

# Native Plants

In this section, we use [www.plants.usda.gov](http://www.plants.usda.gov) as our source for determining whether a species is native to Minnesota. If you're looking for plants native to North America but not Minnesota, you'll find them in the Perennials section.

Native plants are marked with the native symbol ☐ and the source of the plant stock or seed used to grow these plants is given. Those without the Minnesota symbol are selections or cultivated varieties bred from the Minnesota species, sometimes called "nativars." In those cases, the term "cultivar," "selected," or "selection" is used.

Many of these plants are first-season seedlings that will stay small this year as they develop their root systems, not blooming until their second season in the garden.

## Key

- Full sun
- ◐ Part sun/part shade
- Shade
- ♠ Good for bees
- 🐝 Audubon-endorsed
- 🦋 Butterfly-friendly
- 👤 Hummingbird-friendly
- 🌿 Attractive foliage
- 🍷 Culinary
- 🍽 Edible flowers
- 🌱 Ground cover
- 🏠 Medicinal
- ☐ Minnesota native
- 🪨 Rock garden
- ❄️ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F
- ☹️ Toxic to humans
- 🔄 Saturday restock

## About those stars...

Throughout, you will notice plants that are marked with five stars (\*\*\*\*\*). These plants have been awarded five stars by Heger, Lonnee, and Whitman in the 2011 edition of *Growing Perennials in Cold Climates* as some of the very best plants available on the market.

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## Aster, Aromatic

### *Symphotrichum oblongifolium*

Showy, low-growing, bushy plant with hundreds of daisy flowers in fall. Attractive to butterflies and makes an excellent cut flower. Host plant for silvery checkerspot butterflies. ○●♠🦋

**\$3.00—2.5" pot:**

- N001 **Dream of Beauty**—Pink flowers with burnt orange centers form a dense carpet in many soil types, including clay. Selected by Great Plains plantsman Claude Barr. \*\*\*\*\* 12" h
- N002 **October Skies**—Light lavender-blue 1" flowers with gold centers on mint-scented mounds. Blooms in fall when many plants are done blooming. Excellent cut flower. Cultivar. \*\*\*\*\* 15–24" h
- N003 **Raydon's Favorite**—Blue-lavender 1" flowers. Rated by the Chicago Botanic Garden as one of the best aster cultivars for its shape and flower production. 24–36" h by 18–36" w

**\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:**

- N004 **Wild Aromatic Aster**—Blue-lavender flowers with yellow centers. Central Illinois seed source. 12–40" h ♠☐

### N005 **Aster, Big-Leaved** 🐝

#### *Eurybia macrophylla*

Ground cover with light blue flowers, September–October if it gets enough sun. Leaves so large it's also called lumberjack toilet paper. Native to savanna and woodlands in rich soil. Easy to grow, though it may inhibit the growth of some of its neighboring plants. Seed from Pine County, Minn. 12–36" h ○●♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

### N006 **Aster, Calico**

#### *Symphotrichum lateriflorum* Lady in Black

Statuesque beauty with dark purple leaves in spring, smothered in small white daisies with purplish red centers in late summer. Pinching stems back in early summer produces bushier plants. Cultivar. 36" h ○●♠🦋 **\$3.00—2.5" pot**

### N007 **Aster, Frost** 🐝

#### *Symphotrichum pilosus*

Half-inch white daisy flowers with yellow centers that age to red. Extend your garden's bloom time with an aster that flowers until hard frost. Good for late-season pollinators. Thrives in poor soils; may self-seed. Also called hairy white oldfield aster. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 18–48" h ○●♠☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

### N008 **Aster, Heart-Leaved** 🐝

#### *Symphotrichum cordifolium*

Clouds of small flowers, sometimes light blue, sometimes white, with centers that change from white to dark pink from August through October. Wonderful cut flowers and charming in the garden. Prefers average to dry soil. Seed from Crawford County, Wis. 24–36" h ○●♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

## No more aster

All of the native plants named aster used to also have the scientific name *Aster*. Unfortunately, the botany experts decided to change the genus of the native asters to a couple of other, much more complicated names. We mourn the loss of *Aster* for our native plants.

## Aster, New England

### *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*

Excellent late-season color. Tolerant of wet soil, but happy in average soil. Pinching stems back in early summer produces bushier plants. Deer-resistant. ○●

**\$2.00—2.5" pot:**

- N009 **Purple Dome** 🐝—A standout in the fall garden. Performs best in full sun and well-drained soil. Cultivar. \*\*\*\*\* 18" h ♠🦋

**\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:**

- N010 **Wild New England Aster**—Lavender, pink, or violet blossoms. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 24–60" h ♠🦋☐

**\$6.00—4.5" pot:**

- N011 **Vibrant Dome** 🐝—A selection with profuse hot pink daisy flowers with gold centers. \*\*\*\*\* 15–20" h by 30" w ♠🦋

### N012 **Aster, Short's** 🐝

#### *Symphotrichum shortii*

Woodland aster with 1" lavender or pale blue-violet flowers from summer to fall. The centers of the flowers age from yellow to reddish purple. Named for Charles Wilkins Short, an early nineteenth century physician and botanist, and not for the height of the plant. May self-seed. Seed from northeastern Iowa. 24–40" h ○●♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

### N013 **Aster, Sky Blue** 🐝

#### *Symphotrichum oolentangiense*

A best bet for late season beauty and drama. From August–October, dozens of 1" lavender, yellow-eyed daisies are held in large sprays. Thrives in dry soil but is even more gorgeous in rich garden soil. Seed from Indiana. 12–48" h ○●♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

### N014 **Aster, Smooth Blue**

#### *Symphotrichum laevis*

Lavender flowers in profusion late in the season. One of the most versatile, appealing, and long-lived of all the asters. The attractive blue-green foliage is silky smooth. Plant in full sun for a charming floral display. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 36–60" h ○●♠🦋☐ **\$6.00—4 plants in a pack**

See more ASTERS, page 21

### N015 **Baneberry, Red** *Actaea rubra*

Attractive lobed foliage followed by poisonous bright red berries in late summer and fall. Good on wooded hillsides. Wild seed from Mille Lacs County, Minn. 18–24" h ○●☐☐ **\$9.00—4" pot**

## Beardtongue, Foxglove

### *Penstemon digitalis*

Elongated, triangular leaves ripple slightly on upright, narrow plants. Not related to foxglove (*Digitalis*); it's so named because the flowers resemble miniature foxgloves. Self-seeds, though not in a bad way. Hummingbird nectar. ○●♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot:**

- N016 **Wild Foxglove Beardtongue** 🐝—White to light pink tubular flowers on vertical stems in June. Seed from Ogle County, Ill. 24–48" h ☐

**\$10.00—4.5" pot:**

- N017 **Blackbeard** **NEW** 🐝—Cultivar named after the English pirate Blackbeard, the foliage emerges dark red and deepens to almost black. Strong burgundy stems hold spires of tubular lilac-pink flowers, followed by burgundy seed pods. Rugged and easy to grow. 28–34" h by 20–24" w

### N018 **Beardtongue, Large-Flowered** 🐝

#### *Penstemon grandiflorus*

Tubular, large-throated lavender flowers in early summer above blue-green foliage. Prefers a dry spot. Unknown seed origin. 24–40" h ○♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

## Bee Balm *Monarda didyma*

Large flower heads in July and August. Best in sun with space around it for good air circulation. Mint family; aromatic leaves are good for tea. Remove spent flowers to prolong blooming. Deer-resistant. ○●♠🦋☐

**\$2.00—2.5" pot:**

- N019 **Jacob Cline** 🐝—Cultivar with the truest red flowers. \*\*\*\*\* 48" h
- N020 **Panorama Red Shades** 🐝—Strong red selection. 30" h

**\$3.50—3.5" pot:**

- N021 **Wild Bee Balm** 🐝—A favorite of native bees, with showy 2" heads of packed, tubular red flowers on square stems in midsummer. Surface roots quickly form mats. Massing plants attracts more pollinators. Midwestern seed source. 24–48" h ☐

Plant widths are similar to their heights unless noted otherwise.

## Bee Balm continued

**\$4.00—3.5" pot:**

- N022 **Fireball** 🐝—Red-purple clusters of tubular blossoms on a compact cultivar. 15–20" h
- N023 **Petite Delight** 🐝—Dwarf cultivar with eye-catching rosy pink flowers: just watch the hummingbirds flock. It adapts to any moist, well-drained soil, and increases quickly. 12–15" h
- N024 **Petite Wonder** 🐝—Lovely clear pink flowers in July. Cultivar from Manitoba. 9–12" h
- N025 **Raspberry Wine** 🐝—Cultivar with burgundy and fuchsia flowers. \*\*\*\*\* 24–36" h
- N026 **White** 🐝—Cultivar. 24–36" h

**\$6.00—4.5" pot:**

- N027 **Balmy Rose** 🐝—Large, shaggy pink flowers. Neat, compact cultivar. 10–12" h by 24–36" w
- N028 **Purple Rooster** 🐝—Vivid, long-blooming purple flowers on sturdy stems that require no support. Cultivar. 24–36" h

### N029 **Bee Balm, Spotted** 🐝

#### *Monarda punctata*

Tiers of pink or lavender petal-like whorls ring the stems, and are showier than the actual flowers, which are small and purple-spotted pink to yellow. Aromatic, self-seeding biennial. Prefers well-drained sandy soils. Native to prairie and savanna. Seed from Wabasha County, Minn. 12–36" h ○●♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

See more BEE BALM, page 21

### N030 **Beeplant** *Cleome serrulata* 🐝

This prairie plant's rich nectar is prized by bees and butterflies. It's also been useful to Southwest Indian tribes for food, dyes, and medicine. Leafy, prickly columns with showy pink flowers on top July–August. Will self-seed for next year. Musky scent. Seed from Colorado. 42–54" h ○♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

### N031 **Bellflower, Tall** *Campanula americana*

Blue star flowers on tall spikes in late summer, not bell-like. Long bloom time. Self-seeding biennial, not weedy like the unfortunately ubiquitous European creeping bellflower. Seed from Clayton County, Iowa. 24–72" h ○●♠☐ **\$6.00—4 plants in a pack**

See also HAREBELLS, page 54

### N032 **Bergamot, Wild** *Monarda fistulosa* 🐝

This fragrant member of the mint family has lavender blossoms July–September. Excellent for butterflies and moths; attracts hummingbirds and finches. Good for tea. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 24–48" h by 48" w ○♠🦋☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

### N033 **Bishop's Cap** 🐝

#### *Mitella diphylla* Wild Bishop's Cap

Spikes of tiny, fantastically intricate white flowers with fringed petals from April to June. Maple-shaped 3" leaves. Moist soil. Spreads by seed or rhizomes. Seed from Clayton County, Iowa. 6–16" h ○●☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

## Black-Eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*

Daisies with long petals on single stems. Biennial or short-lived perennial. ○●☐

**\$2.00—2.5" pot:**

- N034 **Irish Eyes** 🐝—Gold with green centers. Cultivar. 24–30" h
- N035 **Toto Gold** 🐝—Yellow and red 4–5" flowers with prominent dark centers. Prolong bloom until frost by cutting back the plant after first flowering. Compact cultivar that is great for a summer container. 12–15" h

**\$3.50—3.5" pot:**

- N036 **Wild Black-Eyed Susan** 🐝—Seed from Iowa. 12–40" h ♠☐

**\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:**

- N037 **Wild Black-Eyed Susan**—Seed from northeastern Iowa. 12–40" h ♠☐

### N038 **Black-Eyed Susan, Sweet** 🐝

#### *Rudbeckia subtomentosa*

Large yellow flowers with shimmering red-brown centers. An outstanding perennial. Attracts butterflies. Blooms August–October. Seed from northern Illinois. 24–72" h ○●☐☐ **\$3.50—3.5" pot**

See more BLACK-EYED SUSANS, pages 22 and 34

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## Blanket Flower *Gaillardia aristata*

Sun-loving, colorful daisies on mounding plants. Blooms regardless of heat and drought. Deadheading results in a blanket of color all summer. Requires good drainage. ☉☘

\$2.00—2.5" pot:

N039 **Arizona Sun** ☘—Bicolor 3" flowers in brick and gold. Cultivar. 8–10" h

N040 **Burgundy** ☘—Wine red flowers, best in full sun. Cultivar. 24–30" h

\$3.00—3.5" pot:

N041 **Mesa Yellow** ☘—Profuse lemon yellow 2–3" flowers. Dense habit. Cultivar. 18" h

\$7.00—1 quart pot:

N042 **Fanfare Blaze**—Fiery orange trumpet-like petals surround a deep red-orange center. Cultivar. 12–16" h ☘

## Blazing Star *Liatris*

Vertical spikes of flowers. Loved by butterflies. Seeds eaten by birds. ☉☘☘☘

\$3.00—2.5" pot:

N043 **Eureka** *L. pycnostachya*—Reddish purple flowers on long spikes from midsummer to early fall. Densely clustered lower leaves. Tall selection that is breathtaking in the garden. Great for cut flowers. 60" h

\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:

N044 **Wild Button Blazing Star** *L. aspera*—Tufts of lavender flowers loosely line the stems creating a showy flower spike. Blooms August–September. Protect bulbs from rodents. Quite adaptable. Seed from Grant County, S.D. 24–36" h ☘☘

N045 **Wild Dotted Blazing Star** *L. punctata*—Narrow, horizontal leaves are interspersed with the magenta-violet flowers. The most drought-tolerant blazing star, its roots go down 7–15'. Seed from northeastern Colorado. 12–36" h ☘

N046 **Wild Meadow Blazing Star** *L. ligulistylis*—Tall stalks of purple blossoms, best in moist soil and full sun. Seed from northern Iowa. ★★★★★ 36–60" h ☘☘

N047 **Wild Prairie Blazing Star** *L. pycnostachya*—Densely clustered lower leaves, hairy stems, and dense flower spikes of bright purple from mid-summer to early autumn. Best in full sun. Seed from Mower County, Minn. 24–48" h ☘

See more BLAZING STAR, page 22

## N048 Bloodroot *Sanguinaria canadensis* ☘

In early spring, it surfaces with the leaf curled around the flower stem, soon unfurling as the flower blooms. Each stem has one distinctive, deeply scalloped 5–9" leaf and a single 2" flower with eight to 12 white petals and a yellow center. The flowers close at night, and last a day or two. Nice as a group in a woodland setting. Plant disappears in mid-summer, returning next spring. The red sap in the stem and roots is used as a dye, originally by Native American peoples, and gives the plant its name. Polk County, Wis., source. 6–9" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$6.00—4" pot

See also BLOODROOT, DOUBLE, page 19

## Blue-Eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium*

Delicate, late-spring bloomer. Looks like a grass, but then small, star-shaped blue flowers appear. 4–12" h ☉

\$3.50—3.5" pot:

N049 **Prairie Blue-Eyed Grass** *S. campestre* ☘—Wild seed from Winona County, Minn. ☘

N050 **Stout Blue-Eyed Grass** *S. angustifolium* ☘—Seed from Menard County, Illinois. ☘

## N051 Bluebells, Virginia ☘

*Mertensia virginica*

Blooms in spring, then disappears until the following spring. Pink buds open to lavender-blue bells. Good between daylilies or hosta. Polk County, Wis., source. 12–24" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$6.00—4.5" pot

## N052 Bluets, Long-Leaved

*Houstonia longifolia*

Abundant pale purplish pink to white quarter-inch flowers. A small rosette of lower leaves disappears before the flowers bloom. Sandy, gravelly, and rocky soils. Wild seed from St. Louis County, Minn. 4–10" h ☉☉☘☘ \$7.00—4" pot

## N053 Boneset *Eupatorium perfoliatum* ☘

Pink blossoms July–September. Interesting leaf texture with leaves pierced by the stem (the species name means perforated foliage). Prefers the wetter end of the garden or edge of pond. Excellent nectar for bees and butterflies. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 36" h ☉☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

## N054 Brown-Eyed Susan ☘

*Rudbeckia triloba*

Yellow flowers with dark centers July–October. Great cut flowers. Easy to grow; blooms the second year. Short-lived perennial with smaller flowers than black-eyed Susan, but blooms more heavily. Use this plant to create some major excitement in your landscape. Self-seeds. Seed from Jo Daviess County, Illinois. 24–60" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

**Butterfly Garden** see box at right

**Butterfly Weed** see Milkweed, page 55

## Cardinal Flower *Lobelia cardinalis*

Spikes of flowers that attract hummingbirds. Blooms mid- to late summer. Best in part shade and constantly moist, rich soil. ☉☉☘☘☘☘

\$3.00—3.5" pot:

N056 **Wild Cardinal Flower** ☘—Scarlet. Seed from Buffalo County, Wis. 24–36" h ☘

\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:

N057 **Wild Cardinal Flower** *L. cardinalis*—Scarlet. Seed from northeastern Iowa. 24–36" h ☘

## N058 Cinquefoil, Wineleaf

*Potentilla tridentata* Wild Wineleaf Cinquefoil

Loose clusters of dainty white buttercup flowers in June and glossy leaves that turn wine and bronze in autumn. Seldom seen in gardens or anywhere else, these are undemanding rock garden plants that will be happy in sun and well-drained, even gravelly, soil. Wild seed from northern Minnesota. 3–6" h by 12–15" w ☉☘☘☘☘ \$7.00—3.5" pot

## N059 Columbine, Wild ☘

*Aquilegia canadensis*

Red and yellow blossoms in late spring. Easy to grow, though short-lived and self-seeding. Excellent nectar source for hummingbirds. Does well in dappled shade. Good for edge of woodland or partly shaded hillside. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 24–36" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

See more COLUMBINE, page 22

## N060 Compass Plant *Silphium laciniatum*

Yellow daisy flowers June–September with huge, attractive leaves that point north and south. Tolerates drier soils. An excellent choice for a large-scale wildflower garden. Fair for butterflies. Seed from northern Illinois. 72–120" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

## N061 Coneflower, Green-Headed ☘

*Rudbeckia laciniata*

Turned-back yellow petals and a greenish center. Blooms late July through October. Native to prairie, savanna, and woodlands. Spreads. Seed from Monroe County, Wis. 72–120" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

## N062 Coneflower, Narrow-Leaf ☘

*Echinacea angustifolia*

Large pink daisies with turned-back petals in July. Most highly prized of the coneflowers for its medicinal qualities. Prefers dry, sandy, well-drained soil. South Dakota seed source. 12–24" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

## N063 Coneflower, Pale Purple ☘

*Echinacea pallida*

Lavender flowers June–July. Tolerates drier soils. Fair for butterflies. Seed from Ogle County, Ill. 24–48" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

See more CONEFLOWERS, page 23

## N064 Coneflower, Yellow

*Ratibida pinnata*

One of the most elegant of all wild flowers. Long yellow petals droop attractively down around a prominent dark center, somewhat like a badminton birdie. Blooms July–September. Easy to grow. Seed from Madison County, Iowa. 36–72" h ☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

## N065 Coreopsis, Prairie *Coreopsis palmata*

Yellow daisy blossoms in July. Aggressive, spreads by rhizomes to form dense patches. Common on undisturbed prairies. Easy to grow. Tolerates dry conditions. Seed from Wisconsin. 16–36" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

## N066 Coreopsis, Sand ☘

*Coreopsis lanceolata*

Yellow 1–2" flowers with closely spaced, toothed petals and yellow centers. Flowers bloom on slender, upright stems from spring to early summer. Well-drained soil. Seed from Sheboygan County, Wis. 12–24" h ☉☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

See more COREOPSIS, page 23, 25

## PACKAGED NATIVE PLANT GARDENS

Four or more plants of 12 varieties, selected to make a great native planting

**50 plants (a whole flat) \$68.00**

### N055 Butterfly Garden

Orange butterfly weed ☘☘, narrow-leaf purple coneflower ☘☘☘, black-eyed Susan, purple prairie clover, smooth blue aster ☘☘, sky blue aster ☘☘, ironweed, early sunflower, wild bergamot ☘☘, hoary vervain, New England aster ☘☘, and button blazing star ☘. Wild seed from Minnesota (except black-eyed Susan, from northeastern Iowa). ☉☉☘☘

### N162 Rain Garden

Plant a rain garden in a low-lying area in the yard or where gutters empty. Swamp milkweed ☘☘, New England aster ☘☘, Joe Pye weed ☘☘, boneset, Helen's flower, blue flag iris, cardinal flower ☘☘☘, blue vervain, culver's root, prairie blazing star ☘, bristly sedge, and little bluestem ☘☘. Wild seed from Minnesota and northeastern Iowa. ☉☉☘☘

### N067 Culver's Root ☘

*Veronicastrum virginicum*

Tall and stately with big, dramatic spikes of white to pale pink or pale blue flowers July–August. Unknown seed origin. 72" h ☉☉☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

### N068 Cup Plant *Silphium perfoliatum* ☘

Yellow daisies for an extended period in later summer. Huge leaves catch water at stem joint. There's nothing like seeing a goldfinch bathing in one of these naturally occurring bird baths! An impressive prairie plant that self-seeds freely. Prefers moist soil. Seed from Green County, Wis. 48–96" h ☉☉☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

### N069 Dock, Prairie *Silphium terebinthaceum*

Stately plant with yellow daisy flowers held high on sturdy stems above a mound of large blue-green leaves. The undersides of the leaves feel like sandpaper. Long taproot. Seed from Manard and Logan counties in Illinois. 24–120" h ☉☉☘☘ \$3.00—3.5" pot

### N070 False Indigo *Amorpha fruticosa*

Loose, airy shrub which often forms dense thickets. Fine-textured foliage on the upper third of the plant. Small purple flowers in narrow 3–6" spikes from April to June. Happy anywhere from a dry prairie to a bog garden. Midwestern seed source. 72–120" h ☉☉☘☘ \$7.00—4.5" pot

**Ferns** see box, page 54

### N083 Figwort *Scrophularia marilandica* ☘

Tiny reddish brown flowers that look like "a horse's mouth with a bad overbite," but are interesting enough to put in dried flower arrangements. This southeastern Minnesota native blooms July to October and has "special value to native bees" due to its large amount of nectar, according to the Xerces Society. Deer-resistant. Also called carpenter's square. Seed from Clayton County, Iowa. 40–96" h by 24" w ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

### N084 Fireweed *Chamerion angustifolium* ☘

Spikes of 1" magenta to pink flowers on red stems with pointed, narrow leaves. So named because it rapidly fills open spaces left by fires (spreading by rhizomes and seeds). In England during World War II, it was called bombweed because it filled bomb craters. Does not like to be crowded. Blooms all summer. Formerly *Epilobium*. Unknown seed origin. 48" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

### N085 Gentian, Bottle *Gentiana andrewsii*

Clusters of closed blue flowers, August–October, that must be pried open by bumblebees. Prefers damp soil. Seed from southeastern Minnesota. 18–30" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

### N086 Geranium, Wild ☘

*Geranium maculatum*

Small lavender-pink flowers from April–July. Red fall foliage. Seed from Madison County, Iowa. 18–30" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

### N087 Ginger, Wild *Asarum canadense* ☘

Aromatic ground cover with heart-shaped 4–6" leaves. Dark maroon and beige flowers hide under leaves in spring. Slowly forms a colony. Deer-resistant. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 4–6" h ☉☉☘☘☘☘☘☘ \$3.50—3.5" pot

See also GINGER, EUROPEAN, page 24

### N088 Glade Mallow *Napaea dioica*

Small white flowers group together resembling loose cotton balls on top of a hefty plant with jagged, deeply lobed leaves larger than dinner plates. Blooms mid-summer to early fall. Requires moist soil. Will spread by rhizomes and branching of the taproot. Seed from Winnebago County, Ill. 48–120" h by 36–60" w ☉☘☘☘ \$6.00—4.5" pot



Bottle gentian



Wild ginger



Button blazing star

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Merrybells



Northern blue flag iris

N089 **Golden Alexanders** *Zizia aurea* 🐝  
Bright yellow 3–4" flat-topped flower clusters like a yellow Queen Anne's lace bloom from May to June. Leaves and fruits turn bright purple in fall. Self-seeds enthusiastically; tolerates heavy clay soil. Host for the black swallowtail butterfly. Seed from St. Croix County, Wis. 24–30"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N090 **Goldenrod, Showy** 🐝  
*Solidago speciosa*  
Graceful, long cones of densely clustered yellow mini-flowers on reddish stems with olive-green foliage. Blooms August–October. Probably the nicest goldenrod for sunny locations. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 24–36"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N091 **Goldenrod, Zigzag** 🐝  
*Solidago flexicaulis*  
Flowers in two places: 3–6" spikes of small yellow flowers on top and smaller flower clusters where the zigzag stem and large leaves meet. Adds color to shady areas. Best in naturalized woodland settings. Seed from McHenry County, Illinois. 24–36"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N092 **Harebells** *Campanula rotundifolia*  
A delicate-looking plant with down-facing purple bell-flowers on thin stems. Grassy leaves. Blooms June–September. Prefers drier soil. Native to prairie, savanna, and woodland edges. May be small at the sale. Seed from central Minnesota. 4–20"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

See also BELLFLOWER, TALL, page 52

**Helen's Flower** *Helenium autumnale*  
Grows beautifully in the garden and is great for clay soil. Nicknamed "sneezeweed" because the dried leaves were once used to make snuff—not because it aggravates allergies. ○●🦋👤 ☞

\$2.00—2.5" pot:  
N093 **Helena Red and Gold** 🐝—Cultivar in bright red, edged with gold. The raised centers are dusted with matching gold. Thrives in damp soil. 48"h

\$3.50—3.5" pot:  
N094 **Wild Helen's Flower**—Yellow flowers. Seed from Monroe County, Wis. 48–60"h ☞

See more HELEN'S FLOWER, pages 24–25

**Hepatica** *Hepatica*  
Sweet in the woodland garden, with lavender, white, pink, or blue flowers in April. Burgundy-brown leaves persist through winter. 5"h ○●

\$10.00—4.5" pot:  
N095 **Wild Round-Lobed** *H. americana* 🐝—Polk County, Wis., source. ☞  
N096 **Wild Sharp-Lobed** *H. acutiloba* 🐝—Polk County, Wis., source. ☞

N097 **Hyssop, Anise** 🐝  
*Agastache foeniculum*  
Fragrant purple flowers July–August. Goldfinches favor the seeds. Aromatic leaves used for tea. Vigorous. Seed from Anoka County, Minn. 24–36"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N098 **Hyssop, Purple Giant** 🐝  
*Agastache scrophulariifolia*  
Crowded spikes of lavender flowers from July through September. Large, fragrant leaves below the flower spikes. Spreads well (it's in the mint family). Seed from Winona County, Minn. 48–60"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N099 **Iris, Northern Blue Flag** 🐝  
*Iris versicolor*  
Large, showy flowers, blue-purple on the edges with a yellow and white throat. In the wild, it brightens sunny marsh edges in early summer. Seed from Crawford County, Wis. 18–30"h ○●🐝🦋👤 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N100 **Ironweed** *Vernonia fasciculata* 🐝  
Tall plants with clusters of fluffy bright reddish purple flowers July–September. Seed from Goodhue County, Minn. 48–72"h ○●🐝🦋 ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N101 **Jack-in-the-Pulpit** 🐝  
*Arisaema triphyllum*  
Clusters of three leaves, followed by an upright green tube with a cover that curls over it. One of the easiest native plants to cultivate. Native to savanna and woodlands in neutral soil. Leaves, seeds, and root will severely burn mouth, eyes, and nose. Seed from La Crosse County, Wis. 12–36"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

**Jacob's Ladder** *Polemonium reptans*  
Small, bell-shaped light blue flowers in loose clusters appear on reclining stems in mid- to late spring. The foliage looks fresh all through the growing season. Likes moist soil. ○●🐝☞

\$3.50—3.5" pot:  
N102 **Wild Jacob's Ladder** 🐝—Seed from Monroe County, Wis. 18"h ☞

\$10.00—4.5" pot:  
N103 **Stairway to Heaven**—Foliage is green with cream edges. In cool weather, the leaves are tinged with pink. Cultivar. 12–15"h 🐝

**Joe Pye Weed** *Eupatorium*  
Our 2018 cover plant, with swallowtail butterfly. Popular in European gardens. Blooms July–September. Moist soil. ○🐝🦋☞

\$3.50—3.5" pot:  
N104 **Gateway** *E. purpureum* 🐝—Burgundy stems with dusty rose flower heads. Compact and sturdy cultivar. 48–72"h

N105 **Sweet Joe Pye** *E. purpureum* 🐝—Tall, with aromatic pink blossoms. Excellent nectar for bees and butterflies. Wild seed from McHenry County, Illinois. 84"h ☞

N106 **Wild Joe Pye** *E. maculatum* 🐝—Tall and stately with flat clusters of pink flowers. Wild seed from Winona County, Minn. 72–100"h 🐝☞

N107 **Kinnikinnick** 🐝  
*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
Small, glossy leaves turn red in fall. Abundant pinkish white flowers, followed by red fruit. Popular native evergreen ground cover. Native to sandy areas, so good drainage is important. Michigan source. 6–9"h by 36–72"w ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$9.00—4.5" pot

N108 **Larkspur, Prairie** 🐝  
*Delphinium virescens*  
Pale blue to white flowers in June and July. Prefers drier soils. Seed from Pierce County, Wis. 20–48"h ○●☞☞ ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot  
See also LARKSPUR, TALL, page 26

N109 **Leadplant** *Amorpha canescens* 🐝  
Small gray-green shrub with dense spikes of violet-blue flowers June–August. Nicely textured foliage. Tolerates drier soils. Seed from western South Dakota. 24–48"h ○🐝🦋☞ ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N110 **Lily, Michigan** *Lilium michiganense*  
Orange flowers with brown-spotted, curled-back petals, June–August. First-year seedlings. Seed from Sherburne County, Minn. 48–60"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$9.00—4" pot

N111 **Lily, Prairie** *Lilium philadelphicum*  
Deep orange flowers with purplish brown spots in summer. First-year seedlings that are many years from blooming. Seed from Burnett County, Wis. 12–36"h ○●☞ ☞ \$9.00—4 plants in a pack

N112 **Lobelia, Great Blue** *Lobelia siphilitica*  
Spikes of tubular blue-lavender flowers, July–September. The three lower petals are long landing pads for pollinators. Prefers moist soil, but adapts well to gardens. Good for stream banks or damp woods. Self-seeds. Seed from Winona County, Wis. 24–36"h ○●🐝🦋☞ ☞ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N113 **Lupine, Wild** *Lupinus perennis* 🐝  
Showy blue to violet tiered spikes of blossoms, May and June. Seven to 11 leaflets are arranged like wagon-wheel spokes. Excellent for butterflies, both for nectar and caterpillars; it's the only food for larvae of the endangered Karner Blue butterfly. Rabbits also love to eat wild lupine. Must have sandy soil. Tolerates drier conditions. Goes dormant after seed. Fewer flowers in shade. Seed from Crawford County, Wis. 12–24"h ○●🐝🦋☞ ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N114 **Marsh Marigold** *Caltha palustris*  
Bright yellow buttercups in early spring. Native to swamps and brooksides throughout our area. Grows in prairie, savanna, and woodland, but requires year-round moisture. Readily cultivated in a wet garden soil or containers. Seed from Washington County, Minn. 4–16"h ○●☞☞ ☞ \$7.00—4.5" pot

N115 **Mayapple** *Podophyllum peltatum*  
White flowers under large umbrella leaves. Blooms May to June. Spreading ground cover that likes oak trees. Horticultural source. 24–36"h ○●🐝☞☞ ☞ \$7.00—4.5" pot

N116 **Meadow Rue, Early** 🐝  
*Thalictrum dioicum*  
The flowers have an unusual form, like little jellyfish in pale green, purple, and yellow. The drooping stamens sway in the slightest breeze. A spring favorite with April–May bloom time. Seed from Olmsted County, Minn. 8–28"h ○●☞☞ ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

N117 **Meadow Rue, Purple** 🐝  
*Thalictrum dasycarpum*  
Tall purple stems hold creamy flowers, June–July. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 72"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$3.50—3.5" pot

# Native Ferns

N071 **Christmas Fern** *Polystichum acrostichoides* 🐝  
Stays green into winter and can be used for winter decorations. Clumps will grow larger but do not spread. Tolerates drier soils in shade. Horticultural source. 12–24"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$10.00—4.5" pot

N072 **Cinnamon Fern** *Osmunda cinnamomea* 🐝  
One of our most majestic native ferns. Grows in boggy and swampy areas, but happy in a well-drained garden, too. Soon after the foliage appears in spring, erect, golden yellow, leafless spore fronds emerge from the center of the crown. Polk County, Wis., source. ★★★★★ 36–60"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$8.00—1 gal. pot

N073 **Interrupted Fern** 🐝  
*Osmunda claytoniana*  
Similar in appearance to cinnamon fern except that the central fronds look interrupted by dark spores midway along. Prefers moist soil, but will tolerate drought and planting on hillsides. Horticultural source. 36–48"h ○☞ ☞ \$8.00—1 gal. pot



CINNAMON FERN

**Lady Fern** *Athyrium*  
Prefers moist, rich soil, but is tolerant of sun and drought. Deer- and rabbit-resistant. ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$4.00—3.5" pot:

N074 **A. filix-femina** 🐝—Vigorous with finely textured fronds. Horticultural source. ★★★★★ 24–36"h ☞

\$6.00—3.5" pot:  
N075 **Lady in Red** *A. angustum rubellum* 🐝—Burgundy stems contrast with green fronds. Best color begins to be seen in the second year. Cultivar. ★★★★★ 30–36"h

\$10.00—4.5" pot:  
N076 **Mrs. Frizell's** *A. filix-femina* 🐝—Also called the tating fern. Leaflets have been reduced to rounded lobes along the mid-rib, resembling tating (handmade lace). First found in Ireland. Cultivar. 8–12"h  
N077 **Victoriae** *A. filix-femina*—Criss-cross leaflets end in small tufts, looking like a fountain of bright green letter Xs. Cultivar originally popular during the Victorian fern craze. Prefers evenly moist, rich soil. 18–24"h

N078 **Maidenhair Fern** *Adiantum pedatum* 🐝  
Delicate green foliage in fan-like fronds. Water during drought. Horticultural source. ★★★★★ 12–24"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$4.00—3.5" pot

N079 **Ostrich Fern** *Matteuccia struthiopteris* 🐝  
Vase-shaped fern with huge leaves like ostrich plumes. Grow in moist shade in a woodland garden, in a damp border, or at the edge of a pond. Extremely vigorous, spreading by rhizomes. Native to U.S., Europe and Asia. Syn. *M. pennsylvanica*. Horticultural source. ★★★★★ 36–60"h ○●🐝☞☞ ☞ \$4.00—3.5" pot

N080 **Sensitive Fern** *Oncoclea sensibilis*  
Spreading colonies of smooth, upright fronds. Goes dormant at 40°F (hence the name). Horticultural source. 12–36"h ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$4.00—3.5" pot

**Wood Fern** *Dryopteris*  
Grow in a protected, moist site. ○●🐝☞ ☞ \$8.00—1 gal. pot:  
N081 **Eastern Wood Fern** *D. marginalis* 🐝—Evergreen grayish green fronds. Horticultural source. ★★★★★ 18–30"h ☞

\$10.00—4.5" pot:  
N082 **Goldie's Giant** *D. goldieana*—Tufts of long pale green fronds. Texas source. ★★★★★ 48"h by 24"w ☞

See more FERNS, page 23

# Native Plants

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Female monarch butterflies only lay their eggs on milkweed.

N118 **Merrybells** *Uvularia grandiflora* 🌱  
Bright yellow nodding flowers with twisted petals. Easy and well-behaved. Clump-former. Polk County, Wis. source. 12–24”h 🌱☒ \$10.00—4.5” pot

N119 **Mexican Hat** *Ratibida columnifera*  
Colorful sombreros of mahogany and yellow in summer. A biennial cousin of the yellow coneflower. Seed wild-gathered by Prairie Moon. 24–36”h ○●☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

**Milkweed** see box at right

N133 **Mint, Mountain** 🌱  
*Pycnanthemum virginianum*  
Numerous clusters of blossoms, white often with purple dots, from June to September with a great mint aroma. A magnet for butterflies. May be used for tea and to flavor food. Put it in your garden for fragrance. Unknown seed origin. 12–36”h ○●☒☒☒☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

See also MINT, WILD, page 8

N134 **Monkey Flower** *Mimulus ringens*  
Violet 1” flowers with spreading lower petals and rounded upper petals said to resemble a laughing monkey. Blooms July and August. Spreads by seeds and rhizomes, but not aggressively. Low, creeper, excellent at a pond edge. Host plant for common buckeye and Baltimore checkerspot butterflies. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 12–36”h ○●☒☒☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N135 **Mossberry** *Empetrum nigrum* (NEW)  
Low and spreading, with small needle-like leaves that turn purple in fall. Inconspicuous purple star-shaped flowers. Dark berries in fall are best eaten cooked, and often accompany other fruits in jellies and pies. A member of the heather family that is native to northeastern Minnesota, it prefers acid soil but can grow in neutral soils. Seed from Switzerland (the plant is also native there). 4–12”h by 10–12”w ○●☒☒☒☒☒☒ \$2.00—2.5” pot

N136 **New Jersey Tea** *Ceanothus americanus*  
Dense foliage and white flowers June–July, followed by flat-topped seed clusters. Midwestern seed source. 24–36”h by 36–60”w ○●☒☒☒☒☒ \$3.00—2.5” pot

N137 **Obedient Plant** 🌱  
*Physostegia virginiana* Rose Crown  
Fuchsia-pink cultivar blooms July–September. Best in a location where it cannot crowd out other plants; interplant with native grasses to reduce spreading. Easier to control in lower sunlight. Obedient plant get its name because one of its snapdragon-like flowers will (temporarily) stay in place if you move it, but the native plant is ironically known for its less well-behaved spreading and flopping habit. Very easy care. 36”h ○●●☒ \$2.00—2.5” pot

N138 **Onion, Nodding** *Allium cernuum*  
Drooping lavender onion flowers July–August. An edible perennial that will self-seed. Seed from northern Illinois. 24”h ○●☒☒☒☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N139 **Onion, Prairie** *Allium stellatum*  
A very nice, well-behaved onion. Lavender flowers in July and August. An edible perennial. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 10–20”h ○●☒☒☒☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack  
See also WILD ONION, page 8

N140 **Partridge Pea** 🌱  
*Chamaecrista fasciculata*  
Delicate leaves and almost orchid-like gold blossoms in summer. Seed pods are eaten by gamebirds and songbirds. Leaves collapse when touched. Self-seeding annual. Seed from Houston County, Minn. Syn. *Cassia*. 12–36”h ○●☒☒☒☒☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

N141 **Pasque Flower** *Anemone patens* 🌱  
Fragrant pale violet flowers on feathery foliage in April and May. Easy. Pierce County, Wis. 8–14”h ○☒☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N142 **Pasture Thistle** *Cirsium discolor*  
One of the best late summer plants for a variety of pollinators. Rosette of large pointy leaves the first year, and 1” lavender flowers on tall spineless stems the second year. Self-seeds easily, best in a large open area. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 24–96”h by 24–60”w ○☒☒☒☒☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

N143 **Pearly Everlasting** 🌱  
*Anaphalis margaritacea*  
Silver gray foliage and clusters of pearl-like white blossoms. Easy. Seed from northern Minnesota. 12–18”h ○●☒☒☒ \$2.00—2.5” pot

## Milkweed *Asclepias* ○●☒☒☒☒☒☒

Milkweed is the only food source of monarch caterpillars. It’s also a great nectar source for bees. You’ll be surprised by the variety of leaf shape, fragrance, and flower color that these native milkweed varieties have to offer, from orange to pink to white.

N120 **Gay Butterflies** *A. tuberosa* 🌱—Mixed reds, oranges, and yellows. Cultivar of the native butterfly weed. 24”h 🌱 \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Orange Butterfly Weed** *A. tuberosa* 🌱—Clusters of bright orange flowers followed by puffy seed pods. Best in dry soils and full sun. Very attractive to butterflies. Late to emerge in spring, so mark the spot where you plant it.

N121 \$2.00—2.5” pot Seed from the Wabash County, Minn. ★★★★★ 24”h 🌱☒

N122 \$6.00—4 plants in a pack 🌱 Seed from Wabasha County, Minn. ★★★★★ 24”h 🌱☒

\$3.00—2.5” pot:

N123 **Hello Yellow** *A. tuberosa*—Showy bright yellow flowers. Cultivar of the native orange butterfly weed. 30”h 🌱

N124 **Showy** *A. speciosa*—A tall milkweed that will not spread invasively like the common milkweed (*A. syriaca*). It has softly felted gray leaves and dramatically structured pink flowers, June–August, that are sweetly fragrant. Attracts butterflies and bees. Average to dry soil. Seed from Nebraska. 48”h 🌱☒

\$3.50—3.5” pot:

N125 **Poke** *A. exaltata* 🌱—White flowers in June and July. Normal to dry soil. Great for butterflies. Seed from Clayton County, Iowa. 36–72”h 🌱☒

N126 **Prairie** *A. hirtella* 🌱—Lesser-known milkweed, native to upland prairies. Clusters of tiny very pale green flowers with purple tips that bloom for two months in mid-summer. Medium-wet to dry soil; a good rain garden plant. Seed floss, or “silk,” was used in World War II to stuff soldiers’ life jackets. Also called tall green milkweed. Seed from Perry County, Iowa. 36–48”h ☒

N144 **Petunia, Wild** *Ruellia humilis* 🌱  
Lavender-blue flowers with new bloom every afternoon. Prefers dry areas. Desirable for the sunny wild garden. Blooms mid- to late summer. Seed from Ogle County, Illinois. 6–24”h ○☒☒☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

**Phlox, Garden** *Phlox paniculata*  
Cultivated varieties with cheerful flowers valued for their late season color. Very floriferous; excellent cut flower. Nectar attracts day-flying sphinx moths (hummingbird-like moths). Plant with shasta daisies, cone-flowers, blazing star, lilies, and grasses. We have chosen varieties with good mildew resistance, but provide good air circulation nonetheless. ○●☒☒☒☒ \$2.00—2.5” pot:

N145 **Bright Eyes** 🌱—Pink with a red eye. 36”h

\$4.00—3.5” pot:

N146 **David** 🌱—Fragrant pure white, long bloom time. One of the U of M’s Tough and Terrific perennials. 30”h

N147 **Little Laura** 🌱—Purple with a dark eye. 25”h

N148 **Orange Perfection** 🌱—Reddish orange. 30”h

N149 **Red Riding Hood** 🌱—Deep pink. The better to see it with. 20”h

N150 **Phlox, Prairie** *Phlox pilosa*  
Broad heads of deep pink flowers. Good for restorations and perennial gardens. Blooms May–July. Seed from Howard County, Iowa. 18–24”h ○●☒☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

**Phlox, Woodland** *Phlox divaricata*  
Good spreader for shade or wildflower gardens. Floriferous and the foliage stays nice. Perfect for underplanting spring bulbs. Will eventually form colonies. Moist, well-drained soil. ○●☒☒☒☒ \$2.00—2.5” pot:

N151 **Laphamii** 🌱—Blue flowers, May–June. Minnesota seed source. 8–12”h ☒

\$6.00—4.5” pot:

N152 **Blue Moon** 🌱—Showy and fragrant deep blue-violet flowers. Attractive foliage on this selection. 12–18”h ☒☒☒☒

N153 **May Breeze** (NEW) 🌱—Pale blue to white flowers in thick but loose clusters for about a month in the spring. Very fragrant cultivar. 12–15”h ☒☒☒☒

\$3.50—3.5” pot (continued):

N127 **Purple** *A. purpurescens* 🌱—Domed 2–3” clusters of tiny rose-pink blossoms are like landing pads late spring through July. The dried seed pods are used in flower arrangements. Spreads slowly and is garden-worthy. While native to Minnesota, the last verified sighting of this species was 125 years ago. It’s time we return it to our ecosystem. Iowa seed source. 24–36”h

N128 **Sullivant’s** *A. sullivantii* 🌱—Lavender-pink flowers, similar to common milkweed (*A. syriaca*), but less aggressive and with slightly smaller flowers, June–August. Visited by hummingbirds and a wide variety of bees and butterflies, including monarchs. Seed from Livingston County, Illinois. 36”h ☒☒

**Swamp** *A. incarnata* 🌱—Deep rose-pink flowers in large, domed clusters. Superb cut flowers, and, of course, butterflies find them irresistible. Very long-blooming, with the aroma of buttercream frosting. 36–48”h 🌱☒

N129 Seed from Whiteside County, Iowa.

\$3.50—3.5” pot

N130 Seed from Kandiyohi County, Minn.

\$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N131 **Whorled** *A. verticillata*—Sweet-scented white flowers July to September and long needle-like leaves make this wildflower a petite enchanter. Thrives in poor, dry soil and multiplies rapidly. Seed from Olmsted County, Minn. 12–24”h 🌱☒

\$3.50—3.5” pot

N132 **Mixed Six Pack** 🌱—An assortment designed to attract and nurture monarch butterfly caterpillars, with each plant in the equivalent of a 3” pot. One plant each of five milkweeds: swamp (*A. incarnata*), Sullivant’s (*A. sullivantii*), common (*A. syriaca*), whorled (*A. verticillata*), and showy (*A. speciosa*), plus orange butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). A special offering by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Note: common milkweed, while beloved by monarchs, is more aggressive than the other species. All seed from the Midwest. ☒ \$17.00—6 plants in a jumbo pack



This is what you want to see on your milkweed plants.

N154 **Prairie Baby’s Breath**  
*Euphorbia corollata*

For most of July and August, airy clusters of half-inch white flowers with yellow and green centers cover a mound of bluish green foliage. Leaves turn gold, orange, and red in the fall. Will take time to become established and fill out, but worth it. Needs full sun and well-drained soil, actually preferring poor, dry soil. Deer-resistant. Wild seed from northeastern Iowa. 18–36”h ○☒☒☒☒☒ \$3.00—2.5” pot

**Prairie Clover, Purple** *Dalea purpurea*

Cylindrical lavender-purple flower heads July–September. Lacy foliage. Grows well in most soils. Fair for butterflies and an excellent cover crop for wildlife. Grows in association with leadplant. ○●

\$3.00—2.5” pot:

N155 **Stephanie**—Bright flowers on compact bushy plants with as many as 40 stems per plant. Cultivar. 15–18”h ☒☒

\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:

N156 **Wild Purple Prairie Clover**—Polk County, Minn. seed source. 12–36”h ☒☒☒☒

**Prairie Smoke** *Geum triflorum*

Not enough can be said about this beautiful, three-season plant. Nodding, early spring dark pink flowers are followed by feathery, long-lasting seed heads. Showy clumps of dark green foliage turn burgundy in fall. Adapts to a variety of sites. Spreads by rhizomes. Seeds eaten by birds. 6–13”h ○●

\$6.00—4 plants in a pack:

N157 **Wild Prairie Smoke**—Seed from Stevens County, Minn. ☒

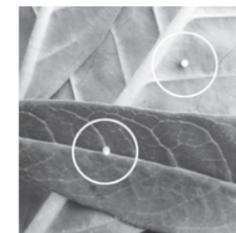
\$6.00—4.5” pot:

N158 **Wild Prairie Smoke**—These plants are a year older with much larger roots. Central Iowa source. 6–13”h ☒

N159 **Prickly Pear, Little** *Opuntia fragilis*

Grows on exposed granite outcroppings. Accompanies moss, so it’s a cactus that likes water! From Quarry Park in St. Cloud, Minn. 3–5”h ○☒☒☒

\$2.00—2.5” pot



Monarch eggs on milkweed leaves.



Prairie phlox

Watch for the birdie!



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# Native Plants

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N160 **Pussytoes** *Antennaria plantaginifolia* 🌿  
Low, almost succulent-appearing gray-green foliage. White flowers like little “cat paws” rise up over the foliage in spring to early summer. Spreads by rhizomes, tolerates drought. Best in full sun. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 1–4”h ○●🌿☒  
\$3.50—3.5” pot

N161 **Queen of the Prairie** *Filipendula rubra* 🌿  
Huge, but rarely requires support. Peach-pink tiny flowers in 6–9” clusters on red stems. Evenly moist soil. Blooms June–July. Seed from Henry County, Ind. 72–96”h ○●☒ \$6.00—4.5” pot

**Rain Garden** see box, page 53

N163 **Rattlesnake Master** 🌿  
*Eryngium yuccifolium*  
Dramatic greenish white prickly blossoms July–September. Provides a great garden accent. Can play the same role in the garden as sea holly or globe thistle. Best in full sun. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 36–60”h ○●🌿☒☺ \$3.50—3.5” pot

N164 **Rue Anemone** *Anemonella thalictroides*  
White to light pink flowers last all through spring, April–June. Finely divided, fern-like foliage. May go dormant after blooming. Midwestern source. 4–10”h ●●☒☺☺ \$4.00—2.5” pot

N165 **Sagebrush, Prairie** 🌿  
*Artemisia ludoviciana* Valerie Finnis  
Dense mounds of felted silver 4” lance-shaped leaves with jagged tips. Tiny, interesting pale yellow flowers are crowded on spikes above the aromatic foliage in summer. This selection of a Minnesota native was found by British gardener and photographer Valerie Finnis in the Munich Botanic Garden in 1950 and eventually given to Beth Chatto, who named it after her. 18–24”h ○●☺ \$2.00—2.5” pot

N166 **Saint John’s Wort, Great** 🌿  
*Hypericum pyramidatum*  
Yellow flowers with tufts of stamens, July–August. Prefers moist soil. Attractive seed pods, used in flower arrangements. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 24–60”h ○●🌿☒☺ \$3.50—3.5” pot

N167 **Sarsaparilla, Wild** *Aralia nudicaulis*  
White flowers May–July followed by purple-black edible berries. Green compound leaves emerge shiny bronze in spring. Creeps by underground stems. Seed from St. Louis County, Minn. 12–24”h ●●☒☒ \$9.00—4” pot

N168 **Solomon’s Seal, Starry** *Smilacina stellata*  
Pyramidal clusters of about 20 starry white flowers are crowded on wide flower spikes April–May. Berries start green with black stripes, turning to mottled dark wine red. Arching stems emerge in the spring, spreading by rhizomes to form colonies. Average to moist soil. Ramsey County source. 12–36”h ○●●🌿☒ \$5.00—3.5” pot

N169 **Spiderwort, Ohio** *Tradescantia ohioensis* 🌿  
Blue-purple flowers, May–July. Bluish green leaves. Prefers dry areas (xeriscape plant). Absolutely loved by bees. Self-seeds. Seed from Houston County, Minn. 24–48”h ○🌿☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

N170 **Spring Beauty** *Claytonia virginica* 🌿  
In early spring woodlands and on sunny stream banks, these cupped, penny-sized flowers carpet the ground. The flowers, white to pink with red veins, bloom in loose clusters above narrow leaves. Becomes dormant in summer. May be able to naturalize in a lawn like crocus flowers. Although individual flowers are small, their massed display is spectacular for a month or two. Unknown seed origin. 3–5”h ○●●🌿☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

**Sunflower, Early** *Heliopsis helianthoides*  
Easy to grow. Known as one of the best “clay busters,” breaking up clay soils. ○●🌿☒  
\$3.00—2.5” pot:

N171 **Burning Hearts**—Stems of dark purple carry gold daisies with red centers. Leaves are dark green with shades of purple. This cultivar blooms mid- to late summer. 36–48”h by 18–24”w 🌿  
\$3.50—3.5” pot:

N172 **Wild Early Sunflower** 🌿—Abundant 2” yellow blossoms June to September. Excellent for butterflies. Exceptionally long blooming period. Not a true sunflower. Seed from Iowa. 24–60”h ☒

N173 **Trillium, White** *Trillium grandiflorum* 🌿  
Very showy, large white blossoms April–May. Flowers change to pink as they age. The best trillium for gardens. A colony of these spring beauties will last for years. Rich, deep, rather moist soil and year-round leaf mulch. Polk County, Wis. source. 12–15”h ○●●🌿☒☺ \$6.00—4.5” pot

See more TRILLIUM, pages 20 and 31

N174 **Turtlehead, White** *Chelone glabra*  
Creamy white turtlehead flowers on arching spikes July–September. Desirable for the moist wild garden. Excellent nectar plant for butterflies and bees. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 36–48”h ○●🌿☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N175 **Vervain, Blue** *Verbena hastata*  
Blue-violet spikes of flowers July–September. Native to moist cordgrass and cattail prairies over most of North America. Self-seeds. Seed from Marquette County, Wis. 36–72”h ○●🌿☒☒ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

N176 **Vervain, Hoary** *Verbena stricta* 🌿  
Tiny dark blue flowers on mini-candelabras through summer, June–September. Prefers dry areas (xeriscape plant). Seed from Wisconsin. 24–48”h ○🌿☒☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

N177 **Violet, Bird’s Foot** *Viola pedata*  
Lovely light and dark violet bicolor with leaves in the shape of birds’ feet. Seed from Nebraska. 3–6”h ○●☒☒ \$4.00—2.5” pot

N178 **Violet, Prairie** *Viola pedatifida* 🌿  
Violet-purple flowers April–June, often reblooming in September. Fan-shaped leaves. Good food for butterfly caterpillars. Prefers a well-drained sunny site. Seed from Madison County, Iowa. 4–8”h ○●🌿☒☒ \$3.50—3.5” pot

**Wild Indigo** *Baptisia*  
Blue-green, pea-like foliage and long spikes of flowers. ○●🌿☺  
\$3.50—3.5” pot:

N179 **Cream** *B. leucophaea* 🌿—Creamy yellow flowers that are held horizontally, spring to early summer. Particularly effective when planted on top of a rock wall where the flowers can be viewed at eye level. Seed from southeastern Minnesota. 18”h ☒☒

N180 **White** *B. leucantha* 🌿—Many small white flowers in late spring on tall, dark stems. Attractive seed pods. Easy to grow in average to dry soils; drought-tolerant. Seed from southeastern Minnesota. 36–48”h ☒

See also the blue WILD INDIGO, page 31

N181 **Wintergreen** *Gaultheria procumbens*  
Evergreen ground cover known for its red-tinted winter leaves and red winter berries with characteristic wintergreen scent. Plant it on shady banks, in rock gardens, or along paths. Requires acidic soil; try it under rhododendrons or blueberries. Horticultural source. 6”h ●●🌿☒☒☒ \$6.00—3.5” pot

**Yarrow** *Achillea millefolium*  
Cultivated varieties with dome-shaped 3–4” flower clusters and lacy foliage. Long bloom time, June–August. Good for cutting and drying; they are what architects use as the “trees” around model buildings. Drought-tolerant. ○●🌿☒☒

\$2.00—2.5” pot:  
N182 **Cerise Queen** 🌿—Cherry-pink. 24–36”h  
N183 **Paprika** 🌿—Shades of ruby-red with a yellow eye. 24–36”h  
N184 **Summer Pastels** 🌿—A mix of pink, salmon, yellow, and white. 24–36”h

\$3.00—3.5” pot:  
N185 **Apple Blossom** 🌿—Vigorous, with flowers in shades of lilac-pink to pale rose. The tiny individual blossoms emerge one color, turn another, and fade to a third. A great cottage garden flower. 18–24”h

\$6.00—4.5” pot:  
N186 **Desert Eve Terracotta** 🌿—Small peachy yellow flowers turn rusty orange and have gold centers and stripes. Compact and early. 12–18”h

## More Native Plants

Look for these native plants in other sections of the catalog:

### Climbers:

C023 Bleeding Heart, Climbing  
C028 Virgin’s Bower  
C088 Virginia Creeper

### Fruit:

F015 Blackberry, Dwarf  
F049 Hazelnut  
F057 Huckleberry  
F073 Plum, Wild  
F091 Serviceberry, Saskatoon

### Grasses:

G009 Blue Grama Grass  
G010 Blue Joint Grass  
G011 Bluestem, Big  
G014 Bluestem, Little  
G019 Bottlebrush Grass  
G020 Dropseed  
G031 Indian Grass  
G034 June Grass  
G038 Rush, Path  
G039 Sedge, Gray’s  
G042 Sedge, Penn.

G043 Sweet Grass

G044 Switch Grass  
G046 Tufted Hair Grass

### Herbs:

H119 Mint, Wild  
H122 Nettles  
H124 Onion, Wild  
H161 Self-Heal

### Shrubs and Trees:

S028 Bladdernut  
S030 Blue Beech  
S047 Cherry, Black  
S048 Chokeberry, Black  
S050 Chokecherry  
S052 Cranberry, Highbush  
S053 Currant, Clove-Scented  
S064 Dogwood, Red Twig

S068 Fir, Balsam

S134 Pine, White  
S192, S193 Snowberry  
S202 Sweetfern  
S203 Tamarack  
S213 Witchhazel

### Unusual and Rare:

U024 Leatherwood  
U033–U035 Orchid, Lady’s Slipper

### Vegetables:

V248 Ramps

# Grasses

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## Annual Grasses and Sedges



Bunny tails

G001 **Bunny Tails** *Lagurus ovatus* 🌿  
Fun for children and adults. Fuzzy seed heads on compact grass. Drought-tolerant; needs well-drained soil. 20”h ○ \$5.00—4” pot

G002 **Fiber Optic Grass** *Isolepis cernuus*  
It really does look like fiber optic filament, only green. A great accent grass. Worth bringing inside for the winter, because the mature plant develops a “trunk.” Moist soil. 8–12”h ○🌿 \$3.00—2.5” pot

**Fountain Grass** *Pennisetum setaceum*  
Striking grasses for containers or the garden. ○●🌿  
\$3.00—3.5” pot:

G003 **Burgundy Giant** 🌿—Tropical-looking dark maroon-purple foliage with burgundy flower spikes. Introduced by Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. 60”h

**Fountain Grass** continued

\$5.00—4” pot:

G004 **Fireworks** 🌿—Long stripes of burgundy, hot pink, and white. New growth is the most vibrant. In late summer, it looks like purple foxtails. 24–30”h

See also perennial FOUNTAIN GRASS, page 57

G005 **Japanese Blood Grass** 🌿  
*Imperata cylindrica* Red Baron

Showy grass whose long, slender light green leaf blades have garnet red tips. The color spreads downward all summer until the leaves are blazing crimson by fall. Lovely when backlit by early morning or late day sun. Plant in masses or among rocks. May overwinter in the garden. 18”h ○🌿 \$6.00—4.5” pot

G006 **Ruby Grass** 🌿

*Melinis nerviglumis* Savannah  
Blue-green foliage turns purple-red in the fall. Ruby pink plumes, 3–4”, that rise a foot above the foliage from late July are real showstoppers. 8–12”h ○🌿 \$5.00—4” pot

G007 **Sedge, Rusty** 🌿

*Carex buchananii* Red Rooster  
Slender orange-brown to red-brown leaves with wispy, slightly curly tips. Graceful and upright. Great in containers or the garden. These may survive the winter in the ground outdoors, so don’t pull them up in spring until you are sure. 20–30”h ○●🌿 \$5.00—4.5” pot

See more SEDGES, page 57

G008 **Silky Thread Grass** *Stipa tenuissima* 🌿  
Slender green foliage with gold-brown fluffy seed heads late spring to midsummer. Self-seeds freely. 12–36”h ○ \$2.00—2.5” pot

# Grasses

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## Perennial Grasses and Sedges

G009 **Blue Grama Grass** *Bouteloua gracilis*  
Low-growing, attractive clumps of purplish green. Dominant through the central Great Plains, ranging to western Wisconsin. Good lawn alternative for sandy soils. Best in full sun. Seed from South Dakota. 12”h  
○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

G010 **Blue Joint Grass**  
*Calamagrostis canadensis*  
Bluish leaves with delicate purple panicles in summer. Used by the Cree to make mattresses. Clump-forming, spreading by rhizomes. Wet to normal soil; it’s good for holding banks along lakes and ponds. Seed from Green County, Wis. 36–72”h ○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Bluestem, Big** *Andropogon gerardii*  
Vertical stems in a dense clump. Known for its three-pronged “turkey-foot” seed heads. From the prairie and savanna, it’s drought-tolerant, reliable, and adaptable.  
○●

\$2.00—2.5” pot:  
G011 **Wild Big Bluestem** ☞—Seed from Polk County, Minn. 60–92”h ☞☞

\$10.00—4.5” pot:  
G012 **Dancing Wind** ☞☞—Foliage turns a soft red in mid-summer, then brilliant scarlet after frost. Purple-red seed heads in fall. Cultivar. 72”h by 24–36”w ☞

G013 **Red October**—Lightly brushed with burgundy-red at the tips until fall, when the color spreads down the narrow blades and the whole plant blazes with scarlet. Cold deepens the color to purple-red and copper. Small burgundy-red seeds in August. Cultivar. 24–48”h ☞

**Bluestem, Little** *Schizachyrium scoparium*  
A favorite for ornamental and naturalized landscapes. Prefers sun. Clump-forming and deer-resistant. Drought-tolerant once established. ○●

\$2.00—2.5” pot:  
G014 **Wild Little Bluestem** ☞—Seed from Polk County, Minn. 12–36”h ☞☞

\$7.00—4.5” pot:  
G015 **Blue Heaven**—Upright, slender green leaves with a tinge of blue at base. Purplish bronze flowers in August, followed by fluffy silver-white seed heads. Bronze-orange fall foliage. Cultivar. ★★ ★★ ★ 24–48”h

G016 **Standing Ovation**—Thick bluish green leaves. Fiery foliage in fall. Cultivar. 36–48”h

\$8.00—4.5” pot:  
G017 **The Blues**—Selected for pronounced blue color. Best in dry soils. Cultivar. 12–24”h ☞

\$10.00—4.5” pot:  
G018 **Twilight Zone** ☞—Leaves become silvery mauve in mid-summer, turning to deep purple in fall. Cultivar. 48–60”h ☞

G019 **Bottlebrush Grass** *Elymus hystrix* ☞☞  
Clump-forming grass with tall spikes that look like bottlebrushes. A must for forest restorations and shady perennial gardens. Excellent for texture. Seed from Winona County, Minn. 36”h ○●●☞

\$2.00—2.5” pot  
G020 **Dropseed, Giant** *Sporobolus wrightii*  
Airy, feathery cream to bronze 12–24” plumes on dramatic 60–72” stems from August into October, above a 36–48” clump of arching, gray-green foliage. Fast-growing and drought-tolerant once established. 36–84”h ○● \$8.00—4.5” pot

G021 **Dropseed, Northern** ☞☞  
*Sporobolus heterolepis*  
Grown for its arching, thin leaves and cloud-like panicles of pinkish beige flowers in mid-summer. Clump former. Seed from Polk County, Minn. ★★ ★★ ★ 24–48”h ○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Feather Reed Grass**  
*Calamagrostis x acutiflora*  
Showy, feathery plumes with wheat-colored seed heads in fall and winter. Clump-forming. 48–60”h ○  
\$3.00—3.5” pot:

G022 **Art’s Golden** ☞—Variegated green and yellow. ★★ ★★ ★  
G023 **Avalanche** ☞—Variegated with a wide white stripe in the center of each blade. Gold seed heads. ★★ ★★ ★  
G024 **Karl Foerster** ☞—Great for use as a grass hedge. Blooms earlier than most tall grasses. ★★ ★★ ★

G025 **Feather Reed Grass, Korean** ☞☞  
*Calamagrostis brachytricha*  
Feathery mauve-pink plumes in fall are great as a cut stem or left to give winter interest to your garden. Can take some shade. Clump-forming. 36–48”h ○● \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Fescue, Dwarf Blue** *Festuca ovina glauca*  
Soft tufts provide contrast in the garden. Also for edging, ground cover, or a lawn alternative. Good drainage needed. Clump-forming. ○☞  
\$2.00—2.5” pot:  
G026 **Dwarf Blue Fescue**—10–16”h

\$3.00—3.5” pot:  
G027 **Elijah Blue** ☞—Considered the best blue fescue. Maintains good color during summer. 10”h

G028 **Flame Grass** ☞☞  
*Miscanthus sinensis purpurascens*  
Gray-green foliage turns brilliant red-orange in fall. Narrow silvery plumes in mid-summer. Clump-forming grass from Asia with prominent feathery flower heads. ★★ ★★ ★ 36–48”h ○ \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Fountain Grass** *Pennisetum alopecuroides*  
A garden favorite. Clump-forming. Needs winter protection. ○●

\$2.00—2.5” pot:  
G029 **Fountain Grass** ☞—Graceful, narrow, arching leaves with pinkish silver bottlebrush plumes that mature to light brown. Bristly, elongated seed heads. 40–60”h

\$8.00—4.5” pot:  
G030 **Hameln**—Early-flowering, short fountain grass with copper-tan seed heads. Yellow fall color. 24–36”h

G031 **Indian Grass** *Sorghastrum nutans* ☞☞  
Silky plumes in shades of gold and brown. Good grass for gardens. Tolerates dry soil. Clump-forming. Seed from Polk County, Minn. ★★ ★★ ★ 36–72”h ○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Japanese Forest Grass** *Hakonechloa macra*  
A delightful, short ornamental grass, forming graceful mounds of draping foliage. Lights up shady areas of the garden and pairs well with hostas. Slow to emerge in spring. Slow spreading, it does well in moist but well-drained soil. ○●

\$10.00—4.5” pot:  
G032 **All Gold** ☞—Flowing leaves vary in color from gold to chartreuse, becoming greener in more shade. 8–12”h by 18–24”w

G033 **Aureola** ☞—Variegated in gold and green. 12”h

G034 **June Grass** *Koeleria macrantha*  
Low-grower suitable for edging native restoration plantings. Clump-former, most commonly found growing in dry sandy soils. Seed from Dane County, Wis. 12–24”h ○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

G035 **Northern Sea Oats** ☞☞  
*Chasmanthium latifolium*  
Graceful and arching. Persistent hanging seed heads are shaped like fish. Loosely tufted spreader. Native as nearby as Wisconsin and Iowa. 36–60”h ○●● \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Rush, Corkscrew** *Juncus*  
Aptly named curly green foliage. Fantastic in flower arrangements. Prefers a moist location, even 1–6” under water in a pond, but it also did well in our State Fair garden, which is well-drained. Cut back the old stems in late winter so you can see the fresh green corkscrews in spring. ○●

\$2.50—2.5” pot:  
G036 **Blue Medusa** *J. inflexus* ☞—Dusty blue-green foliage. Clumps resemble a dish of blue spaghetti. 15”h by 24”w  
G037 **Spiralis** *J. effusus*—Chartreuse in spring. 12–18”h ☞

G038 **Rush, Path** *Juncus tenuis* ☞☞  
Vigorous bright green tubular blades in dense clumps. Grows anywhere, including in compacted soil, and will spread to form a ground cover. Seed from Menard County, Illinois. 6–14”h ○●☞☞ \$3.50—3.5” pot

G039 **Sedge, Gray’s** *Carex grayi*  
Large showy seed heads like spiked medieval clubs. Originally found in moist shade, but will grow in many locations. Clump-forming. Seed from Wisconsin. 24–30”h ○●☞ \$2.50—2.5” pot

G040 **Sedge, Ice Dance** *Carex morrowii*  
White edges on arching green leaves. Vigorous. Clump-forming. 12”h ○● \$2.50—2.5” pot

G041 **Sedge, Long-Beaked** ☞☞  
*Carex sprengelii*  
A slowly spreading, clump-forming sedge with showy, pendant seed heads. Found in woodlands but will grow in full sun. Provides cover and seeds for birds, but is not attractive to herbivores. Seed from Fillmore County, Minn. 2–4”h ○●●☞☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

G042 **Sedge, Pennsylvania**  
*Carex pennsylvanica*  
Good for everywhere from prairies to woodlands to raingardens. Even good in dry shade, and needs no mowing. Grows well under oaks and with ephemeral wild flowers. Tolerates light foot traffic. Spreading. Seed from southern St. Louis County, Minn. ★★ ★★ ★ 6–12”h ○●●☞ \$6.00—4 plants in a pack

G043 **Sweet Grass** *Hierochloa odorata* ☞☞  
Upright, spreading grass with tan seed heads. Sacred plant among many Native American tribes. Used in basket-weaving and braided to use as incense. Likes moist to wet soil. Aggressive spreader. Seed from Faribault County, Minn. 12–24”h ○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Switch Grass** *Panicum virgatum*  
Delicate, feathery seed heads. Prefers light soil. Clump-forming. ○

\$1.50—2.5” pot:  
G044 **Wild Switch Grass**—Seed from Polk County, Minn. 36–60”h ☞

\$2.00—2.5” pot:  
G045 **Shenandoah** ☞☞—Most compact and controlled cultivar. Very hardy. Red by mid-summer. 36”h

\$10.00—4.5” pot:  
G046 **Hot Rod** ☞☞—Upright blue-green blades in spring quickly turn burgundy-red for summer, then deep purple for fall. Showy red-purple seed heads provide food for winter birds. Cultivar. 36–48”h by 24–36”w

G047 **Tufted Hair Grass** ☞☞  
*Deschampsia caespitosa*  
Narrow, arching blades with nice mounding habit. Beige and chartreuse mops of flowers ripen to airy seed heads. Prefers part shade in moist soils. Clump-forming. Unknown seed origin. ★★ ★★ ★ 12”h ○●☞ \$2.00—2.5” pot

**Key**  
○ Full sun  
● Part sun/part shade  
● Shade  
☞ Good for bees  
☞ Audubon-endorsed  
☞ Butterfly-friendly  
☞ Hummingbird-friendly  
☞ Attractive foliage  
☞ Culinary  
☞ Edible flowers  
☞ Ground cover  
☞ Medicinal  
☞ Minnesota native  
☞ Rock garden  
☞ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F  
☞ Toxic to humans  
☞ Saturday restock

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