

Landscaping Plants for Dry Mesic to Mesic Soil & Partial Sun (4-6 hours of direct sunlight)

Plants in pink are available at the 2026 Tippecanoe County SWCD Plant Sale.

Broadleaf Wildflowers (Forbs)

Common Name	Scientific Name
Lavender Hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>
Nodding Wild Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
Marsh Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Whorled Milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>
Grass-leaved Goldenrod	<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>
Rough Blazing Star	<i>Liastris aspera</i>
Prairie Sundrops	<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>
Prairie Phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>
Midland Shooting Star	<i>Primula meadia</i>
Showy Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>
Early Goldenrod	<i>Solidago juncea</i>
Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>
White Heath Aster	<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i>
Smooth Blue Aster	<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>
Sky-Blue Aster	<i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i>
Ohio Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>

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Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes

Common Name	Scientific Name
Yellowfruit Sedge	<i>Carex annectens</i>
Bicknell's Sedge	<i>Carex bicknellii</i>
Plains Oval Sedge	<i>Carex brevior</i>
Fox Sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>
Switchgrass ¹	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>
Little Bluestem ²	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>

1. Switchgrass can spread through rhizomes. It is included on this list because it is a good native alternative to invasive plants like Chinese Silvergrass.
2. Little bluestem can spread and may require additional effort to keep it in check.

Vines

These vines are wonderful native plants but can be unruly.
Research before adding them to your property.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Trumpet Creeper	<i>Campsis radicans</i>
Leatherflower	<i>Clematis viorna</i>
Virgin's Bower	<i>Clematis virginiana</i>
Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>

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Shrubs

Common Name	Scientific Name
Downy Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>
Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>
New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Pagoda Dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>
Gray Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>
Red Osier Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Common Witch-hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>
Smooth Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>
Shrubby St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>
Pasture Rose	<i>Rosa carolina</i>
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>

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Trees

Common Name	Scientific Name	On Lafayette and West Lafayette's Street Tree List
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	No
Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	No
American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Yes
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Yes
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Yes
Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	No
Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Yes
American Crabapple	<i>Malus coronaria</i>	No
Black Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Yes
American Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Yes
Eastern White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	No
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	No
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	No
Shingle Oak	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	Yes
Chinkapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Yes
Northern Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Yes
Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Yes
Eastern Hemlock	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	No