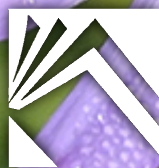


Adding **Native Plants** to Any Size **Garden**



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WHAT IS A NATIVE PLANT?

Native plants are those that have been reported as occurring naturally within a certain geographic region. Over time, they have evolved and adapted to the physical conditions of the area along with other native species. This is referred to as their native or natural range. It follows that plants that are native to my area may not be native plants where you garden.

Since we have gardeners from across the country I am focusing mostly on plants native to the Midwest and Great Lakes area. If you want to grow only native plants for your location, check out these resources:

- *The Gardener's Guide to Prairie Plants* by Neil Diboll & Hilary Cox
- [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)
- [Wild Ones](#)
- *Wisconsin Flora* by Steve Chadde
- *Plants of the Chicago Region* by Floyd Swink & Gerould Wilhelm
- [Michigan State University Regional Plant Lists](#)



• [BENEFITS OF GROWING NATIVE PLANTS](#)

• [PLANT NATIVE PLANTS TO HELP NATURE](#)

• [A FEW NATURAL LANDSCAPING RESOURCES](#)

• PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR [POLLINATORS & OTHER BENEFICIAL INSECTS](#)

- Great Black Wasp on Swamp Milkweed
- Red Admiral Butterfly on Tatarian Aster
- Monarch Caterpillars on Butterfly Weed
- Soldier Beetle on Lavender Hyssop

• RESOURCES FOR CREATING A POLLINATOR FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE

- [Plant a Pollinator Garden](#)
- [Create a Monarch Waystation](#)
- [Native Bees](#)

• BIRDS

- Goldfinch on Wild Bergamot
- [Help for Hummingbirds](#)

• GROW HEALTHY PLANTS TO CREATE A HEALTHY GARDEN

- Improve soil
 - [Clay Busters](#)
 - Gray Headed Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
 - [Erosion Control](#)
 - Maidenhair Fern
 - [Nitrogen Fixers](#) - members of the pea family
 - Blue False Indigo
 - [Manage Storm Water](#)
 - Slows rainwater passing over landscape
 - Deep roots create pathways for water
 - Roots and soil help remove dirt and pollutants on way to groundwater
 - Rain Gardens - Mesic Prairie Plants
- Less ongoing maintenance once established
- Fewer pest problems
- No regular fertilization needed
- Less watering once established as many are drought tolerant

Utility-friendly Tree Planting Tips from We Energies

Trees growing too close to power lines can cause sparks, fires, power outages and shock hazards. To avoid these problems, plant trees that won't interfere with power lines when fully grown. Small ornamental trees or shrubs that will not exceed 15 feet in height such as serviceberry, dogwood and low-growing evergreens are best to plant around power lines. Trees such as maple, basswood, burr oak, white pine or spruce grow more than 40 feet high and should be planted more than 50 feet from any overhead power lines.

And don't forget to call 811 at least three days before planting to check the location of underground services.

Learn more utility-friendly planting tips at we-energies.com.



• PROPER SOIL PREPARATION - GET PLANTS OFF TO A HEALTHY START

- Soil Test
- Incorporate organic matter and low Nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer, if needed
- No Dig Method Soil Preparation
 - One native plant landscaper uses cardboard covered with compost for planting a prairie garden from seed

• PROPER POST PLANTING CARE

- Water - keep roots moist for the first few weeks, then gradually extend the time between watering
- Takes perennials a year or two to become established
- Once established, you'll only need to water during extended drought
- Mulch the soil
 - Organic mulches suppress weeds, insulate roots, conserves moisture and improves the soil as they decompose

• ONGOING MAINTENANCE FOR ESTABLISHED PLANTS

- Manage weeds all season long
 - Removing smaller weeds is easier and prevents reseeding
 - Minimal or no fertilization once established
 - Only water during extreme drought
 - Divide as needed

• PLANT SELECTION

- Native versus Nativar (*Echinacea* 'Cheyenne Spirit' versus *Echinacea purpurea*)
 - Nativars - cultivated varieties of native plants bred for certain characteristics
 - Smaller size
 - Variegated leaves
 - Different flower color...
 - Some interesting reading
 - Native vs. Nativar
 - The Nativar Dilemma

- Near Native Plant - I have seen this on a few plant tags for plants that are native to surrounding or nearby areas
- Warming climate finds native plants migrating
- Combining native and cultivated plants
 - Dense Blazing Star with Daylilies & Clematis
- Suited to the growing conditions
 - Consider soil, temperature & average rainfall
 - Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia*)
 - Sunlight
 - Full sun - 6 to 8 hours or more of direct sunlight
 - ♦ Rough Blazing Star
 - Part sun - 3 to 5 hours of direct sunlight
 - ♦ Palm Sedge
 - Shade - 3 hours or less of direct sunlight
 - ♦ Trout Lily, Dutchman's Breeches, Mayapple
 - Soil moisture
 - Wet - plants native to marshes, bogs, shorelines
 - ♦ Michigan Lily
 - Rain Gardens - Mesic Prairie Plants
 - ♦ Rattlesnake Master, Blazing Star
 - Soil texture
 - *Asclepias tuberosa* 'Clay'
 - Sunny locations - Prairie Plants
 - Hoary Vervain
 - Disturbed sites
 - Wild Bergamot
- Suited to your design - Joe Pye Weed
 - Color, texture, bloom time
 - Fits available space once mature
- How fast they spread - Wild Ageratum
 - Clumping - Culver's Root
 - Seed - Heliopsis, Coneflower, Rudbeckia
 - Rhizome - Cup Plant, Ostrich Fern
 - Seeds & Rhizome - Wild Bergamot, Common Milkweed - Showy Milkweed and Sullivant's Milkweed are less aggressive than Common Milkweed

Landscaping Around We Energies Utilities

Plants and other landscaping features can interfere with utility equipment and cause safety risks. Remember to:

Maintain equipment visibility: Use techniques that camouflage rather than hide utility equipment. Hearty grasses and/or flowers are preferred. They provide aesthetic improvements and grow back quickly should equipment access be necessary.

Ensure easy access: When fencing is used, choose a split-rail type, which can be easily dismantled when equipment access is needed. Be sure fences are located more than 3 feet from transformer sides and no permanent fence post is located in front of transformer door.

Keep proper clearance: When woody shrubs or bushes are used, place them more than 3 feet from transformer sides and more than 10 feet from its door. Keep future growth in mind for the size of shrubs or bushes.

Learn more utility-friendly planting tips at we-energies.com.

- Less Aggressive for Sun - Pale Purple Coneflower, Wild Quinine, Purple Prairie Clover, White False Indigo, Prairie Dropseed, Butterfly Weed
- Less Aggressive for Shade - Wild Geranium, Jacob's Ladder, Sweet Joe Pye Weed, Trillium
- **START SMALL**
 - Blue False Indigo, Wild Columbine
 - Think substitution - Prairie Dropseed for Fountain Grass
 - Combine Native & Cultivated Plants
 - Rudbeckia, Swamp Hibiscus, Astilbe
 - Virginia Bluebells, Serviceberry, Fritillaria
 - Virginia Bluebells, Hyacinth
 - Purple Coneflower, Balloon Flower
 - Ratibida, Balloon Flower
 - Purple Coneflower, Russian Sage
 - Prairie Dropseed, Russian Sage
 - Heliopsis, Purple Coneflower, Ageratum
 - Dense Blazing Star, Coneflower, Milkweed, Tall Phlox, Black Eyed Susan
 - Rudbeckia, Amsonia, Palm Sedge in Mixed Border

A FEW PLANTS FOR SUNNY LOCATIONS - SOMEWHAT IN ORDER OF BLOOM

(You'll also find more information in our [Plant Database](#))

- White False Indigo, Compass Plant, Rattlesnake Master

PRAIRIE SMOKE - *Geum triflorum*

- 6" tall
- Space 6"
- Full sun
- Loam, sand to dry soil
- Blooms May - June
- Attractive seed heads
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 6

WILD COLUMBINE - *Aquilegia canadensis*

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun to part shade (shade tolerant)
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms May - June
- Reseeds readily
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

FALSE BLUE INDIGO - *Baptisia australis*

- 2010 Perennial Plant of the Year
- 3-4' tall
- Space 2-3'
- Full to part sun
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Blooms June - July
- Attractive seed pods
- Butterflies, pollinators
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Tap root helps it adapt, but makes it difficult to transplant
- Zones 3 to 9

FOXGLOVE OR SMOOTH PENSTEMON

Penstemon digitalis

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil (tolerates clay better than other penstemons)
- Blooms June - July for a month or longer
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8



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PALE PURPLE CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea pallida*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
 - Highly adaptable to all but wet, poorly drained soil
- Blooms June - July (earlier than purple coneflower)
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 8

SWAMP / RED MILKWEED - *Asclepias incarnata*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - tolerates moist soil
- Blooms June - July (fragrant)
- Reseeds readily
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 3 to 9

BUTTERFLY WEED - *Asclepias tuberosa*

- 2017 PPY
- 2-3' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Full sun
- Sand and loam soil, drought tolerant
- Blooms June - August
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, Monarch host plant
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- SLOW to emerge in spring, so mark the location to avoid accidentally digging up the plant
- Naturally occurring variety Clay is more tolerant of heavy soils
- Zones 3 to 10

LEAD PLANT - *Amorpha canescens*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 2'
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms June - July
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Taproot, so very drought tolerant
- Takes a few years to mature
- Do not cut back when young
- Zones 3 to 8

HAREBELL - *Campanula rotundifolia*

- 1-2' tall
- Space 6"
- Full to part sun
- Gravel and sand soil - tolerates dry soil
- Blooms June - August, lavender-blue to purple
- Hummingbirds, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 2 to 7

RED BEE BALM - *Monarda didyma*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 18"
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms June - August
- Hummingbirds, pollinators, host plant
- Black walnut tolerant
- Zones 4 to 7

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WILD BERGAMOT - *Monarda fistulosa*

• **2021 Year of the Monardas**

- 2-5' tall
- Space 2'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - September
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9

QUEEN OF THE PRAIRIE - *Filipendula rubra*

- 4-5' tall
- Space 2'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms June - July, pink
- Butterflies, pollinators
- Zones 3 to 6

RATTLESNAKE MASTER - *Eryngium yuccifolium*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - tolerates dry soil
- Blooms June - August
- Butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 9

FLOWERING SPURGE - *Euphorbia corollata*

- 3' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Full to part sun
- Medium to dry soil
- Blooms June - August, white
- Birds, pollinators

- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9

WILD QUININE - *Parthenium integrifolium*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 18"
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - moist
- Blooms June - September
- Pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 8

BLACK EYED SUSAN - *Rudbeckia hirta*

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms June - September
- Biennial that self-sows, acting like a perennial)
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 10

PURPLE CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea purpurea*

- 3-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - September (2 months or more)
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Reseeds readily
- Zones 4 to 8

CULVER'S ROOT - *Veronicastrum virginicum*

- 3-6' tall
- Space 18"
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - August
- Butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 3 to 8

NEW JERSEY TEA - *Ceanothus americanus*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 3'
- Full to part sun
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - August
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- **Shrub**
- Zones 3 to 9

PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER - *Dalea purpurea*

- 1-2' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - August
- Birds, pollinators, host plant
- Tap root helps it adapt, but challenging to move established plants
- Zones 3 to 8

MEADOW BLAZING STAR - *Liatris ligulistylis*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 6-12"
- Full sun
- Medium moist loam soil - tolerates dry soil
- Blooms August - October, purple
- A favorite of Monarch butterflies
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Zones 3 to 6

DENSE BLAZING STAR - *Liatris spicata*

- 3-5' tall
- Space 6-12"
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms August - September; lavender, pink, purple
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 4 to 10

ROUGH BLAZING STAR - *Liatris aspera*

- 2-3' tall, shorter than other Blazing Stars
- Space 6-12"
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms August - September
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

MOUNTAIN MINT - *Pycnanthemum virginianum*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and soil
- Blooms July - September

- Hummingbirds, butterflies
- Deer resistant
- Native to moist soils and wet meadows
- Zones 3 to 7

LAVENDER HYSSOP - *Agastache foeniculum*

- 2-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - September
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 2 to 6

BLUE VERVAIN - *Verbena hastata*

- 3-6' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - moisture lover
- Blooms July - September, up to 2 months
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

HOARY VERVAIN - *Verbena stricta*

- 2-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil - tolerates dry soil
- Blooms July - September
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

COMPASS PLANT - *Silphium laciniatum*

- 5-10' tall
- Space 2'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - September, yellow
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 9

WHITE TURTLEHEAD - *Chelone glabra*

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Wet to moist soil
- Blooms July - September
- Butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Rain garden, moist to wet shoreline edge, water garden
- Zones 3 to 8

SWAMP ROSE MALLOW

Hibiscus moscheutos

- 5' tall
- Space 2-3'
- Full to part sun
- Wet, medium wet soil
- Blooms July - September
- Hummingbirds, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Late to emerge
- Zones 5 to 8

PRAIRIE IRONWEED - *Vernonia fasciculata*

- 4-6' tall
- Space 18"
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms July - September, purple
- Butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 7

GREAT BLUE LOBELIA - *Lobelia siphilitica*

- 1-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - easier than Cardinal Flower
- Blooms August - October, purple
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Forms colonies if properly sited, not overly aggressive
- Zones 3 to 9

SHOWY GOLDENROD - *Solidago speciosa*

- 2-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms August - September
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Not as aggressive as some Goldenrods
- Zones 4 to 10

JOE PYE WEED - *Eutrochium maculatum*

- 4-6' tall
- Space 18"
- Full sun

- Moist, wet soil
- Blooms August - September
- Butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 3 to 6

HEATH ASTER - *Symphyotrichum ericoides*

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms August - October, white
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 3 to 9

SKY BLUE ASTER

Symphyotrichum oolentangiense

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Dry to medium soil
- Blooms August - October
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 3 to 8

AROMATIC ASTER

Symphyotrichum oblongifolium

- 2' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Full sun
- Medium-dry to dry soil
- Blooms August - November, purple
- Birds, pollinators
- Zones 3 to 8

PRAIRIE DROPSEED - *Sporobolus heterolepsis*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 2'
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil

- Blooms August - September, fragrant
- Birds, pollinators
- Foliage turns gold in fall
- Seeds coated with ice look like gems in the garden
- Zones 3 to 8

BLUE GRAMA GRASS - *Bouteloua gracilis*

- 12"+ tall
- Space 12-14"
- Full to part sun
- Medium dry to dry soil
- Blooms July - September, green-blue
- Host plant
- Deer resistant
- Blonde Ambition
 - 2.5 - 3' tall
 - Blue-green foliage
 - Yellow seedheads
- Zones 3 to 10

LITTLE BLUESTEM - *Schizachyrium scoparium*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun
- Loam and sand soil - tends to flop in rich, heavy soil
- Blooms August - October
- Host plant
- Deer resistant
- Blue-green leaves turn reddish-bronze in fall
- Attractive seedheads
- Zones 3 to 8
 - Twilight and Blue Heaven™ shown

SWITCHGRASS - *Panicum virgatum*

- 3-6' tall
- Space 2'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - adaptable
- Blooms August - September
- Birds, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Purchase local seed source if grown species
- Nativars are less aggressive
- Zones 3 to 10
 - Prairie Winds® Series
 - ✦ P.W. Apache Rose - 4', rose colored flowers
 - ✦ P.W. Niagara - 4', powder-blue foliage, cream seedheads, growth habit like Miscanthus
 - ✦ P.W. October Sky - 4.5 - 5', rosy-purple seedheads
 - ✦ Heavy Metal - 4-5', upright, blue-green foliage, Zones 4 to 9
 - ✦ Northwind - 4-5', upright, olive / blue-green foliage, holds up in snow and ice, Zones 3 to 9

BIG BLUESTEM - *Andropogon gerardii*

- 5-8' tall
- Space 2'
- Full sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms August - October, green-red
- Birds, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9
 - Red October - 6', purplish-red foliage late summer, scarlet in fall
 - Blackhawks - 4-5', dark purple foliage highlights mid-summer turning nearly black in fall
 - Holy Smoke - 3'+, deep purple-rose fall color

NATIVE PLANTS FOR SHADE

- Poke Milkweed (*Asclepias exaltata*)
- Ostrich Fern (aggressive), Mayapple, Virginia Bluebells
- CHRISTMAS FERN** - *Polystichum acrostichoides*
 - 1-2' tall
 - Space 1'
 - Part to full shade
 - Loam and sand soil
 - Black walnut tolerant
 - Deer resistant
 - Zones 3 to 9
- MAIDENHAIR FERN** - *Adiantum pedatum*
 - 1-2' tall
 - Space 1'
 - Full shade
 - Clay, loam and sand soil
 - Black walnut tolerant
 - Deer resistant
 - Zones 3 to 8
- PENNSYLVANIA SEDGE** - *Carex pensylvanica*
 - 6-12" tall
 - Space 1'
 - Full to part shade
 - Loam and sand soil
 - Black walnut tolerant
 - Deer resistant
 - Zones 3 to 7
- SKUNK CABBAGE** - *Symplocarpus foetidus*
 - 1-2' tall
 - Space 18-36"
 - Dappled shade
 - Mucky, moist marshy soil
 - Blooms February - April
 - Beetles and other insects

- Exhibits thermogenesis
- Zones 4 to 7

MARSH MARIGOLD - *Caltha palustris*

- 1' tall
- Space 6-12"
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist to wet soil
- Blooms April - June
- Birds, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 7

SPRING EPHEMERALS

DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES - *Dicentra cucullaria*

- 12" tall
- Space 3-6"
- Full shade
- Medium to medium wet soil - well-drained
- Zones 3 to 7

BLOODROOT - *Sanguinaria canadensis*

- 6" tall
- Space 6-10"
- Part to full shade
- Medium wet to medium dry soil
- Blooms April, white
- Pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

LARGE FLOWERED TRILLIUM

Trillium grandiflorum

- 12-18" tall
- Space 1'
- Part to full shade
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms May - June, white
- Black walnut tolerant
- Zones 3 to 7

WILD GERANIUM - *Geranium maculatum*

- 1-2' tall
- Space 1'
- Part sun to shade
- Loam and sand soil
- Blooms Mid April - June
- Pollinators, host plant
- Black walnut tolerant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

HEARTLEAF GOLDEN ALEXANDER

Zizia aptera

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full sun to part shade
- Sandy clay to sandy soils
- Blooms May
- Butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 4 to 8

SOLOMON'S SEAL - *Polygonatum biflorum*

- Up to 4' tall
- Space 18-24"
- Part to full shade
- Medium to medium dry soil
- Blooms May - June, cream
- Birds, pollinators
- Zones 3 to 9

CANADIAN GINGER - *Asarum canadense*

- 6-12" tall
- Space 8-12" (can be vigorous)
- Full to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Blooms May - June, under leaves
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 8

BLUE FLAG IRIS - *Iris versicolor*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Full to part sun
- Clay, loam and sand soil - wet
- Blooms June - July
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Rain garden, moist to wet shoreline edge, water garden
- Provides shoreline stabilization and habitat for an array of wildlife
- Zones 3 to 6

BUGBANE / BLACK COHOSH - *Actaea racemosa*

- 4-6' tall
- Space 2-4'
- Part to full shade
- Moist, organic soils
- Blooms July, fragrant
- Butterflies, pollinators
- Rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

CARDINAL FLOWER - *Lobelia cardinalis*

- 2-4' tall
- Space 6-12"
- Full sun to part shade
- Loam and sand soil - moist to wet
- Blooms July - September
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, host plant
- Short lived, but self-seeds
- Zones 3 to 9

ZIGZAG GOLDENROD - *Solidago flexicaulis*

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Part sun to shade
- Clay, loam and sand soil - dry to moist
- Blooms July - August/September, yellow
- Pollinators
- Spreads readily
- Zones 3 to 8

CALICO ASTER - *Symphotrichum lateriflorum*

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Part shade
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms September - October, white
- Birds, pollinators
- Black walnut tolerant
- Zones 4 to 9

BIG LEAF ASTER - *Eurybia macrophylla*

- 1-2' tall
- Space 1'
- Part sun to shade
- Clay, loam and sand soil
- Blooms August - September, lavender-white
- Pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 7

A FEW COMBINATIONS

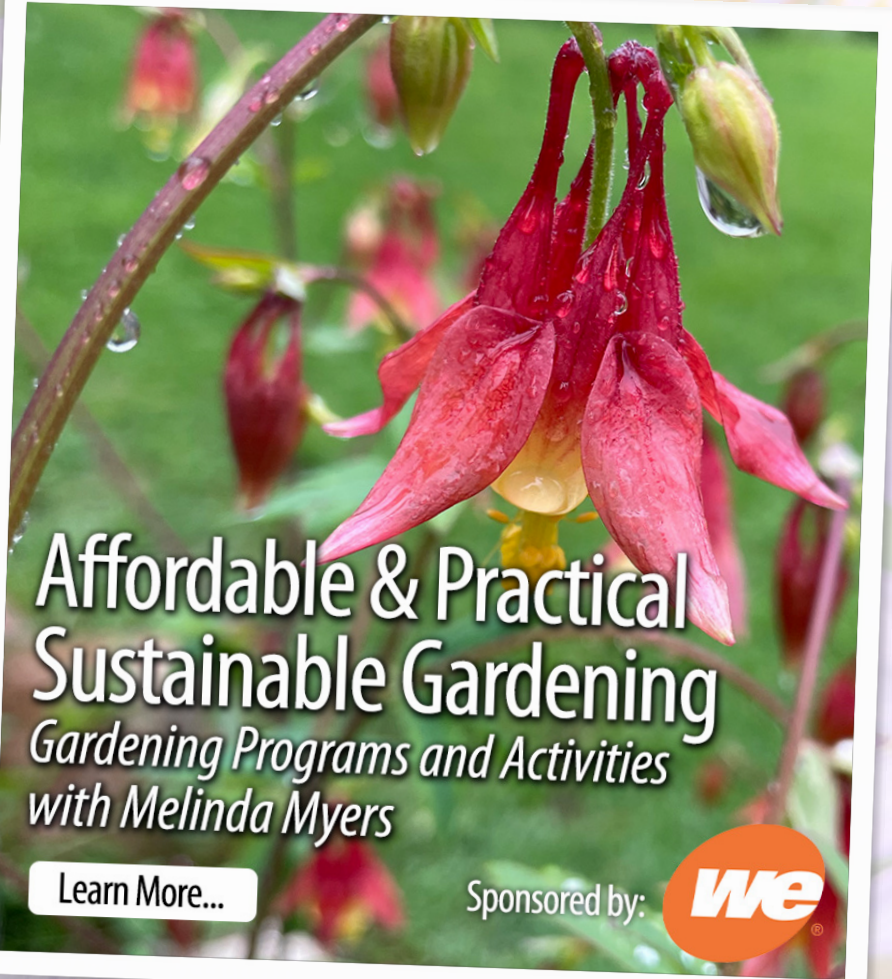
- Lurie Garden - Millennium Park, Chicago - June and July
 - Echinacea, Salvia, Allium, Prairie Dropseed, Rattlesnake Master
 - Wood Betony, Caradonna Salvia, Prairie Dropseed, Rattlesnake Master
 - Echinacea, Blazing Star, Salvia, Wood Betony
 - Echinacea, Coreopsis, Milkweed, Foxglove Penstemon
 - Echinacea, Astilbe, Amsonia, Salvia, Wood Betony
 - Echinacea, Switchgrass
 - Echinacea, Amsonia, Wood Betony, Prairie Dropseed
 - Sedge, Allium, Salvia, Rattlesnake Master, Amsonia, Prairie Dropseed

CREATE A GARDEN OF NATIVE PLANTS

- Monarchs on Blazing Star
- Echinacea, Heliopsis, Culver's Root, Big Bluestem
- Spotted Bee Balm, Rudbeckia, Blanketflower
- Blazing Star, Purple Coneflower, Rattlesnake Master
- Echinacea, Blazing Star, Rudbeckia
- Lavender Hyssop, Purple Coneflower, Garden Phlox
- Culver's Root, Heliopsis, Gray Headed Coneflower, Royal Catchfly
- Rattlesnake Master, Compass Plant, Little Bluestem
- Rattlesnake Master, Gray Headed Coneflower, Wild Bergamot
- Coreopsis, Blazing Star
- Heliopsis, Rattlesnake Master, Purple Coneflower
- Lavender Hyssop, Purple Coneflower, Red Bee Balm
- Rudbeckia, Ironweed, Royal Catchfly, Lobelia, Goldenrod, Wild Ageratum
- Hoary Vervain, Gray Headed Coneflower
- Purple Coneflower, Milkweed, Wild Quinine, Allium
- Lavender Hyssop, Purple Coneflower, Sedge, Prairie Dropseed, Amsonia
- Butterfly Weed, Purple Coneflower, Milkweed
- Purple Coneflower, Whorled Milkweed
- Wild Bergamot, Gray Headed Coneflower, Royal Catchfly
- Goldenrod, Lavender Hyssop, Purple Coneflower
- Big Bluestem, Blazing Star, Butterfly Weed
- Compass Plant, Rattlesnake Master, Big Bluestem, Blazing Star, Ironweed
- Pale Purple Coneflower, Milkweed, Coreopsis

GO ALL OUT

- Include signs of intent
 - Strip of mown grass around garden
 - Bird feeders, bird houses, birdbaths
 - Garden art



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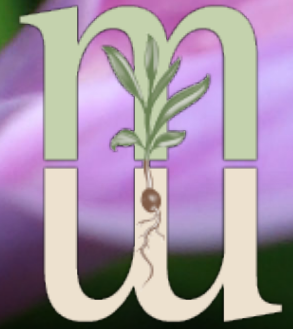


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