

Botanical Name	Common Name	Bloom Color	Average height	Sun - Pt. Shade	Pt. Shade - Shade	Sprinkle	Massing	Sprinkle Or Massing	Less Is More (spreaders)	Rain Garden (DOWNSPOUT)	Deer may avoid	Rabbit may avoid
<b>SPRING – EARLY SUMMER April – June (weather dependent)</b>												
<i>Quercus macrocarpa (tree)</i>	Bur Oak		80-100'	*								
<i>Viburnum prunifolium (tree)</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum	white	10-12'	*							*	
<i>Sambucus canadensis (shrub)</i>	American Elderberry	white	8-10'	*						*	*	
<i>Diervilla lonicera (shrub)</i>	Northern Bush Honeysuckle	yellow	4'	*			*		*			
<i>Dodecatheon/Primula meadia</i>	Shooting Star	pink	1-2'	*				*				
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander	yellow	3-4'	*				*	*	*		
<i>Viola sororia</i>	Common Violet	purple	6-8"	*				*			*	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black Eyed Susan	yellow	2-3'	*		*					*	
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Ohio Spiderwort	blue	2-3'	*		*			*	*	*	
<i>Baptisia alba / lactea</i>	White Indigo	white	4-5'	*		*					*	
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	Prairie Alumroot	chartreuse	2'	*				*			*	
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	white	2-3'	*			*				*	
<i>Lindera benzoin (shrub)</i>	Spicebush	yellow	10-12'		*					*	*	
<i>Carpinus caroliniana (tree)</i>	Musclewood	-	20'		*					*	*	
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Woodland Geranium	Lilac	2'		*			*	*	*	*	
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May Apple	white	1'		*		*		*		*	
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacobs Ladder	blue	6-8"								*	
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Woodland Phlox	Blue	8-12"		*			*			*	
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger	maroon	4-6"		*		*				*	
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-In-the-Pulpit	cream	2'		*	*				*	*	
<i>Carex spp.</i>	Sedges											
<b>MIDSUMMER: Late June - early August (weather dependent)</b>												
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	Pink	3-4'	*				*		*	*	
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Common Mountain Mint	white	3'	*			*			*	*	*
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot / Beebalm	lilac	3-4'	*			*		*	*	*	*
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	pink	1-2'	*				*	*		*	*
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	Sweet Black Eye Susan	yellow	4-6'	*			*		*	*	*	
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Common Milkweed	pink	4-5'	*				*		*	*	*
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides (fern)</i>	Christmas Fern	-	1'		*			*			*	*
<i>Campanulastrum americana</i>	American Bellflower	blue	4-5'		*			*		*		
<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Purple Joe Pyeweed	pink	5-7'		*			*	*		*	

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<b>LATE SUMMER-FALL: mid August-October (weather dependent)</b>											*	
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> (grass)	Prairie Dropseed	tan	3'	*				*				
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	purple	4-6'	*				*	*	*		
<i>Symphotrichum laevie</i>	Smooth Blue Aster	blue	3-5'	*				*	*			
<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	Side Flowering/Calico Aster	white	3'		*			*		*		
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	yellow	4'	*				*	*		*	
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	Zig-zag Goldenrod	yellow	2-3'		*			*	*		*	

Favorite websites - [illinoiswildflower.info](http://illinoiswildflower.info), [nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants](http://nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants), Book - Bees: An I.D. and Native Plant Forage Guide – Heather Holm

**Advice: If you're not sure if a native plant will grow well in your yard, study where the plant naturally grows and what other plants it grows with, then try to match those conditions.**