun and moist, well-drained sites but adaptable to light shade and most soil conditions	Willow oak is rare in Illinois and has very narrow, willow-like leaves and bright yellow fall color
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	60'-90' long-lived, fast growing for an oak	Full sun, Well-drained soil	Red fall color
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak	40' to 60' tall, 30' to 45' wide long-lived shade tree with red early fall color	Sun to part shade, Very adaptable	Great habitat and food source for birds and small mammals
<i>Quercus stellata</i>	Post Oak	40'-50' dense, rounded crowned oak	Full sun, Well-drained soil	Tough, drought tolerant
<i>Quercus texana</i> 'New Madrid'	New Madrid Nuttall's Oak (Starhill cultivar)	40'-60' shade tree, A good alternative to pin oak	Full sun, Well-drained, moist soil	Wine-colored spring foliage, Red fall color
<i>Quercus velutina</i>	Black Oak	Massive and drought resistant; spring leaf color is bright, velvety red; 60'-80' tall, 50'-60' wide	Tolerates any soil type but intolerant of shade	Catkins among the longest, most colorful and showy of the genus; very sensitive to soil disturbance
<i>Ribes missouriense</i>	Missouri Gooseberry	2'-4' woodland shrub	Part sun to shade, Very adaptable	A native edible
<i>Rosa blanda</i>	Meadow Rose	3'-5' mounding, suckering shrub	Full sun, Well-drained, moist soil	Fragrant pink flowers bloom mid-summer
<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	Purple Flowering Raspberry	3'-6' tall, twice as wide mound-shaped suckering shrub; pale yellow foliage in fall	Full sun to part shade, moist, well-drained soil	Showy purple blooms, fruit somewhat dry, brown exfoliating bark
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Elderberry	Suckering shrub up to 12'	Sun to part shade, Moist soil	Flat-topped white flower clusters, deep purple fruit
<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	Western Soapberry	50' medium open-crowned tree	Full sun to part shade, well-drained soil (drought tolerant)	Yellow-orange fruits utilized historically as soap

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<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Coralberry	2' to 5' tall, 4' to 8' wide arching shrub, green/blue-green foliage	Sun to part shade, average well-drained soil	Yellow-white flowers become persistent coral berries
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress	50'-75' deciduous conifer with feather-like foliage	Sun to part shade, Best in acidic, moist soil	Attractive exfoliating bark, with well-known "knees" in wet areas
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	White spring flowers, Red fall color	Sun to part shade, Moist soil	Winter bird food source
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry	15' multistemmed shrub, white summer flower clusters	Sun to shade, Well-drained, moist soil	Winter wildlife food source
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw	15' multistemmed shrub, white summer flower clusters	Sun to part shade, Well-drained soil	Purple fall color, persistent fruit
<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	Rusty Blackhaw	Up to 25' shrub or small tree, white flower clusters	Sun to shade, Well-drained, moist soil	Deep red fall color, persistent fruit
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberry Bush	8'-12' flowering shrub, Red-purple fall foliage	Part shade to sun, Moist, well-drained soil	Persistent fruit are late season bird food
<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>	Prickly Ash	6'-20' dioecious colonizing shrub with prickly twigs	Sun to part shade, Well-drained soil	Fragrant red seeds capsules, Swallowtail larval food source