RED BANEBERRY

(Actaea rubra)

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GardenTrek

Is red baneberry right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May

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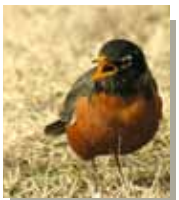
Key Features:

Brent Miller

Flowers
Baneberry produces a delicate, feathery flower in May.

Mike Baird

Color Splash
Showy red seed clusters bring color to shade gardens. Select the closely related white baneberry for white clusters.



Len Blumin

Visitors to Explore
Blooms attract native pollinators, and berries feed birds like this American robin.

CANADA ANEMONE

(Anemone canadensis)

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John Beetham

Is Canada anemone right for your garden?

1-2 ft tall
2-2.5 ft wide

May-July

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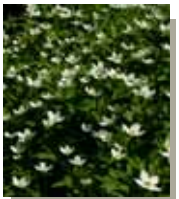
Key Features:

Leo Papandreou

Pollinators

Supports a variety of insect pollinators with its beautiful white bloom.



John Beetham

Groundcover

An attractive groundcover. Be prepared for it to fill in open spaces.

Peggy Greb

Visitors to Explore

Attracts a wide variety of native pollinators and insect predators, supporting backyard gardens and local farmers.

DOGBANE

(Apocynum cannabinum)

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Angie Lucas

Is dogbane right for your garden?

3-4 ft tall
2-3 ft wide

June-Aug.

Key Features:

Jerry Oldenettel

Delicate Bloom

Small white, pinkish blooms standout against red stems

Dan Mullen

Interesting Seeds

Seedpods resemble pods from other plants in the milkweed family.

Anita Gould

Visitors to Explore

Hosts insects like this delicate cycnia, and others like the dogbane beetle and snowberry clearwing.

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WILD COLUMBINE

(Aquilegia canadensis)

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William Cullina

Is wild columbine right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-1.5 ft wide

May-June

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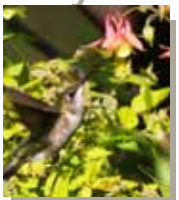
Key Features:



Michael and Diane Porter

Pollinators
Supports a variety of insect pollinators with its beautiful white bloom.

Ellen Falbowski

Groundcover
An attractive groundcover. Be prepared for it to fill in open spaces.

Ann Thering

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the caterpillars of this columbine duskywing butterfly, as well as those of the hummingbird moth and holly blue butterfly.

JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT

(Arisaema triphyllum)

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Charles de Martigny

Is Jack-in-the-pulpit right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-1.5 ft wide
May-June

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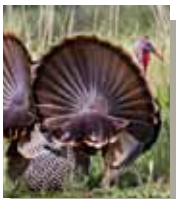
Key Features:

Alan Cressler

Unique Bloom
The flower is a green spathe (pulpit) that surrounds and shelters the flower spike (jack).

William Cullina

Color Splash
Produces a spectacular red seed head.



Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore
Birds like the wild turkey pictured and wood thrush are attracted to the berries and leaves of this plant. Pollinated by a fungus gnat..

PRAIRIE SAGE

(Artemisia ludoviciana)

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Raffi Kojian

Is prairie sage right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
2-3 ft wide

July-Oct.

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Key Features:

Shirley Sekarajasingham

Attractive Foliage
Unique, silvery foliage. Pairs well with yellow, orange, and purple blooms.

istock

Traditional Use
Smoke used in ceremonies. Tea used for bathing, for stomach ache, for skin problems, and for deodorant.. Used in wreathes and floral arrangements.

Sally King

Visitors to Explore
Hosts a variety of grasshoppers, like this painted grasshopper.

WILD GINGER

(Asarum canadense)

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gardentrek

Is wild ginger right for your garden?

1/2 - 1 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May-June

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Key Features:

BlueRidgeKitties

Attractive Foliage
Each plant produces two fuzzy leaves. Distributed through the landscape, the plant will clump if weeds are kept down.

Neal S. Ratzlaff

Unique Bloom
Unusual spring flower likely attracts flies or beetles as pollinators.

Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the caterpillars of this pipevine swallowtail butterfly. Coats seeds with nectar for ants, which then disperse seeds.

SWAMP MILKWEED

(Asclepias incarnata)

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Angie Lucas

Is swamp milkweed right for your garden?

3-4 ft tall
2-3 ft wide
July-Aug.

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Key Features:

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden
Beautiful addition to any rain garden. Rain gardens help keep run-off and pollution out of natural areas.

William Cullina

Edible Seedpods
Seed pods are poisonous raw, but edible when picked young and cooked.

Mark Funk

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the caterpillars of beautiful butterflies like these monarchs, and also milkweed tussock. Flowers provide nectar to butterflies and other native pollinators.

BUTTERFLY WEED

(Asclepias tuberosa)

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Anthony Zukoff

Is butterfly weed right for your garden?

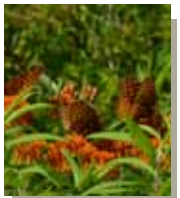
1-3 ft tall
1-1.5 ft wide

June-July

Key Features:

William Cullina

Edible Seedpods
Seed pods are poisonous raw, but edible when picked young and cooked.



John Beetham

Pollinators
Attracts butterflies and other native pollinators.

Tim Lindenbaum

Visitors to Explore
Butterfly weed hosts the caterpillars of beautiful butterflies like these monarchs, and also milkweed tussock.

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CANADIAN MILK VETCH

(Astragalus canadensis)

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Sally and Andy Wasowski
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Is Canadian milk vetch right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-3 ft wide

May-July

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Key Features:

Peter Gorman

Attractive Flowers
White pea flower clusters appear May through July.

Sally and Andy Wasowski
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Leaflets
Typical to members of the pea family (Fabaceae). A nitrogen fixer. May be toxic to people.

Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the caterpillars of this western tailed blue butterfly. Also provides feed to deer and turkeys.

SWAMP THISTLE

(Cirsium muticum)

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Angie Lucas

Is swamp thistle right for your garden?

4-8 ft tall
2-5 ft wide

July-Sept.

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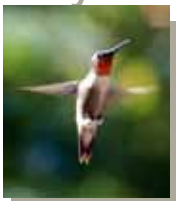
Key Features:

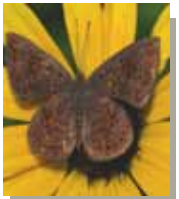


Carol Foil

Hummingbirds
Supports hummingbirds and other important native pollinators.

John Beetham

Delicate Bloom
In contrast to its invasive counterparts, swamp thistle has fewer thorns. It provides late season nectar.



Summerazure

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the swamp metalmark butterfly pictured, and also the artichoke plume moth.

SAND COREOPSIS

(Coreopsis lanceolota)

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Eleanord43

Is sand coreopsis right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May-July

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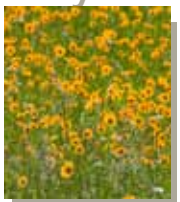
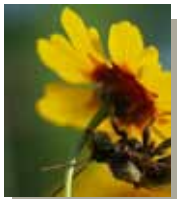
Key Features:



G.T. Conservation District

Mass Effect

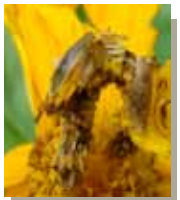
Attractive mass (bloom that peaks in June and lasts until late July). planting that blooms in mid-summer.



John Beetham

Pollinators

Attracts native pollinators, like this specialist coreopsis miner bee.



Anita Gould

Visitors to Explore

The caterpillar of the wavy lined emerald moth will camouflage itself by covering itself in cut portions of coreopsis flower.

BUNCHBERRY

(Cornus canadensis)

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Brent Miller

Is bunchberry right for your garden?

4-6 in. tall
4-6 in. wide

May-June

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Key Features:

Alexa Clark

Edible Fruit

Although not overly flavorful, a possible trail snack, or may be used for puddings, preservers, and sauces.

Angie Lucas

Groundcover

Plant densely to form a pleasant groundcover.. Leaves turn red in the fall.

Dean Morley

Visitors to Explore

Hosts insects like this holly blue butterfly, and also the green-veined white butterfly. Attracts native pollinators like halictid bees..

PURPLE CONEFLOWER

(Echinacea purpurea)

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John Beetham

Is purple coneflower right for your garden?

3-4 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

July-Aug.

Key Features:

G.T. Conservation District

Mass Effect
Combines well with black-eyed susan and other plants for mass plantings

Ellen Falbowski

Native Bees
Especially good for attracting native bees. Also attracts some insect predators like this ambush bug.

Bill Bumgarner

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the caterpillars of this silvery checkerspot butterfly. Attracts hummingbirds.

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RATTLESNAKE MASTER

(Eryngium yuccifolium)

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Frank Mayfield

Is rattlesnake master right for your garden?

4-5 ft tall
2-3 ft wide

June-Sept.

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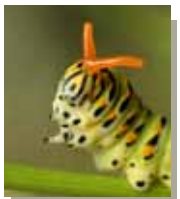
Key Features:

Frank Mayfield

Succulent
Leaves have the appearance of a succulent, sharp and kinetic in the landscape

Jerry Oldenettel

Accent Plant
Provides unique structure that pairs nicely with softer prairie wildflowers



Lynette Schimming

Visitors to Explore
Supports this caterpillar of the black swallowtail, as well as those of the rattlesnake borer moth. Flowers provide nectar.

FLOWERING SPURGE

(Euphorbia corollata)

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Fritz Flohr Reynolds

Is flowering spurge right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-3 ft wide

June-Sept.

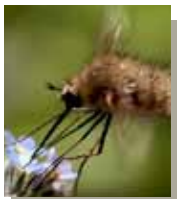
Key Features:

Steven Severinghaus

Mass Effect
When planted en masse, flowers form dense, attractive clumps.

Kerry Wixted

Unique Flowers
White parts are modified leaves ("bracts"). Dangling middle portion is female and develops into the fruit.



Vincent L

Visitors to Explore
Supports pollinators like the bee fly (pictured), as well as birds like the horned lark.

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WILD STRAWBERRY

(Fragaria virginiana)

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John Beetham

Is wild strawberry right for your garden?

1/2-1 ft tall
1/2-1 ft wide

Apr.-May

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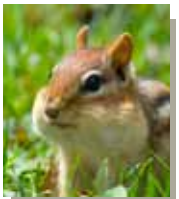
Key Features:

Blueridgekitties

Edible Fruit

Fruits are smaller but sometimes tastier than the cultivated variety (a hybridized version of this plant). Leaves makes a pleasant tea.



Roberta Scott

Ecological Value

Very high ecological value, supporting many insects, birds, and small mammals. like this chipmunk.

Jerry Oldenettel

Visitors to Explore

Smeared dagger moth caterpillars feed on wild strawberry. Also hosts caterpillars of the Appalachian grizzled skipper and this gray hairstreak.

WINTERGREEN

(Gaultheria procumbens)

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John Delano

Is wintergreen right for your garden?

3-5 in. tall
3-5 in. wide

May-July

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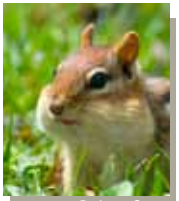
Key Features:

aposematic herpetologist

Delicate Bloom
Soft, white inverted bells form in early summer.

Robert Benner

Groundcover
Makes an attractive groundcover when planted in quantity.



Robert Scott

Visitors to Explore
Berries feed small mammals like this chipmunk, and also wild turkeys and other birds. Flowers attract native pollinators like the bumblebee.

WILD GERANIUM

(Geranium maculatum)

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Benny Mazur

Is wild geranium right for your garden?

1-2 ft tall
1-1.5 ft wide
Apr.-June

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Key Features:

Steve Guttman

Pollinators
Attractive blooms may be prolonged through deadheading.

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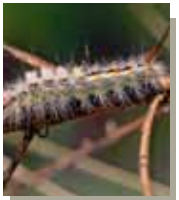
Groundcover
This attractive groundcover colonizes, but not overly aggressively. Leaves reportedly boiled to make medicinal tea.



Mary Keim

Visitors to Explore
Hosts this caterpillar of the white-marked tussock moth, as well as those of the geranium budworm moth. Also supports small mammals with seeds.

PRAIRIE SMOKE

(Geum triflorum)

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Kathleen Voigt

Is prairie smoke right for your garden?

1/2-1.5 ft tall
1/2-1 ft wide

May-June

Key Features:

Alex Mueller
Mooscorn Ranch

Intriguing Leaves
Leafs out very early each season. Mature plants often form dense, attractive groundcover.

Brad Gocken

Mass Effect
Blooms look dramatic clumped, but then fade and look spent. Pair with plants with late season interest.

Olle Pellmyr

Visitors to Explore
Prairie smoke attracts bumblee bees and other pollinators, and hosts the larva of this moth *Tetragma gei*,.

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WOODLAND SUNFLOWER

(Helianthus divaricatus)

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Dogtooth77

Is woodland sunflower right for your garden?

2-6 ft tall
1-3 ft wide

May-June

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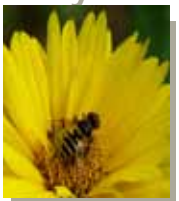
Key Features:



John Beetham

Pollinators

Supports a variety of insect pollinators with its beautiful white bloom.

Diane Wilson

High Habitat Value

At least six bee species, like the *Andrena helianthi* shown, feed exclusively on sunflowers. At least 28 species of moths feed on sunflowers. These insects in turn feed other wildlife.

Eric Haley

Visitors to Explore

Hosts caterpillars of this painted lady butterfly, and provides feed for the tufted titmouse and other birds.

AMERICAN ALUMROOT

(Heuchera americana)

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Kid Cowboy

Is American alumroot right for your garden?

1-2 ft tall
1-1.5 ft wide

June-Aug.

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Key Features:

Natural Landscape Nursery

Mass Effect
Makes an attractive groundcover when planted in groups

Daryl Mitchell

Hosta Alternative
Nothing wrong with a hosta, but why not try something more unique to our region?

Hadel Go, DiscoverLife.org

Vistors to Explore
Visited by a specialist pollinator -- this plasterer bee (Colletes aestivalis). Otherwise little known about its habitat role.

BLUE FLAG IRIS

(Iris versicolor)

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Ryan Claussen

Is blue flag iris right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
2-3 ft wide

May-June

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Key Features:

Amanda Brushaber
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Showy Bloom
Vibrant blue flowers appear in May-June. Its leaves are graceful and sword-like.

G.T. Conservation District

Groundcover
An attractive groundcover. Be prepared for it to fill in open spaces.

Carol Foil

Visitors to Explore
Supports Michigan fauna like the Ruby-throated hummingbird, muskrat, the Northern green frog, and others.

TWINLEAF

(Jeffersonia diphylla)

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Anita Gould

Is twinleaf right for your garden?

3/4-1.5 ft tall
1/2-3/4 ft wide

Apr.-May

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Key Features:

dogtooth77

Mass Effect
Twinleaf may be used as a delicate groundcover, but you'll have to work to keep weeds down.

Tom Potterfield

Seedhead
Twinlead's supremely delicate flowers give way to a capsule that pops open to disperse seed.

Northwoods Wiki

Visitors to Explore
Like other woodland plants, coats seeds with sugar so ants carry off and bury seeds, discarding them in nutrient rich waste piles.

ROUGH BLAZING STAR

(Liatris aspera)

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Peter Gorman

Is rough blazing star right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

July-Sept.

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Key Features:

Peter Gorman

Native Bees
Especially attractive to a variety of native bee species, like this bumblebee.

Anne McCormack

Valuable Seed
Many birds, caterpillars, and small mammals munch on the seeds.

Bonnie Harper-Lore

Visitors to Explore
Attracts insect predators like this robber fly, which help with pest control in backyard gardens and regional farms.

MARSH BLAZING STAR

(Liatris spicata)

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Chrumps

Is marsh blazing star right for your garden?

3-4 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

July-Aug.

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Key Features:

Mass Effect
Looks spectacular when planted en masse.

Nedster78

Attractive Foliage
Grass-like leaves form a clump at the base of the plant.

Shihmei Barger

Visitors to Explore
Supports pollinators like this bumblebee, small mammals and birds with its seeds, and hosts the blazing star clearwing moth.

CARDINAL FLOWER

(Lobelia cardinalis)

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John Beetham

Is cardinal flower right for your garden?

2-4 ft tall
1-2 ft wide
July-Sept.

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Key Features:

Mtnbike115

Mass Effect
Massed plantings of cardinal flower yield spectacular crimson blushes.

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden
Beautiful addition to any rain garden. Rain gardens help keep run-off and pollution out of natural areas.

Ryan Somma

Visitors to Explore
The cardinal flower supports pollinators like this ruby-throated hummingbird, and also butterflies like the pipevine swallowtail and the spicebush swallowtail.

GREAT BLUE LOBELIA

(Lobelia siphilitica)

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Jennifer Anderson
USDA-NRCS PLANTS database

Is great blue lobelia right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide
July-Sept.

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Key Features:

Pris Sears

Mass Effect
Unique, conspicuous blue flowers provide late season color.

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden
Beautiful addition to any rain garden. Rain gardens help keep run-off and pollution out of natural areas.

John Beetham

Visitors to Explore
Supports native pollinators like this bumblebee, and others like the ruby-throated hummingbird.

WILD LUPINE

(Lupinus perennis)

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Peter Gorman

Is wild lupine right for your garden?

1-2 ft tall
1/2-1 ft wide

May

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Key Features:

Ellen Falbowski

Attractive Foliage
Lupine has sharp, palmate leaves that add interest

Pris Sears

Mass Effect
Works especially well when planted in larger clumps.. Does not transplant well, and needs proper conditions to overwinter.

Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore
The federally endangered karner blue butterfly relies on wild lupine for nectar and foliage.

STARRYFALSELILYOFTHEVALLE

(Maianthemum stellatum)

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Miguel Vieira

Is starry false lily of the valley right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-3 ft wide
May-June

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Key Features:

Dan Mullen

Delicate Flowers
Blooms are a simple cluster of flowers at the end of each arching stalk.

Joshua Mayer

Unique Seeds
Flowers give way to striped seedpods.. Roots are reportedly edible like onions.

Billtacular

Visitors to Explore
Provides nectar for andrenid bees and tachnid flies. The veery (pictured) and other birds eat its seeds.

MONKEY FLOWER

(Mimulus ringens)

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Ellen Falbowski

Is monkey flower right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
3/4-1 ft wide
June-Aug.

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Key Features:

Steven S. Price

Unique Flowers
Flowers are reminiscent of snapdragons., attracting native pollinators.

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden
Beautiful addition to any rain garden. Rain gardens help keep run-off and pollustion out of natural areas.

Stylurus

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of butterflies like this Baltimore checkerspot, as well as the common buckeye buttefly and chalcedony midget moth.

BEE BALM

(Monarda fistulosa)

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Monarda fistulosa

Is bee balm right for your garden?

1-2 ft tall
2-2.5 ft wide

July-Aug.

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Key Features:

Phillip Merritt

Unique Flowers
Fragrant mid-summer blooms provide a unique addition to any garden.

Terry Miesle

Pollinators
Attracts a wide variety of pollinators and other insect species, like this Hummingbird moth.

G. Fauske

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars like this hermit sphinx moth, and also the gray marvel moth. Attracts hummingbirds.

EVENING PRIMROSE

(Oenothera biennis)

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Shelley Couvrette

Is evening primrose right for your garden?

2-4 ft tall
1-3 ft wide

May-July

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Key Features:

Anita Gould

Explore!
Supports pollinators and other insect species. Ants in photo are shepherding aphids, protecting them in exchange for nectar.

Bill Bouton

Groundcover
Hosts caterpillars of the white-lined sphinx moth., which flitters like a hummingbird to flowers.

Peggy Greb

Visitors to Explore
Attracts a wide variety of native pollinators and insect predators, supporting backyard gardens and local farmers.

DEVIL'S TONGUE

(Opuntia humifusa)

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msscacti

Is devil's tongue right for your garden?

1/2-1 ft tall
2-4 ft wide

May-July

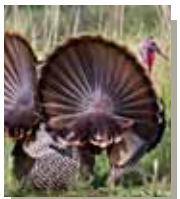
Key Features:

Peter Gorman

Spectacular Bloom
Flowers are of special value to native pollinators, and just plain spectacular in the garden

dogtooth77

Fruits
Ornamental, and edible. May be eaten raw with great care, or made into jam or syrup.



Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore
Supports native pollinators. Wildlife, like wild turkeys, eat the fruits and pads. Pads are edible by people.

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FOXGLOVE BEARDTONGUE

(Penstemon digitalis)

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Peter Gorman

Is foxglove beardtongue right for your garden?

3-5 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May-July

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Key Features:

Wendy Cutler

Mass Effect
Dramatic when planted densely, but foliage not always attractive afterwards. Plant near late blooming species. Cut dead stalks.

Rachel Ford James

Rosette
Forms overwintering clumps, from which next year's flowers grow.

Stylurus

Visitors to Explore
Sustains pollinators and hosts the caterpillars of this Baltimore checkerspot, as well as those of the chalcedony midget moth.

PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER

(Petalostemum purpureum)

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Shihmei Barger

Is purple prairie clover right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

June-Sept.

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Key Features:

Frank Mayfield

Mass Effect

Mass plantings create beautiful, fields that attract countless beneficial insects.

Wes Gibson

Unique Bloom

Flowerhead contains many small blooms that explode upwards.

Matthew High

Visitors to Explore

Hosts the caterpillar for this reakirt's blue butterfly. Supports native pollinators, including specialist plasterer bees *Colletes albescens* and *C. robertsonii*

WOODLAND PHLOX

(Phlox divaricata)

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Zen Sutherland

Is woodland phlox right for your garden?

1/2-1 ft tall
1/2-1 ft wide

May

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Key Features:

JupitersNest

Dense Flowers
Lavender flowers form in clusters and have a pleasant fragrance.

Barkandbloom.com

Mass Effect
Mass plantings create a beautiful groundcover that attract countless pollinators.

Jim Elder

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of this hummingbird clearwing moth, as well as of the olive arches moth and tiger swallowtail butterfly.

JACOB'S LADDER

(Polemonium reptans)

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Dogtooth//

Is Jacob's ladder right for your garden?

1-2 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

Apr.-May

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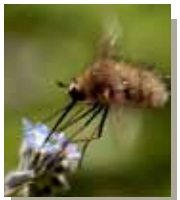
Key Features:

John Brandauer

Foliage
Distinctive compound leaves look like a ladder

Billy Liar

Flowers
Bell-shaped flowers stand out in the garden, but may need staking.



Vincent L.

Visitors to Explore
Supports native pollinators like this greater bee fly. Also supports the specialist bee *Andrena polemonii*..

TRUE SOLOMON'S SEAL

(Polygonatum biflorum)

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Ellen Falbowski

Is true Solomon's seal right for your garden?

1-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May-June

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Key Features:

Ellen Falbowski

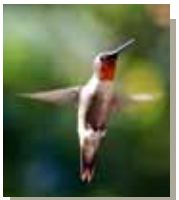
Berries

Mildly poisonous., appearing late in the season. Young shoots reportedly may be cooked like asparagus.

Monarda Fistulosa

Fall Color

Foliage turns yellow in the fall. Plant en masse to create a pleasant shady groundcover.



Carol Foil

Visitors to Explore

Flowers attract pollinators like hummingbirds, and native bees like bumbleebees and halictid bees.

MOUNTAIN MINT

(Pycnanthemum virginianum)

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Philip Merritt

Is mountain mint right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

July-Aug.

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Key Features:

Phillip Merritt

Mass Effect
Mass plantings create a beautiful groundcover that attract countless pollinators.

John Brandauer

Natural Enemies
Attracts insect predators, like this bee assassin eating an ailanthus bug. Helps combat pests in gardens and farms.

Jerry Oldenettel

Visitors to Explore
Hosts the caterpillars of this pearl crescent butterfly, and also of the dun skipper. Attracts native pollinators.

SWAMP ROSE

(Rosa palustris)

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Angie Lucas

Is swamp rose right for your garden?

6-8 ft tall
4-6 ft wide
May-June

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Key Features:

Carol Foil

Showy Blooms

Quite attractive in the landscape. Blooms best in full sun.

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden

As a woody perennial, swamp rose provides year-round structure to your rain garden. Rain gardens help keep pollution out of natural areas.

Megan McCarty

Visitors to Explore

Important habitat plant. Feeds many insects, like these stinging rose caterpillars. Special value to native pollinators. Rose hips eaten by birds like cedar waxwings. Birds use swamp rose for nesting materials.

BLACK-EYED SUSAN

(Rudbeckia hirta)

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Cindy Retherford

Is black-eyed Susan right for your garden?

2-4 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

July-Sept.

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Key Features:

Phillip Merritt

Mass Effect
Dramatic color when planted en masse.

Noah Blades

Pollinators
Sustains native pollinators like this halictid bee. Native pollinators increase yeilds in gardens.

Photography by Tiwago

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of butterflies like this silvery checkerspot, and also of the gorgone checkerspot.. Seeds feed firds like the goldfinch.

CUT LEAF CONEFLOWER

(Rudbeckia laciniata)

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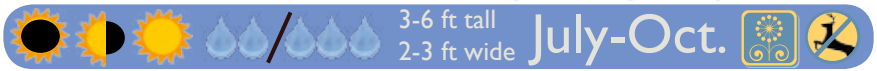
Angie Lucas

Is cut leaf coneflower right for your garden?



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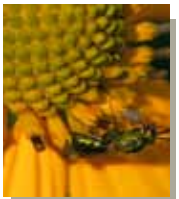
Key Features:

Zen Sutherland

Showy Bloom
The blooms of this plant create a pleasant mass effect.



Dan Mullen

Pollinators
Provides nectar resources to pollinators like this native halictid bee.

Bill Bumgarner

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of butterflies like this silvery checkerspot, and moths like the common eupithecia and the wavy lined emerald moth

WILD PETUNIA

(Ruellia humilis)

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Jerry Oldenetel

Is wild petunia right for your garden?

1.5-2 ft tall
1.5-2 ft wide

May-Sept.

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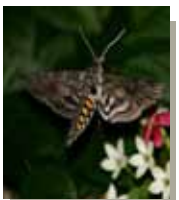
Key Features:

Hardy Plants

Long Flowering
Produces funnel-shaped flowers from early to late summer.

Steven Schwartzman
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Foliage
Leaves are covered with white hairs giving it an interesting texture.



Chuck Wulmer

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of this hawk moth, and also of the common buckeye butterfly.. Sustains native pollinators.

BLOODROOT

(Sanguinaria canadensis)

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John Beetham

Is bloodroot right for your garden?

3/4 ft tall
1/2 ft wide

April

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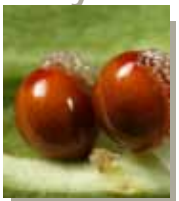
Key Features:



Patrick Coin

Explore!

Produces sweet sap on seeds that attracts ants, which then carry the seeds underground, where they eventually sprout.

Phillip Merritt

Unique Foliage

One of the earliest plants to bloom, bloodroot's unique leaves often cup the flower. The leaves remain for the season.

National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution (26-4639)

Traditional Use

Red root used as dye for baskets, clothing, and war paint. It's an insect repellant and has anti-bacterial properties.

BLUE EYED GRASS

(Sisyrinchium augustifolium)

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Dane Larsen

Is blue eyed grass right for your garden?

1.5-2 ft tall
1/2-2 ft wide

May-July

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Key Features:

Eruoton

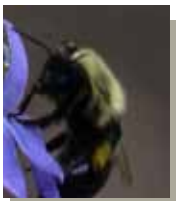
Showy Bloom

Unique, conspicuous blue flowers provide mid season color.. Not actually a grass -- related to irises..

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden

Beautiful addition to any rain garden. Rain gardens help keep run-off and pollution out of natural areas.



John Beetham

Visitors to Explore

Sustains native pollinators like this bumblebee, and also halictid bees. Wild turkeys eat its seeds.

SHOWY GOLDENROD

(Solidago speciosa)

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Dan Mullen

Is showy goldenrod right for your garden?

2-4 ft tall
2-4 ft wide

Aug-Sept

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Key Features:

Shirley Sekarajasingham

Dense Foliage

As a late bloomer, pair showy goldenrod with plants that bloom earlier in the season.

Jasleen Kaur

Golden Boom

Spectacular mass effect. Flowers do not cause serious allergies (that's ragweed) and feed many pollinators..

Anita Gould

Visitors to Explore

Hosts the caterpillars of this pink-barred lithacodia, as well as the goldenrod soldier beetle and brown hooded owlet..

CELANDINE POPPY

(Stylophorum diphyllum)

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Bryan Costin

Is celandine poppy right for your garden?

2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May-June

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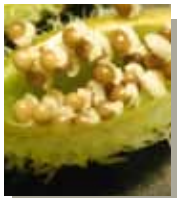
Key Features:

Angie Lucas

Showy Blooms
Excellent color for gardens with deep shade.



Wayne Hughes & Glenn Galau

Explore!
Produces sweet sap on seeds that attracts ants, which then carry the seeds underground, where they eventually sprout.

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Traditional Use
Stems contain a bright yellow sap which was once used as a dye.

SMOOTH ASTER

(Symphyotrichum laeve)

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Dan Mullen

Is smooth aster right for your garden?

2-4 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

Sept-Oct

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Key Features:

Tom Potterfield

Rosette
Starts season as a small rosette. Unlike other asters, leaves are smooth.

Steve Burt

Pollinators
Attracts many species of native pollinators, including this hoverfly.

Photography by Tiwago

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of this silvery checkerspot butterfly. Also hosts the banded woolly bear, and caterpillars of the pale banded dart.

NEW ENGLAND ASTER

(Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)

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John Beetham

Is New England aster right for your garden?

3-6 ft tall
2-3 ft wide

Sept.-Oct.

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Key Features:

G.T. Conservation District

Rain Garden

Beautiful addition to any rain garden. Rain gardens help keep run-off and pollution out of natural areas.

istock

Beautiful Flowers

Late season blooms provide critical food resources for pollinators, like this syrphid fly.

Bruce Marlin

Visitors to Explore

Hosts butterflies like the silvery checkerspot and pearl crescent. Attracts native pollinators like this halictid bee.

BLUE VERVAIN

(Verbena hastata)

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Angie Lucas

Is blue vervain right for your garden?

3-5 ft tall
1-3 ft wide
July-Sept.

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Key Features:

Sally and Andy Wasowski
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Late Color
Blooms into late summer, adding a brush of purple to your garden.

Jerry Oldenetel

Blooms
Dense flower clusters sustain native pollinators. Performs well in rain gardens.

Dan Mullen

Visitors to Explore
Hosts caterpillars of this common buckeye butterfly, and also of the verbena moth.

HOARY VERVAIN

(Verbena stricta)

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Peter Gorman

Is hoary vervain right for your garden?

2-4 ft tall
1.5-2 ft wide

July-Sept.

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Key Features:

Thomas L. Muller

Late Color

Blooms into late summer, adding a brush of purple to your garden.

Matt Tillett

Seeds

Seeds feed a variety of birds through the winter time, such as this dark-eyed junco (*Junco hyemalis*).

Dan Mullen

Visitors to Explore

Dense flower clusters attract butterflies, native bees, and other pollinating insects. Verbena bee (*Calliopsis verbenae*) specializes on this plant.