

TIPPECANOE COUNTY SWCD

NATIVE PLANT SALE

2026



We are accepting orders from February 1, 2026 - April 6, 2026

The 2026 plant sale is 3 weeks earlier than in recent years and the plants will be smaller.

All orders will be picked up at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in the west wing of the main building. The fairgrounds are located at 1406 Teal Rd | Lafayette, IN 47905. There will be signs directing you to the correct building and doors.

There are two dates available for order pick up and purchasing plants:

April 24: Come anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026 to pick up preorders and/or shop for plants at the public sale.

April 25: Come anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on April 25, 2026 to pick up preorders and/or shop for plants at the public sale. The Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County Garden Expo is the same time next door in the West Pavilion. The West Central Chapter of the Indiana Native Plant Society will also be selling native plants at the Garden Expo. We encourage you to give them a visit.

If you need assistance placing your order, please email us at soil.water@tippecanoe.in.gov or call us at (765) 474-9992 ext. 3 and we can work with you on alternate ways to order.

Although we strive to provide all the plants listed, there may be times when these species become unavailable. If the listed species are not available at the time of delivery, we will work with the nurseries to substitute a similar plant species or refunds will be offered.

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Broadleaf Wildflowers (Forbs)



Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Performs best in partial shade in well-drained soil. Early season nectar source for pollinators like hummingbirds. Deer-resistant.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✓

Marsh Milkweed

Asclepias incarnata

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	June - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Thrives in wet areas, but will also grow in moist garden soil. Fragrant flowers attract pollinators. Host plant for Monarch butterfly caterpillars.



Soil Moisture Preference

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Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 2 feet
Bloom Period	June - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Requires excellent drainage and full sun. Drought tolerant. Breaks dormancy late. Attracts a variety of pollinators and is a host plant for Monarch butterfly.



Soil Moisture Preference

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Sunlight Preference

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Whorled Milkweed

Asclepias verticillata

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	In open, sunny areas with exposed soil.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attracts a variety of pollinators and is a host plant for the Monarch butterfly. Named for whorled leaf arrangement.



Soil Moisture Preference

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Sunlight Preference

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Blue False Indigo

Baptisia australis

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Not often browsed by mammals due to slightly toxic foliage. Mature plants are shrub-like with an equal spread.



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Pink Turtlehead

Chelone obliqua

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Prefers moist conditions. Pollinated by bumblebees. Tolerates clay soils. Provides long-lasting blooms late in the season.



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Blue Mist Flower

Conoclinium coelestinum

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - October
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, via rhizomes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attracts late-season pollinators. Host plant for Clymene Moth, Lined Ruby Tiger Moth, and Three-Lined Flower Moth.



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Purple Prairie Clover

Dalea purpurea

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 2 feet
Bloom Period	July - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Fixes Nitrogen in the soil. Requires excellent drainage. Drought tolerant. Large taproot. Attracts a variety of native pollinators.



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Purple Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	June - August
Spreads Prolifically?	Self-seeds; can be managed by deadheading or by pulling unwanted seedlings.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attracts many. pollinators. Seeds are enjoyed by Eastern Goldfinches.



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Grass-leaved Goldenrod

Euthamia graminifolia

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, in moist soils
Wildlife Value & Notes	Flowers attract butterflies, moths, bees, and beetles. Seeds foraged on by Swamp Sparrows and Eastern Goldfinches.



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Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 feet
Bloom Period	April - May
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Seeds and flowers attract insects, song birds, butterflies, and small mammals. Excellent for woodland gardens.



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Western Sunflower

Helianthus occidentalis

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	Somewhat; spreads easily if soil is bare.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Drought tolerant. Seeds are food source for a variety of wildlife, including Eastern Goldfinch and Bobwhite Quail.



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Swamp Rose Mallow

Hibiscus moscheutos

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 7 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Large, attractive plant suited for sunny, moist, or wet and slightly acidic sites. Nectar and pollen support bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



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Blue Flag Iris

Iris virginica shrevei

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	Spreads via rhizomes, can be divided to control.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Cross-pollinated by bees, supports moth larvae. Not often browsed by mammals due to slightly toxic foliage.



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Rough Blazing Star

Liatris aspera

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attracts many bees and butterflies, especially bumblebees and Monarchs. Browsed on by deer and rabbits.



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Prairie Blazing Star

Liatris pycnostachya

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attracts butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds throughout the summer. Grows best in full sun to partial sun.



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Cardinal Flower

Lobelia cardinalis

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	In bare or disturbed areas that are moist.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies, and other pollinators. Requires moist soil.



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Great Blue Lobelia

Lobelia siphilitica

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Nectar and pollen attract bumblebees and other long-tongued bees. Not commonly eaten by mammals due to toxic alkaloids in foliage.



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Wild Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	July - August
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes; spreads via rhizomes and self-seeding.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Also known as Beebalm. Oregano-scented foliage. Very attractive to a wide variety of pollinators.



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Riddell's Goldenrod

Oligoneuron riddellii

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	September - October
Spreads Prolifically?	Slow-spreading.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Important late-season source of pollen and nectar for pollinators. Used as a host plant by many insects. Seeds enjoyed by Eastern Goldfinch.



Soil Moisture Preference

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Hairy Penstemon

Penstemon hirsutus

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 2 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Named for hairy stem. Attracts native pollinators, like bees and hummingbirds. Shade tolerant. Prefers medium to dry soils.



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Narrow-Leaf Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 2 feet
Bloom Period	July - August
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attractive to many kinds of butterflies, bees, wasps, flies, and beetles. Seeds are eaten by a variety of small mammals, and deer may browse leaves.



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Common Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum virginianum

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	May spread prolifically in moist conditions.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Very attractive to pollinators. Fragrant minty aroma. Can spread to form colonies. Long bloom period.



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Showy Black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia fulgida

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Host plant for 23 species of moths and butterflies; these & bees visit for nectar and pollen. Seeds are enjoyed by finches in the winter.



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Royal Catchfly

Silene regia

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	July - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Attracts hummingbirds, Black Swallowtails, and other pollinators. Insect-eating birds feed on insects that get stuck on the stems and leaves.



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Celandine Poppy

Sylophorum diphylllum

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 2 feet
Bloom Period	April - May
Spreads Prolifically?	Reseeds readily but is easily managed.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Does well in dappled sunlight under trees. Deer resistant foliage. Early source of pollen for bees.



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Smooth Blue Aster

Symphyotrichum laeve

Quick Facts

Average Height	4 feet
Bloom Period	August - October
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Late blooming flowers attract many different pollinators. Host plant for the Silvery Checkerspot and Pearl Crescent butterflies.



Soil Moisture Preference

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Sunlight Preference

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Sky-Blue Aster

Symphyotrichum oolentangiense

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 2 feet
Bloom Period	September - October
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Drought tolerant. Good late season food source for bees, butterflies, flies, and beetles. Seeds benefit birds like tree sparrows and wild turkey.



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Ohio Spiderwort

Tradescantia ohiensis

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 -3 feet
Bloom Period	June - July
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, in fertile soils.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Bees are primary pollinator. Foliage browsed on by deer, rabbits, and turtles. Intolerant of salt- do not plant along road or walkway.



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Golden Alexander's

Zizia aurea

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	May
Spreads Prolifically?	Spreads via re-seeding. Easily colonizes bare soil.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Host plant for Black Swallowtail butterfly. Self seeds. Excellent early season food source for pollinators.



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Grasses & Sedges



Big Bluestem

Andropogon gerardii

Quick Facts

Average Height	4 - 8 feet
Bloom Period	July - October
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Birds & mammals utilize for nesting and escape cover. Blue-green color turns red-bronze in the fall. Drought tolerant thanks to extensive roots.



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Plains Oval Sedge

Carex brevior

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 feet
Bloom Period	June - July
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Drought tolerant and can tolerate controlled burns. Unpalatable to deer and rabbits. Utilized for shelter by small mammals, amphibians, and reptiles.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✓

Frank's Sedge

Carex frankii

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 feet
Bloom Period	June - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Requires moist conditions. Provides habitat for many wetland birds. Spikelets and seeds enjoyed by songbirds and waterfowl.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✓

Gray's Sedge

Carex grayi

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 feet
Bloom Period	May - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Resistant to deer and other herbivores. Birds and small mammals consume seed pods and use plant for cover.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✓

Field Oval Sedge

Carex molesta

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 feet
Bloom Period	June - July
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Several species of butterflies, skippers, and moths feed on wetland sedges. Seeds are eaten by waterfowl, rails, and other wetland birds.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✓

June Grass

Koeleria cristata

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 feet
Bloom Period	June - July
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Provides food for game birds, small mammals, and numerous grasshoppers and leafhoppers.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✗	✗

Switchgrass

Panicum virgatum

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 5 feet
Bloom Period	July - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Host plant for 27 species of butterflies and moths. Seeds eaten by song birds and small mammals. Works well as a visual screen.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✗	✗

Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value	Tolerates a variety of conditions. Bronze-orange fall color. Larval host for several species of skipper butterflies.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✗	✗

Woolgrass

Scirpus cyperinus

Quick Facts

Average Height	5 feet
Bloom Period	August - October
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Provides food and cover for waterfowl and other wetland species.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✗	✗	✗

Indiangrass

Sorghastrum nutans

Quick Facts

Average Height	4 - 6 feet
Bloom Period	August - September
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Bluish-green foliage that turns orange-yellow in fall. Golden brown seedhead. Seeds eaten by numerous songbirds and small mammals.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✗	✗

Prairie Dropseed

Sporobolus heterolepis

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 3 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Drought tolerant. Slow to establish. Fall color is tan/bronze. Highly valuable to songbirds due to fall seeds & support of moth & butterfly caterpillars.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✗	✗

Shrubs



Black Chokeberry

Aronia melanocarpa

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 8 feet
Bloom Period	April - May
Spreads Prolifically?	Via rhizomes, not aggressively
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating, but fruit yields may increase with multiple plantings. Best fruiting occurs in full sun. Flowers attract pollinators, songbirds eat fruit.



Soil Moisture Preference











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Sunlight Preference

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✓	✓	✗	✗

Buttonbush

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Quick Facts				
Average Height	5 - 8 feet			
Bloom Period	June - August			
Spreads Prolifically?	No			
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies. Attracts over 24 species of birds, which browse on nutlets that persist into the winter.			
Soil Moisture Preference				
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Sunlight Preference				
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Gray Dogwood

Cornus racemosa

Quick Facts

Average Height	10 - 15 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, via suckers. Best used in a naturalized setting.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Nectar and pollen attract bees and butterflies. Fruits provide food to songbirds and small mammals.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✗	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✓

Red Osier Dogwood

Cornus sericea

Quick Facts

Average Height	6 - 9 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	Spreads quickly in wet conditions.
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Host plant for the Spring Azure butterfly. Fruits are attractive to birds and small mammals.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✗

Shrubby St. John's-Wort

Hypericum prolificum

Quick Facts

Average Height	1 - 4 feet
Bloom Period	June - August
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Highly attractive to native bees, including bumblebees and sweat bees. Host plant for numerous moths.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✗	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✓	✗

Winterberry

Ilex verticillata

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 12 feet
Bloom Period	May - July
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, in wet sites
Wildlife Value & Notes	Plants are either male or female. Female plants produce showy red berries that persist through winter and are eaten by over 48 species of birds.



Soil Moisture Preference

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Sunlight Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗

Ninebark

Physocarpus opulifolius

Quick Facts

Average Height	3 - 8 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Seeds are eaten by birds and mammals, which also use the shrub for shelter. Host plant for several moth species.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗

Pasture Rose

Rosa carolina

Quick Facts

Average Height	2 feet
Bloom Period	June - August
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, in rich soil
Wildlife Value & Notes	Host plant to various moth species. Frequently visited by bees. Rose hips provide food to songbirds, quail, wild turkey, and small mammals.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗

Common Elderberry

Sambucus canadensis

Quick Facts

Average Height	5 - 12 feet
Bloom Period	May - July
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, in wet sites
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Berries are relished by many bird species and wildlife, and are edible (when cooked) to humans.



Soil Moisture Preference

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✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

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✓	✓	✓	✗

Meadowsweet

Spiraea alba

Quick Facts

Average Height	5 feet
Bloom Period	July - September
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes, via root suckers
Wildlife Value & Notes	Larval host for the Spring Azure butterfly. Supports many species of moths, butterflies, and bees. Birds use shrub for food and protective cover.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✗	✗	✗

Coralberry

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus

Quick Facts

Average Height	4 feet
Bloom Period	May - June
Spreads Prolifically?	Yes
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Berries persist into the winter and are a great late-season source of food for birds and small mammals. Deer consume leaves.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✗	✓	✓	✓	✗

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
✓	✓	✗	✗

Highbush Blueberry

Vaccinium corymbosum

Quick Facts

Average Height	6 - 12 feet
Bloom Period	May
Spreads Prolifically?	No
Wildlife Value & Notes	Self-pollinating. Berries eaten by mammals and over 30 species of songbirds. Deer browse foliage. Flowers attract butterflies and bees.



Soil Moisture Preference

Dry (Excessively Drained)	Dry Mesic (Well Drained)	Mesic (Moderately Well Drained)	Wet Mesic (Somewhat Poor to Poorly Drained)	Wet (Very Poorly Drained)
✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

Sunlight Preference

Full Sun (6+ Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Sun (4-6 Hours of Direct Sun)	Partial Shade (2-4 Hours of Direct Sun)	Shade (Less than 2 Hours of Direct Sun)
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