

PRAIRIE SAGE

(*Artemisia ludoviciana*)



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Raffi Koijan



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.



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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 insects, like this painted grasshopper.

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.

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 to the garden, even when not blooming.



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.

RED TRILLIUM

(*Trillium erectum*)



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Bob Grzesiak



Key Features:



Audrey Menninga

Flower

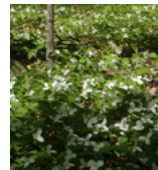
Deep maroon flowers are a stark difference from many other spring wildflowers, attracting spring pollinators.



Derek Ramsey

Leaves

Three leaves around a central stalk form a beautiful frame for buds, flowers, or fruits.



Julie Makin

Visitors to Explore

While not pleasing to human noses, these flowers are an important resource for early pollinators. Seeds are spread by ants.

Is red trillium right for your garden?



1-2 ft tall

April-May

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BEARBERRY/KINNIKINICK

(*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)



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Tim Waters

Delicate Bloom

Soft, bell-shaped, white-pink flowers attract pollinators in spring and early summer.



Tim Waters

Groundcover

Makes an attractive groundcover, helping control erosion even in sandy or rocky soils.



Jesse Taylor

Visitors to Explore

Berries feed small mammals and many birds. Flowers attract native pollinators like bumblebees.

Is bearberry right for your garden?



6-12 in. tall

May-July



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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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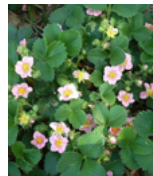
Key Features:



Blueridgekitties

Edible Fruit

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



Frank Vincentz

Groundcover

Depending on site conditions, wild strawberry makes a good groundcover on its own or paired with another native.



Jerry Oldenettel

Visitors to Explore

Caterpillars of smeared dagger moth, Appalachian grizzled skipper, and this gray hairstreak butterfly all depend on wild strawberry.

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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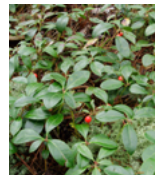
Key Features:



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, wild turkeys, and other birds. Flowers attract native pollinators like bumblebees.