



Natural Garden Natives®

LANDSCAPE GUIDE



Pollinator Garden
Early Season



Penstemon digitalis

Foxglove Beardtongue

- Small, white tubular flowers with faint purple veins
- Deer-resistant, drought and salt-tolerant
- Sun to part shade
- Blooms May - June
- 18-24" tall and wide

Pollinator Garden - Mid-Summer



Dalea purpurea

Purple Prairie Clover

- A legume which provides the soil with beneficial nitrogen
- Full sun, likes dry soil conditions
- Blooms July - August
- 24-36" tall, 8-12" wide



Euphorbia corollata

Flowering Spurge

- Tolerates almost any soil type
- Seeds attract many birds including Wild Turkey, Horned Lark & Greater Prairie Chicken
- Blooms June - July
- 24-36" tall, 18-24" wide



Monarda punctata

Horse Mint

- More drought-tolerant than other Monarda species
- Deer-resistant
- Part to full sun; prefers sandy soils
- Blooms June to July
- 24-36" tall, 12-18" wide



Liatris pycnostachya

Liatris spicata & *Liatris pycnostachya*

Marsh Blazing Star Prairie Blazing Star

- Dense flower spikes of tiny purple-pink flowers, blooming from the top down
- Similar in height; *L. pycnostachya* around 4' is slightly taller
- Can be used for sunny rain gardens
- Full sun
- Blooms July - August

Pollinator Garden - Fall



Eurybia macrophylla

Big-leaved Aster

- Pale lavender flowers
- Part to full shade
- Blooms August - September
- 24-36" tall, 36-48" wide



Lobelia siphilitica

Great Blue Lobelia

- Blue flowering spikes
- Part to full shade
- Blooms July - September
- 24-36" tall, 12-18" wide



Solidago speciosa

Showy Goldenrod

- Golden plumes
- Full sun
- Blooms August - October
- 24-36" tall, 24-36" wide



Symphyotrichum laeve *var. laeve*

Smooth Blue Aster

- Dainty flower; dry seed has tuft to carry it off in the wind
- Full sun
- Blooms August - October
- 3-4' tall, 18-24" wide

Allium cernuum

Nodding Wild Onion

- Grass-like foliage
- Small purple/pink flowers
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms June - September
- 12-18" tall, 8-12" wide



Carex radiata

Straight-styled Wood Sedge

- Prefers damp soil
- Full shade to part sun
- Blooms April - May
- 8-12" tall and wide



Coreopsis lanceolata

Sand Coreopsis

- Drought-tolerant
- Full sun
- Blooms May - July
- 18-24" tall and wide



Eragrostis spectabilis

Purple Lovegrass

- Low mound of light green leaves
- Drought and salt-tolerant
- Full sun
- Blooms August - September
- 18-24" tall, 12-18" wide



Gentiana andrewsii

Bottle Gentian, Closed Gentian

- Deep blue bottle-shaped flowers that never open
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms August - October
- 18-24" tall, 12-18" wide



Geum triflorum

Prairie Smoke

- Graceful pink flowers followed by feathery seed heads
- Deer-resistant
- Full sun
- Blooms April - June
- 12-18" tall and wide



Heuchera richardsonii

Prairie Alumroot

- Small greenish-white flowers that form a loose spike
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms June - July
- 18-24" tall, 12-18" wide



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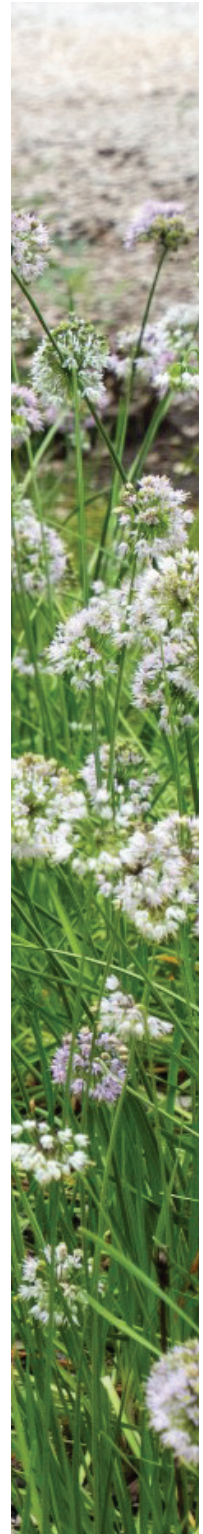
- Small white tubular flowers with faint purple veins
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms May - June
- 18-24" tall and wide



Rudbeckia fulgida var. *speciosa*

Showy Black-eyed Susan

- Deer and rabbit-resistant
- More disease-resistant than other *Rudbeckia*
- Full sun
- Blooms June - October
- 18-24" tall and wide



Shade Garden/Woodland



Carex radiata
Straight-styled Wood Sedge

- Can handle wet soil – but cannot handle drought
- Looks similar to *Carex rosea*
- Blooms April - May
- Part to full shade
- 8-12" tall and wide



Geranium maculatum
Wild Geranium

- Lavender to soft pink flowers
- Freely reseeds
- Adapted to moist prairie soils or lightly wooded settings
- Deep red fall color
- Deer and rabbit-resistant
- Blooms April - June
- 18-24" tall and wide



Mertensia virginica
Virginia Bluebells

- Striking pink buds turn to flowers in shades of blue
- Rabbit-resistant
- Blooms April - May; goes dormant by mid-summer
- 18-24" tall and wide



Phlox divaricata
Woodland Phlox

- Lavender-blue fragrant flowers rise above smooth foliage
- Can be sheared after flowering
- Drought-tolerant
- Blooms April - June
- 12-18" tall and wide

About Carex

With estimates between 1,100 to 2,000 species, *Carex* is a grass-like plant with triangular stems and unisexual flowers. It thrives in various settings, with some species adapting beyond their preferred conditions. Used for groundcover, accent plantings, and bioswales, it also supports wildlife. Low-maintenance, it requires only a late winter or early spring cutback. Natural Garden Natives® focuses on Illinois-native species.



Carex crinita

Fringed Sedge

- Robust with long, nodding spikes
- Blooms in May
- Sun to part shade
- 3-4' tall, 12-18" wide
- Form: Clumping
- Soil Conditions: Moist
- Texture: Coarse

Carex jamesii

Grass Sedge

- Woodland sedge
- Blooms April - May
- Shade to part sun
- 6-8" tall and wide
- Form: Clumping
- Soil Conditions: Moist/well drained
- Texture: Fine

Carex stricta

Tussock Sedge

- Prefers moist, shaded areas
- Blooms May
- Sun to part shade
- 24-36" tall, 18-24" wide
- Form: Clumping
- Soil Conditions: Moist
- Texture: Medium



Carex emoryi

Riverbank Sedge

- Emergent aquatic that thrives in stream banks, wet meadows, and shorelines.
- Blooms in May
- Shade to part sun
- 18-24" tall, 2-18" wide
- Form: Spreading
- Soil Conditions: Moist
- Texture: Coarse

Carex pensylvanica

Common Oak Sedge

- Clump-forming, will not create a solid mat
- Blooms April - May
- Shade to part sun
- 8-12" tall, 8-24" wide
- Form: Spreading
- Soil Conditions: Moist/well drained
- Texture: Fine

Carex sprengeii

Long-beaked Sedge

- Grass-like perennial
- Blooms in May
- Shade to part sun
- 18-24" tall and wide
- Form: Clumping
- Soil Conditions: Moist
- Texture: Medium



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