

**Illinois Native Plant Society 2026 Plant List**  
**Herbaceous Plants**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Description	Growing Conditions	Comment	Comment
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Northern Maidenhair Fern	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>Allium tricoccum</i>	Wild Leek (Ramp)	18", White flowers after leaves die back	Moist, Shade	Blooms summer	Bee. Edible. Mammals avoid
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Eastern Bluestar	4', Sky blue summer flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Hummingbird, bee, butterfly.
<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>Anemone virginiana</i>	Tall Thimbleweed	12-30", White flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms late spring-mid summer	Bee. Attractive seed head. Mammals avoid.
<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>Anthoxanthum hirtum</i>	Sweet or Vanilla Grass	10-24", Vanilla like fragrance	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms May to July	Used in Native American ceremonies
<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>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Prairie Sage	2'-3' Striking silvery foliage	Dry, Full sun	Blooms late summer-early fall	Mammals avoid. Fragrant foliage.
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	2-4', White fluffy panicles in spring	Wet to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid-summer.	Dusky azure larval food.
<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 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

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<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 verticillata</i>	Whorled Milkweed	12-18", White flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late summer	Monarch larval food. Butterfly, hummingbird, bee
<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	Spider Milkweed	10-24", White to green, purple tinged flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part sun	Blooms late spring, early summer	Monarch larval food. Butterfly, bee. AKA Green Antelopehorn
<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 var. australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	3-4', Showy indigo blue flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid spring-early summer	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>Campanulastrum americanum</i>	American Bellflower	3-6', Blue flowers	Moist, Part to full shade	Summer blooming biennial.	AKA Campanula americana

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<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 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 pennsylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge	6-15", Yellowish-green inflorescence	Dry to moist, Sun to full shade	Blooms mid-late spring	Butterfly, skipper larval food. Semi-evergreen groundcover
<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 glabra</i>	White Turtlehead	3-4', White flowers	Wet to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms in fall. AKA White Turtlehead	Bumblebee, hummingbird. Mammals avoid.
<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	Red Turtlehead	3-4', Pink flowers	Wet to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms in fall. AKA Pink Turtlehead	Bumblebee, hummingbird. Mammals avoid.
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Black Cohosh	3-7', Showy white flowers in 1-3' panicles	Moist, Part sun to med.shade	Blooms in summer	Endangered in IL Foliage is toxic.
<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.
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis	12-30", Yellow flowers	Dry to moist, Sun	Blooms early summer	Butterfly, Bee. Good cut flower.
<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	Rock Harlequin	18", Small pink and yellow flowers	Moist to Dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-early fall	Rare in IL. Winter annual
<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>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	Illinois Bundleflower	3', White powder puff flowers	Wet to dry, Sun	Blooms summer	Bee. Lacy foliage. AKA Prairie Mimosa

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<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>	Prairie Cinquefoil	2-3', Creamy flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms mid-summer	Easy to grow. AKA <i>Potentilla arguta</i>
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	Leatherwood Fern	Leatherwood Fern	1-3', Non-flowering	Dry to medium, Part to full Shade	Thick leathery fronds remain green through winter
<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>Erigeron pulchellus</i>	Robin's Plantain	18", Pinkish white flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Spring bloomer	Butterfly plant. Spreads slowly by runners and seed.
<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>Eurybia macrophylla</i>	Big-Leaved Aster	1-4', Lavender to purple flowers	Moist to dry, Part sun to lt. shade	Blooms late summer-early fall	Silvery Checkerspot , Pearl Crescent larval food. Butterfly, bee.
<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 <i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>
<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Sweetscented Joe Pye Weed	4-7', Mauve pink flowers	Moist to wet, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer	Butterfly, bee. AKA Purple Joe Pye
<i>Frasera caroliniensis</i> <i>NEW</i>	American Columbo	3-8' Lt green to white purple spotted flowers	Moist to dry, Light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Initial rosette to 18", 15+ years to bloom, sets seed and dies.
<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>Helenium flexuosum</i> <i>NEW</i>	Purple Headed Sneezeweed	3-4', Abundant yellow daisy-like flowers	Moist, Sun	Blooms late summer - fall	Bee, butterfly. Mammals avoid
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	3-5', Yellow-orange rays, Brown disc	Mesic to moist, Full to part sun	Blooms mid to late summer	Bees, wasps, beetles, butterflies, and skippers
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i> var. <i>acuta</i>	Sharp-Lobed Hepatica	4-8", Blue, white, or rose flowers	Moist, Part to light shade	Blooms early-mid spring	Bee. AKA <i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>

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<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	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 <i>Hibiscus militaris</i>
<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>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Crimsoneyed Rosemallow	3-5', Large white to light pink flowers	Moist to Wet, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall	Bumblebees, Rose Mallow Bee, Hummingbird. Butterfly and skipper larval food
<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> 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>Hypericum pyramidatum</i>	Great St. John's Wort	3-5', Yellow flowers	Moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid-summer	Bumblebees, bees, and insects. Larval food for Gray Hairstreak and some moths.
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Jewelweed	3'-4' 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>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> var. <i>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>Jeffersonia diphylla</i> NEW	Twinleaf	12", White flowers	Moist, Shade	Blooms mid spring	Long and Short Tongued Bees collect pollen
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Path Rush	12", Small yellow green flowers	Moist to Dry, Full sun to lt shade	Summer to early fall	Will tolerate some foot traffic. Deer and rabbits ignore

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<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 to Moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms late summer-early fall	Butterfly, hummingbird, bee, skipper. Monarch favorite
<i>Liatris cylindrica NEW</i>	Cylindrical Blazing Star	15-18", Spikes of purple blooms	Dry, well-drained, Sun	Blooms in June	Butterfly.
<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 var. 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 Liatris ligulistylis
<i>Liatris squarrosa NEW</i>	Scaly Blazing Star	2-3', Lavender-pink flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to lt shade	Blooms in July-August	Butterfly.
<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>Lysimachia terrestris</i>	Swamp Candles	2'-3', Yellow flowers on a narrow spike	Wet to moist, Full sun	Blooms mid-late summer	Native bees collect pollen
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's Seal	12-30", White flowers	Moist, Part shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Bee. AKA Smilacina racemosa
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	Starry False Solomon's Seal	12-18", White flowers	Moist, Part shade	Blooms late spring	Bee. Choice native. AKA Smilacina stellatum
<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>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	18-30", Showy blue flowers	Moist, Light shade	Blooms mid spring	Bee, butterfly, occasional hummingbird
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Monkey Flower	1-3', Pale purplish blue flowers	Wet to moist, Sun to light shade	Blooms mid summer-early fall	Buckeye larval food. Bumblebee

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<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 fruticosa</i> NEW	Sundrops	2-3', Abundant yellow blooms	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms early-mid summer	Butterfly, bee. Birds eat seed.
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	3-5', Yellow flowers	Moist to dry, Sun	Blooms late summer- fall	Butterfly, bee. Monarch favorite. AKA Solidago rigida
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	18-30", Non-flowering	Moist, Light shade	Medium fern. Forms open colonies	Fertile leaves dry for winter interest
<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>Phacelia bipinnatifida</i>	Fernleaf Phacelia	12-30", Light lavender flowers	Moist, Partial shade	Profuse blooming spring biennial	Blooming plant 2026 + seedlings to bloom 2027
<i>Phlox divaricata</i> var. <i>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</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
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	12-20", Fragrant lavender flowers	Moist to dry, Sun to light shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Butterfly, bee, skipper. Mildew resistant. AKA Downy Phlox

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<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	1-3', Pinkish flowers	Moist, Sun	Blooms August-September	Bumblebees, long-tongued bees, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird
<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>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>Primula 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 <i>Primula meadia</i>
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Clustered Mountain Mint	2-4', Small pinkish white flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid summer to early fall	Bees, butterflies, and skippers. Mammals avoid. Good for mint tea
<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 verticillatum</i> var. <i>pilosum</i>	Hairy Mountain Mint	1-3', White to lavender flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer	Bees, wasps, Flies, butterflies, and skippers. Good for mint tea. Mammals avoid
<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>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Brown Eyed Susan	4-5', Yellow flowers with brown centers	Moist to dry, Sun to part shade	Blooms mid-late summer	Silvery Checkerspot larval food. Bee, butterfly. Biennial
<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

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<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>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 ovata</i>	Heart-Leaved Skullcap	12-30", Blue-violet flowers	Moist to dry, Part sun to lt shade	Blooms early-mid summer	Bee, butterfly. Easily grown. Mammals avoid
<i>Scutellaria parvula</i>	Small Skullcap	4-8", Light blue to purple flowers	Dry to moist, Sun to lt shade	Blooms late spring-early summer	Bee, skipper. 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>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>Silene stellata</i>	Starry Campion	18-24", White flowers	Moist to dry, Part shade	Blooms late summer-early fall	Moths and bumblebees. Forms attractive colonies
<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	Blooms late 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

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<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>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth Blue Aster	1.5-3', Blue to purple flowers	Mesic, Full to part sun	Blooms early fall	Butterfly host plant, bee. Attractive foliage.
<i>Symphotrichum 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>Symphotrichum 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>Symphotrichum sericeum</i>	Silky Aster	6"-2' , Large purple flowers, silvery foliage	Mesic to fry, Full sun	Blooms August to October	Silvery Checkerspot, Pearl Crescent larval food. Butterfly, bee, skipper.
<i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i>	Eastern Skunk Cabbage	12" unique purple spathe	Wet, Full to part sun.	Early spring bloom, lush foliage later.	Attracts beetles, flies. Generates heat.
<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>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

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<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>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 pedatifida</i>	Prairie Violet	To 6", Purple flowers	Mesic, Sun	Blooms mid to late spring and sometimes in fall	Good for sunny rock gardens
<i>Zizia aptera</i>	Heartleaf Golden Alexanders	To 30", Yellow flowers	Mesic to Dry, Full sun to part shade	Blooms May	Eastern Black Swallowtail larval food. Bee, small butterflies
<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

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<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>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	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>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	
<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 difficult dry, sunny areas; cage to protect from browsing	
<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>	Redbud	Bright 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; white, fragrant spring blossoms; 20'-30' tall, 15'-35' spread	Full sun/partial shade; average well-drained soil, tolerates clay soil	Male plants showiest in bloom, 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 amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood	6'-12' multistem shrub, white flat-topped flower clusters	Sun to part shade, medium to wet soil	Showy blue fruits favored by birds	
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood	Distinctive white spring flower, 15-30'	Part sun to shade, Well-drained soil	Good wildlife food	
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-twig Dogwood	8' shrub that slowly spreads by layering	Sun to part shade, Tolerates wet sites	Showy red stems, Fruit is a wildlife food source	
<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>Frangula caroliniana</i>	Carolina Coffeeberry	15'-20' deciduous tree, Foliage remains late into season	Part shade, Most soil types	Attractive berries feed wildlife	

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<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffee Tree	60'-80' shade tree with upright form	Full sun, Very adaptable	Golden fall color, Deep furrowed bark	
<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	
<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>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	8'-10' woodland shrub, Attractive gold fall color	Part sun to shade, Moist soil	Fragrant and attractive to swallowtails	
<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, white blooms in June	Tolerant of most growing conditions, dry to moist, sun to part shade	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, white spring blooms	Sun, moist well-drained soil	Early blooms for pollinators, tangy fruits, good fall color	
<i>Prunus hortulana</i>	Wild plum	Single-stemmed tree or allow to sucker into thickets, 15'-20' tall, showy, snow white blooms in spring	Sun, moist well-drained soil	Pollinator magnet! Tangy fruits, good fall color	

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<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 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, 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 michauxii x macrocarpa</i>	Hybrid Oak	50'-70' shade tree, adaptable and fast-growing	Full sun, Moist, well-drained soil	F2 hybrid, parent tree has large acorns prized by wildlife	
<i>Quercus montana</i>	Chestnut Oak	60'-70' shade tree	Full to part sun, Moist, well-drained soil	Coarse bark, gold fall color, large acorns	
<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 shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak	40' to 60' tall, 30' to 45' wide long-lived shade tree with red 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>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	

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<i>Ribes odoratum</i>	Golden Currant	4'-5' suckering shrub, fragrant spring yellow flowers	Sun to part shade, well-drained soil	Fruit edible for humans and birds	
<i>Rosa blanda</i>	Meadow Rose	3'-5' suckering shrub	Full sun, Well-drained soil	Fragrant pink flowers bloom mid-summer	
<i>Salix myricoides</i>	Bayberry Willow	10' many stemmed shrub	Sun to part shade, Tolerates wet sites	Flowers are early 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>Staphylea trifolia</i>	Bladdernut	Medium sized upright shrub; greenish-white spring flowers, 10'-15' tall and wide	Sun or shade tolerant; moist, well-drained soil best	Yellow fall color; balloon-like fruit turns brown in September	
<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>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Arborvitae	30' Narrow, pyramid shaped evergreen	Full sun, Well-drained soil	Great screen or windbreak	
<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 spring flower clusters	Sun to part shade, Well-drained soil	Purple fall color, persistent fruit	