

Illinois Native Plant Society 2023 Plant List

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 13, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Illinois State Fairgrounds Reisch Pavilion

Herbaceous Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Description	Growing Conditions	Comment	Comment
<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	Black Cohosh	3-6', Many white flowers in an erect panicle of wandlike racemes	Moist, part to full shade	Blooms June to July	Fragrant flowers; Tolerates rabbits. AKA Cimicifuga racemosa
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Northern Maidenhair	1-2', Non-flowering	Moist, Part to full shade	Small fine textured fern	Mammals avoid
<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.
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Onion	12-18", Showy white flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid summer	Bee. Mammals avoid
<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Meadow Anemone	6-18", White flowers	Moist, Sun to part sun	Blooms late spring-mid summer	Small bees. Mammals avoid. Spreads to form blooming carpet
<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>	Field Pussytoes	4-6", White flowers	Prefers clay, Sun to light shade	Blooms April to June	Attractive ground cover, Butterfly host plant
<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>Arnoglossum atriplicifolium</i>	Pale Indian Plantain	3-9', Cream to whitish bloom panicles	Moist to dryish, Sun to lt shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall	Small bees. Interesting specimen plant
<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 incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	4-5', Pink flowers	Wet to moist, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer	Monarch larval food. Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<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 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>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	1'-3' fern	Moist, Part to full shade	Non-blooming fern	Tolerates rabbits and heavy shade
<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</i> var. <i>minor</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	18-36", Showy blue flowers	Dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late spring	Butterfly, skipper larval food. Bumblebee. Decorative seed pods
<i>Baptisia australis</i> var. <i>australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	3-4', Showy indigo blue flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late spring	Butterfly, skipper larval food. Bumblebee. Mammals avoid. NE IL native????
<i>Baptisia bracteata</i>	Cream 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>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Yellow Wild Indigo	2-3', Yellow pea-like flowers	Dry to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms June to July	Butterfly, skipper larval food. AKA Small yellow wild indigo
<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	Downy 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>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama	12", Bluish flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms July to August	Decorative native grass, native in NW IL
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Purple Poppymallow	6-9", Magenta flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms in June to August	Showy bloomer. MOBOT plant of merit
<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	Wild Hyacinth	12-20", Light blue flower spikes	Moist, Sun	Blooms mid-late spring	Bee, butterfly. Striking when in bloom. AKA Atlantic Camas
<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 bicknellii</i>	Bicknell's Sedge	18-30", Lt green inflorescence up to 2"	Moist to Dry, Sun	Blooms late spring	Some gamebirds and songbirds eat seed

<i>Carex brevior</i>	Shortbeak Sedge	18-30", green inflorescence often with contrasting red scales	Mesic to Dry, Full sun	: Blooms late spring to early summer	AKA Plains Oval Sedge, Fescue Sedge, or Brevior Sedge
<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>	James' Sedge	To 12", Small green inflorescence	Moist to dry, Part sun to shade	Blooms mid-late spring	Butterfly, skipper larval food
<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	Muskingum (Palm) Sedge	1', Attractive inflorescence	Moist, Sun to shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Butterfly, skipper larval food. Attractive foliage, flowers
<i>Carex radiata</i>	Eastern Star Sedge	1-2', Fine texture, Small star-like green flower cluster	Moist, Part Sun to shade	Blooms mid spring-early summer	Songbird and gamebird food
<i>Carex texensis</i>	Texas Sedge	12", Fine texture, ideal lawn replacement	Average to dry sites, Sun to shade	Blooms late spring-mid summer	Butterfly, skipper larval food
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Common Fox Sedge	18-40", Inflorescence 2-5"	Wet to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Skipper larval food. Some birds eat seed, AKA Brown Fox Sedge
<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	Red Turtlehead	3-4', Pink flowers	Wet to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms in fall. AKA Pink Turtlehead	Blooms in fall. AKA Pink Turtlehead
<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>Dalea candida</i>	White Prairie Clover	1-2', Small White Flowers	Dry to Moist Well-drained, Sun		AKA Petalostemum candidum
<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>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	Hay-Scented Fern	1-3', Non-flowering	Moist, Part shade	Medium fern with fronds in loose clusters	Dried fronds are hay scented. Mammals avoid
<i>Diarrhena americana</i>	American Beakgrass	2-3', Dark green foliage	Moist, Part to full shade	Blooms mid summer	Ornamental grass. AKA American Beakgrass
<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. AKA Primula meadia

<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	To 4', Pink flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer	Silvery Checkerspot larval
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada Wildrye	2-5', Arching rye-like seed heads	Dry to Moist, Sun	Blooms July to September	Decorative clump forming grass
<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>Enemion biternatum</i>	Eastern False Rue Anemone	5-9", White flowers	Moist, Part shade	Blooms mid spring	Bee. AKA Isopyrum biternatum
<i>Erigeron pulchellus</i>	Robin's Plantain	18", Pinkish white flowers	Moist to dry, Light shade	Butterfly plant. Spring bloomer	Butterfly plant. Spring bloomer
<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>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge	2-3', White "flowers"	Mesic to Dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms, early summer to fall	Bee, Butterfly
<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>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>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>Helenium autumnale</i>	Common Sneezeweed	3-4', Abundant yellow daisy-like flowers	Moist, Sun	Blooms fall	Bee, butterfly. Mammals avoid
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	3-5', Yellow-orange rays, Brown disc	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms June to August	Good cut flower
<i>Hepatica nobilis var. acuta</i>	Sharp-Lobed Hepatica	4-8", Blue, white, or rose flowers	Moist, Part to light shade	Blooms early-mid spring	Bee. AKA Hepatica acutiloba
<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
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i>	Halberdleaf Rosemallow	3-5', Large light pink flowers	Moist to Wet, Sun	Blooms August to September	Very Showy. AKA Hibiscus militaris
<i>Hierochloe odorata</i>	Sweet or Vanilla Grass	18", Vanilla like fragrance	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms May	Used in Native American ceremonies, AKA Anthoxanthum hirtum
<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Goldenseal	10-18", greenish-white flowers	Moist, Part shade	Blooms mid-late spring	Bee. Attractive red berries. Can be poisonous

<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i> <i>var. 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 occidentalis</i>	(Northern) Spider Lily	To 30", Large showy white flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer	Spectacular when in bloom. AKA Hymenocallis occidentalis
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Shrubby St John's Wort	2-4', Yshowy yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms summer	Gray Hairstreak larval food. Bee magnet. Naturalizes easily
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Jewelweed	3'-4' Herbaceous annual, Showy orange flowers	Moist to wet, Part Sun to shade	Blooms mid-summer to early fall	Hummingbird, bee favorite, AKA touch-me-not
<i>Iodanthus pinnatifidus</i>	Purplerocket	18-24", Bluish-purple flowers	Moist, Shade	Summer blooming. Butterfly. AKA Violet cress	Summer blooming. Butterfly. AKA Violet cress
<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>Iris virginica</i> <i>var. shrevei</i>	Shreve's Iris	3-5', Blue flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Bee, hummingbird. Forms colonies. AKA Blue Flag 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>Krigia biflora</i>	Two-Flowered Cynthia	To 2', Deep yellow composite	Moist to Dry, Light shade	Blooms late spring-mid summer	Butterfly, bee, skipper. Rare
<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>	Slender Lespedeza	30", Purple flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms July to August	Excellent wildlife food plant
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing Star	2-5', Purple flower spikes	Dry to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-early fall	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee, skipper. Monarch favorite
<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 pinkish purple bloom spikes	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late summer	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee, skipper. Monarch favorite.

<i>Liatris scariosa</i> var. <i>nieuwlandii</i>	Savanna Blazing Star	3-5', Spike of purple flower spikes	Moist to Dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late sum-mid fall	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee, skipper. Monarch favorite. AKA <i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	2-4', Red flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late summer-early fall	Butterfly, hummingbird,. Most mammals avoid
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	1-3', Blue flower spikes	Moist. Light shade to sun	Blooms late summer-fall	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. Most mammals avoid
<i>Lobelia spicata</i>	Palespike Lobelia	2-3', Pale blue flower spikes	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer	Butterfly, bee, skipper. Most mammals avoid
<i>Lythrum alatum</i>	Winged Lythrum	2-3', Purplish-pink flowers	Moist to wet, Sun to part shade	Blooms June to September	Attracts butterflies
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's Seal	12-30", White flowers	Moist, Part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Bee. AKA <i>Smilacina racemosa</i>
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	Starry False Solomon's Seal	12-18", White flowers	Moist, Part shade	Blooms late spring	Bee. Choice native. AKA <i>Smilacina stellatum</i>
<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern	3-5', Non-flowering	Moist to wet, Part to full shade	Large fern. Forms dense colonies	Erect fronds have striking appearance
<i>Melica nitens</i>	Threeflower Melicgrass	1-3'	Dry, Light shade		Very attractive for dried arrangements
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	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	30-48", Pinkish-lavender flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee, skipper. Mammals avoid. Will spread
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Spotted Beebalm	1-3', Cream flowers with purple spots	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall	Butterfly, bee. Mammals avoid
<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>	Prairie Sundrops	To 18", Showy yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms early summer	Bee, butterfly. AKA Meadow Evening Primrose
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	3-5', Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late summer- fall	Butterfly, bee. Monarch favorite. AKA <i>Solidago rigida</i>
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	18-30", Non-flowering	Moist, Light shade	Medium fern. Forms open colonies	Fertile leaf dry for winter interest

<i>Orbexilum onobrychis</i>	French-grass	24-42", Light bluish purple flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms June to July	Uncommon, Butterfly plant
<i>Packera obovata</i>	Roundleaf Ragwort	9-24", Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms April to May	Evergreen groundcover, AKA Senecio obovatus
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	To 3', White flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late spring-mid summer	Bee. Mammals avoid
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	2-3', White foxglove-like flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee. AKA Foxglove Beardtongue
<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	Hairy Beardtongue	1-2', Pinkish-purple to white tubular flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Butterfly, bee, skipper, hummingbird. Good garden plant.
<i>Penstemon pallidus</i>	Pale Beardstongue	To 2', White to pale lavender tubular flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid spring-early summer	Bee. Good garden plant. Most mammals avoid
<i>Perideridia americana</i>	Wild Dill	2-3', Small white flowers	Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms early summer	Bee. Flower umbel is 6" across. AKA Thicket Parsley
<i>Phlox divaricata ssp.laphamii</i>	Woodland Phlox	10-20", Fragrant blue-violet flowers	Moist to dry, Shade	Blooms spring-early summer	Butterfly, bee, skipper. AKA Woodland Phlox
<i>Phlox glaberrima ssp.interior</i>	Smooth Phlox	To 30", Fragrant lavender to white flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-late summer	Butterfly, skipper. Attractive foliage and flowers. Mildew resistant
<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>	Downy Phlox	12-20", Fragrant lavender flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to lt shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Butterfly, bee. Mildew resistant. AKA Prairie Phlox
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Prairie Obedientflower	3', Pinkish flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms June to September	Clumping. AKA Physostegia speciosa
<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	6-18", Showy blue to white flowers	Moist, Light shade	Blooms late spring	Butterfly, bee, skipper. Attractive plant especially in bloom
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Smooth Solomon's Seal	2-3', White bell shaped flowers	Moist, Shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Bee, hummingbird

<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern	1-2', Non-flowering	Moist to dry, Part to full shade	Medium size fern. Spreads slowly	Stays green in winter
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Slender Mountainmint	1-3', White flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms July to September	Butterfly Plant
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Common Mountain Mint	1-3', White with purple spotted flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms July to September	Butterfly Plant
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Grayheaded 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 AKA Yellow Coneflower
<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, skipper. Excellent garden and cut flower
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	Sweet Coneflower	4-5', Yellow petals with brown center	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms July to October	Excellent cut flower
<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	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</i>	Azure Blue Sage	3-5', Sky blue flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms late summer-mid fall	Bee, butterfly, skipper. Mammals avoid. Heat, drought tolerant
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyreleaf Sage	1-2', Purple flowers	Moist to wet, Sun	Blooms April to June	Attracts butterflies. Good for rain gardens
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Blood Root	6-12", Showy fragrant white flowers, yellow centers	Moist to dry, Part to full shade with spring sun	Blooms early-mid spring	Bee. Leafs and roots toxic
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	To 40", Feathery seed heads	Dry, Sun	Blooms late summer-early fall	Several skippers larval food. Small songbirds eat seed. Bronze-orange in fall
<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	Hoary Skullcap	24-30", Blue or white flowers	Moist to Dry, Sun to lt shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall	Bee, small butterfly, skipper. Easily grown
<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>	Heartleaf Skullcap	24-30", Blue flowers	Moist to Dry, Full sun to lt shade	May to September	Will spread vigorously by rhizomes.
<i>Scutellaria parvula</i>	Small Skullcap	4-8", Blue flowers	Moist to Dry, Full sun to lt shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Bee. Good rock garden plant. Mammals avoid
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Woodland Stonecrop	8", White flowers	Moist to dry, Shade	Blooms mid spring-early summer	Bee. Excellent shade ground cover. AKA Wild Stonecrop
<i>Senna marilandica</i>	Maryland Senna	3-4', Yellow flowers	Moist, Sun to shade	Blooms July to August	AKA Cassia marilandica. Very showy flowers

<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 integrifolium</i>	Rosinweed	3-5', Sunflower like Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid summer-early fall	Bee, occasional butterfly. Disease resistant plant
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant	To 10', Sunflower-like yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid summer	Bee, occasional butterfly. Unusual foliage orientation
<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	Prairie Dock	To 10', Sunflower like Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms July to September	Imposing prairie plant
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	Narrowleaf Blue-Eyed Grass	12-18", Violet-blue flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to light shade	Bloomlate spring-early summer	Bee. Needs to be divided every 2-3 years
<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
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	3-4', Bright yellow plummy flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late summer-early fall	Butterfly, bee. Super bloomer with lots of nectar
<i>Solidago sphacelata</i>	Autumn Goldenrod	1-3', Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms early-late fall	Bee, butterfly. AKA Solidago cordata
<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>	Celandine Poppy	12-18", Showy yellow flowers	Moist, Shade	Blooms mid-late spring, some rebloom	Pollinators TBD. Easy to grow. Mammals avoid. AKA Wood Poppy
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	4-5', Pink, purple, rose, or magenta flowers	Moist to slightly dry, Sun to part sun	Blooms fall to killing frost	Silvery Checkerspot, Pearl Crescent larval food. Butterfly, bee, skipper. Clip to shorten. Monarch favorite
<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	Aromatic Aster	1-3', Blue to purple flowers	Dry, Sun	Blooms fall to killing frost	Silvery Checkerspot, Pearl Crescent larval food. Butterfly, bee, skipper. Monarch favorite
<i>Symphyotrichum shortii</i>	Short's Aster	1-3 ', Purple flowers	Moist, Part to full shade	Blooms August to October	Butterfly plant. AKA Aster shortii, Heavy reseeder

<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i>	Goat's-Rue	18-30", Two tone pink/yellow flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms May to August	Spectacular when in bloom
<i>Tradescantia subaspera</i>	Zigzag Spiderwort	2-3', Dark purplish-blue flowers	Moist, Part to full shade	Blooms summer	Bee. AKA Broad-leaved 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>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	Largeflower Bellwort	18-30", Yellow flowers	Moist to slightly dry, Light shade	Blooms mid spring	Bee, Showy bell shaped flowers
<i>Valeriana pauciflora</i>	Largeflower Valerian	18-30", Spectacular white to light pink flowers	Moist, Light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Uncommon blooming shade groundcover. Spreads slowly by runners
<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Hoary Vervain	24-42", Lavender flowers	Moist to Dry, Sun	Blooms mid-late summer	Butterfly, bee, skipper. Mammals avoid. AKA Hoary Verbena
<i>Verbesina virginica var. virginica</i>	White Crownbeard	3-5', White flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-mid fall	Silvery Checkerspot larval food. Butterfly, bee. Mammals avoid. Forms frostflowers
<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	Prairie Ironweed	2-4', Purple flowers	Moist to slightly dry, Sun	Blooms late summer-early fall	Butterfly, bee, skipper. Mammals avoid
<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 striata</i>	Striped Cream Violet	6-8 ", White flowers	Moist, light to deep shade	Blooms April to May	Easy to grow woodland plant
<i>Woodsia obtusa</i>	Bluntlobe Cliff Fern	12-18", Fern	Moist, Part to full shade	Non-blooming fern	Ideal for rock gardens and shade plantings
<i>Zizia aptera</i>	Heartleaf Golden Alexanders	To 30", Yellow flowers	Mesic to Dry, Full sun to part shade	Blooms May	Similar to Golden Alexanders, differing primarily by leaf shape
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	To 30", Yellow flowers	Moist, Sun. Shade tolerated	Blooms late spring-early summer	Eastern Black Swallowtail larval food. Bee, small butterflies. AKA Golden Zizia

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines

Scientific Name	Common Name	Description	Growing Conditions	Comment
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio buckeye	50'-75' shade tree, known for interesting fruit	Sun to shade, Moist, well-drained soil	Attractive white flowers loved by hummingbirds
<i>Aesculus glabra var. 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>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red Buckeye	25' small tree with showy red flowers	Dappled shade, Moist soil	Hummingbird plant, Familiar smooth seed
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry	15'-25' small tree with showy, white flowers	Sun to part shade, moist but well-drained, acidic soil	Birds feed on purple-black fruits, good reddish fall color
<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	Small tree up to 25', White blooms in late April-May	Sun to part shade, Moist, well-drained soil	Berries are edible, prized by birds and humans; great red-orange fall color
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	To 3', Purple flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms mid summer, Gray Hairstreak larval food
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Indigobush	6-10' airy shrub with blue flower spikes	Sun to part shade, Well-drained site	Seeds readily
<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
<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 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

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<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	Small mound; white flowers June-July; 3'-4' tall and wide	Tolerates dry infertile soil; sun	Good in clusters in difficult dry, sunny areas; cage to protect from browsing
<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>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/lutea</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 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
<i>Diervilla 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>Frangula caroliniana</i>	Carolina Coffeeberry	15'-20' deciduous tree, Foliage remains late into season	Part shade, Most soil types	Attractive berries feed wildlife
<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 vernalis</i>	Vernal Witch-hazel	15-20' multi-stemmed shrub, Golden fall color	Part shade to sun, Well- drained soil	Early blooming native shrub, Fragrant yellow flowers
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witch- hazel	6'-10' multi-stemmed shrub, Golden fall color	Part shade to sun, Well- drained, moist soil	Fragrant thread-like yellow flowers , October- December

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<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>Leitneria floridana</i>	Corkwood	8'-15' rare suckering shrub, Glossy foliage	Sun to part shade, Tolerates wet sites	Separate male/female plants	x
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	8'-10' woodland shrub, Attractive gold fall color	Part sun to shade, Moist soil	Fragrant and attractive to swallowtails	
<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	x
<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 conditions, dry, moist, acid or alkaline soils, 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 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
<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 prinoides</i>	Dwarf Chinkapin Oak	20' shrubby oak, ideal for small gardens and hedgerows	Full sun, Well-drained soil	Great habitat and food source for birds and small mammals
<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>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant Sumac	Small shrub 6'-10' tall and wide, blue-green hue to leaves; red, hairy fruits in late summer	Full sun to part shade, prefers acidic, well-drained soil	Leaves and stems are aromatic when bruised
<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, NE IL native
<i>Salix myricoides</i>	Bayberry Willow	10' many stemmed shrub	Sun to part shade, Tolerates wet sites	Early flowers are important insect nectar source
<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>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras	30'-60', Yellow spring flower clusters, Vibrant fall color	Sun to part shade, Very adaptable	Unique fragrance and leaf shape
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	3'-6' suckering shrub, known for showy white fruit clusters	Sun to part shade, Very adaptable	Small pink flower clusters bloom from mid-summer into fall
<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, persistant fruit
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberry Bush	8'-12' flowering shrub, Red-purple fall foliage	Part shade to sun, Moist, well-drained soil	Persistant fruit are late season bird food