



Native Plant Guide 2023

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Scientific Name A-Z



Yarrow

Achillea millefolium

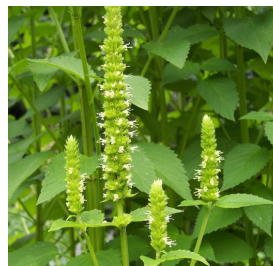
Light: Sun to Part Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: June-September

Color: White

Height: 12-18"



Yellow Giant Hyssop

Agastache neptoides

Light: Part Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Moist to average

Blooms: April-May

Color: White, Yellow

Height: 6'



Lead Plant

Amorpha canescens

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: May - June

Color: Purple

Height: 2-3'



Indigo Bush

Amorpha fruticosa

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Moist to Dry

Blooms: June - August

Color: Purple

Height: 12'



Big Bluestem

Andropogon gerardii

Light: Sun

Moisture: Moist to dry

Blooms: August - September

Color: Grass

Height: 3-8'



American Spikenard

Aralia racemosa

Light: Part Sun to Shade

Moisture: Moist to Average

Blooms: July-August

Color: Green

Height: 4'



Spider Milkweed
Asclepias asperula
 Light: Full Sun
 Moisture: Moist to dry
 Blooms: March - October
 Color: White, Green
 Height: 2'



Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa
 Light: Sun
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: June-August
 Color: Orange to Red
 Height: 2'



Downy Wood Mint
Blephilia ciliata
 Light: Part Sun to Part Shade
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: June-July
 Color: Purple
 Height: 1'



Purple Poppy Mallow
Callirhoe involucrata
 Light: Sun
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: June-August
 Color: Purple
 Height: 1' with 4' spread



Creek Oats
Chasmanthium latifolium
 Light: Part Sun
 Moisture: Moist
 Blooms: June-September
 Color: Grass
 Height: 1.5-4'



Plains Coreopsis
Coreopsis tinctoria
 Light: Full Sun
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: June - September
 Color: Yellow
 Height: 4'



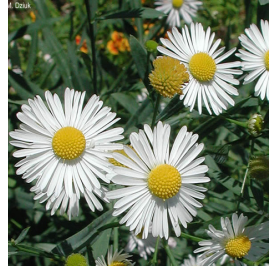
American Beakgrass
Diarrhena obovata
 Light: Part Shade to Shade
 Moisture: Moist to dry
 Blooms: July-September
 Color: Grass
 Height: 2-3'



Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata
 Light: Sun
 Moisture: Moist to Average
 Blooms: August-September
 Color: Rose to Deep Pink
 Height: 3-4'



White Wild Indigo
Baptisia alba macrophylla
 Light: Sun
 Moisture: Moist to dry
 Blooms: May to June
 Color: White
 Height: 4-6'



False Aster
Boltonia asteroides
 Light: Sun to Part Sun
 Moisture: Moist to Average
 Blooms: August-October
 Color: White
 Height: 3-4'



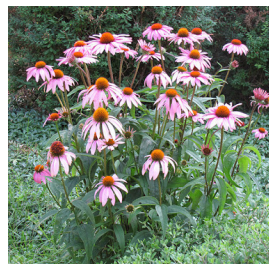
Partridge Pea
Chamaecrista fasciculata
 Light: Part Sun to Part Shade
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: July-September
 Color: Yellow
 Height: 2-3'



Lance-leaf Coreopsis
Coreopsis lanceolata
 Light: Sun
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: May-July
 Color: Yellow
 Height: 1.5-3'



Illinois Bundleflower
Desmanthus illinoensis
 Light: Sun
 Moisture: Average to dry
 Blooms: July-August
 Color: White
 Height: 1.5-2'



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea
 Light: Part Sun to Part Shade
 Moisture: Moist to dry
 Blooms: June-August
 Color: Pink to Purple
 Height: 2-3'

**Purple Lovegrass***Eragrostis spectabilis*

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Dry

Blooms: July - August

Color: Grass

Height: 2'

**Sweet Joe Pye Weed***Eutrochium purpureum*

Light: Part Sun to Shade

Moisture: Average

Blooms: July-September

Color: Pink

Height: 7'

**Downy Sunflower***Helianthus mollis*

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: June-September

Color: Yellow

Height: 2-4'

**Prairie Blazing Star***Liatris pycnostachya*

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: July-August

Color: Rose to Purple

Height: 3-4'

**Wild Bergamot***Monarda fistulosa*

Light: Part Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Moist to dry

Blooms: May-August

Color: Pink

Height: 3-4'

**Foxglove Beardstongue***Penstemon digitalis*

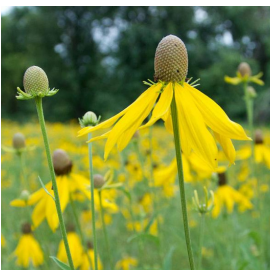
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Moisture: Average

Blooms: June-July

Color: White

Height: 3-4'

**Grey-headed Coneflower***Ratibida pinnata*

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: July-September

Color: Yellow

Height: 5-6'

**Rattlesnake Master***Eryngium yuccifolium*

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: July-August

Color: White

Height: 3-5'

**Sneezeweed***Helenium autumnale*

Light: Sun to Part Sun

Moisture: Wet to Moist

Blooms: August - October

Color: Yellow

Height: 3-5'

**Bottlebrush Blazing Star***Liatris mucronata*

Light: Full Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: August - October

Color: Purple

Height: 2'

**Cardinal Flower***Lobelia cardinalis*

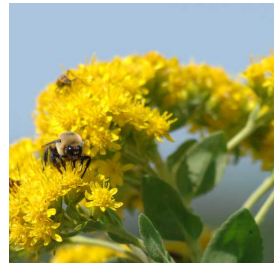
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Moisture: Wet to moist

Blooms: August-September

Color: Red

Height: 2-4'

**Rigid Goldenrod***Oligoneuron rigidum*

Light: Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: August-October

Color: Yellow

Height: 3-4'

**Ninebark***Physocarpus opulifolius*

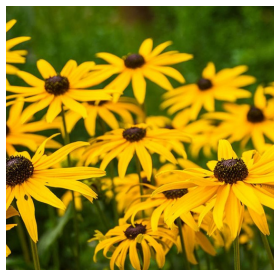
Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Wet to average

Blooms: July

Color: White

Height: 8'

**Black-eyed Susan***Rudbeckia hirta*

Light: Sun

Moisture: Moist to average

Blooms: June-July

Color: Yellow

Height: 1-2.5'

**Wild Blue Sage**

Salvia azurea grandiflora

Light: Sun

Moisture: Dry

Blooms: August-September

Color: Pale to Dark Blue

Height: 2.5-5'

**Royal Catchfly**

Silene regia

Light: Sun

Moisture: Moist

Blooms: June-September

Color: Red

Height: 2-4'

**Prairie Dropseed**

Sporobolus heterolepis

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: June to August

Color: Grass

Height: 1-2'

**Aromatic Aster**

Symphyotrichum oblongifolium

Light: Full Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: August - November

Color: Purple

Height: 2'

**Eastern Gama Grass**

Tripsacum dactyloides

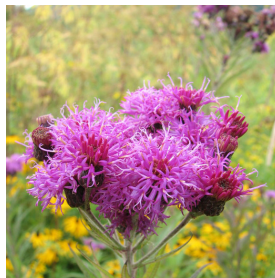
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Moisture: Moist to average

Blooms: June-July

Color: Grass

Height: 3-7'

**Missouri Ironweed**

Vernonia missurica

Light: Sun

Moisture: Average

Blooms: July-September

Color: Purple

Height: 4-6'

**Little Bluestem**

Schizachyrium scoparium

Light: Part Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Dry

Blooms: August

Color: Grass

Height: 2-4'

**Indian Grass**

Sorghastrum nutans

Light: Full Sun to Part Sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: August - September

Color: Grass

Height: 6'

**New England Aster**

Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

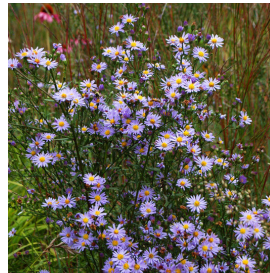
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Moisture: Moist to average

Blooms: September-October

Color: Purple, Pink or Blue

Height: 3-5'

**Sky Blue Aster**

Symphyotrichum oolentangiense

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Moisture: Average to dry

Blooms: August-October

Color: Blue

Height: 3'

**Large Flowered Bellwort**

Uvularia grandiflora

Light: Part Sun to Shade

Moisture: Average

Blooms: April - May

Color: Yellow

Height: 1'