

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>	<i>No</i>
Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	<i>No</i>
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>	<i>No</i>
Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Yes
American Crabapple	<i>Malus coronaria</i>	<i>No</i>
Black Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Yes
American Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Yes
Eastern White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	<i>No</i>
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	<i>No</i>
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	<i>No</i>
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>	<i>No</i>