

ILLINOIS NATIVES

The use of native and tolerant plants provides solutions for many situations. These plant communities work together and will help lower maintenance costs, attract wildlife, filter stormwater, tolerate dry and wet conditions and reduce erosion.

Full Sun (RG)-Rain Garden (E)-Edible *-Beneficial to Birds and Insects

Perennials

<i>Anemone patens</i> -Pasque Flower	<i>Geum triflorum</i> -Prairie Smoke (RG)
<i>Asclepias incarnate</i> -Swamp Milkweed (RG)*	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> -False Sunflower*
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> -Butterfly Weed*	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> -Rough Blazing Star (RG)*
<i>Aster spp.</i> *	<i>Liatris spicata</i> -Spiked Blazing Star*
<i>Baptisia australis</i> -False Indigo	<i>Lobelia spicata</i> -Pale Spiked Lobelia (RG)
<i>Coreopsis lanceolate</i> -Sand Coreopsis*	<i>Phlox paniculata</i> -Garden Phlox*
<i>Dalea purpurea</i> -Purple Prairie Clover (RG)*	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> -Yellow Coneflower (RG)
<i>Echinacea pallida</i> -Pale Purple Coneflower*	<i>Ruellia humilis</i> -Wild Petunia
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> -Purple Coneflower*	<i>Solidago spp.</i> -Goldenrod (RG)*
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> -Rattlesnake Master (RG)*	<i>Vernonia fasciculate</i> -Ironweed (RG)*

Grasses

<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> -Big Bluestem*	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> -Switchgrass
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> -Side Oats Grama*	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> -Little Bluestem (RG)*
<i>Calamagrostis Canadensis</i> -Blue Joint Grass (RG)	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> -Indian Grass *
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i> -Purple Love Grass	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> -Prairie Dropseed
<i>Koeleria cristata</i> -June Grass	

Shrubs

<i>Corylus americana</i> -American Filbert (E)	<i>Spiraea alba</i> -Meadowsweet (RG)*
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> -Winterberry (RG)*	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> -Highbush Blueberry (E)*
<i>Sambucus Canadensis</i> -Elderberry (E)*	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> -Arrowwood Viburnum

Trees

<i>Carya illinoensis</i> -Pecan (E)	<i>Quercus bicolor</i> -Swamp White Oak
<i>Carya ovata</i> -Shagbark Hickory	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> -Bur Oak
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> -Hackberry	<i>Quercus palustris</i> -Pin Oak
<i>Juglans nigra</i> -Black Walnut	<i>Quercus rubra</i> -Northern Red Oak

Evergreen Trees

<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> -Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Pinus strobus</i> -Eastern White Pine
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This list is not exhaustive, for information on more native plants ask one of our nursery specialists!

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Part Shade (RG)-Rain Garden

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Perennials

Allium cernuum-Nodding Wild Onion (RG)*

Anemone cylindrical-Prairie Thimbleweed

Aster spp. (RG)*

Baptisia leucantha-White Wild Indigo

Dodecatheon meadia-Shooting Star

Eupatorium spp.-Joe Pye Weed/Boneset (RG)

Iris virginica shrevei-Blue Flag Iris (RG)

Lobelia cardinalis-Cardinal Flower (RG)*

Monarda fistulosa-Wild Bergamot/Bee Balm (RG)*

Penstemon digitalis-Foxglove Beardtongue

Rudbeckia hirta-Black-Eyed Susan (RG)*

Tradescantia ohioensis-Spiderwort (RG)

Veronicastrum virginicum-Culver's Root

Zizia spp.-Golden Alexander/Meadow Parsnip

Grasses

Carex spp.-Sedges (RG)

Chasmanthium latifolium-Northern Sea Oats (RG)*

Deschampsia caespitosa-Tufted Hair Grass

Elymus spp.-Wild Rye

Hystrix patula-Bottlebrush Grass

Scirpus spp.- Rush/Bulrush (RG)*

Spartina pectinate-Prairie Cord Grass (RG)*

Shrubs

Aronia arbutifolia-Red Chokeberry

Hamamelis virginiana-Common Witch Hazel*

Hydrangea arborescens-Smooth Hydrangea

Physocarpus opulifolius-Ninebark

Ribes americanum-Wild Black Currant (E)*

Rosa palustris-Swamp Rose (RG)*

Trees

Asimina triloba-Pawpaw (E)

Amelanchier Canadensis-Downy Serviceberry (E)

Carpinus caroliniana-American Hornbeam

Cercis Canadensis-Eastern Redbud

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Perennials

Aquilegia Canadensis-Wild Columbine (RG)*

Asarum canadense-Wild Ginger

Chelone glabra-White Turtlehead (RG)

(RG)*

Dicentra cucullaria-Dutchman's Breeches

Geranium maculatum-Wild Geranium (RG)

Mertensia virginica-Virginia Bluebells (RG)

Heuchera 'Autumn Bride'-Autumn Bride Coralbell

Podophyllum peltatum-Mayapple

Polemonium reptans-Jacob's Ladder

Polygonatum canaliculatum-Solomon's Seal

Tiarella spp.-Foamflower (RG)

Trillium spp.- Trillium

Viola Canadensis-Canada Violet (RG)

Ferns

Adiantum pedatum-American Maidenhair Fern

Athyrium felix-femina-Lady Fern

Matteuccia pensylvanica-Ostrich Fern

Osmunda cinnamomea-Cinnamon Fern

Polystichum acrostichoides-Christmas Fern

Grasses

Elymus hystrix-Bottlebrush Grass

Shrubs

Aesculus parviflora-Bottlebrush Buckeye

Hydrangea quercifolia-Oak Leaf Hydrangea