



Wisconsin Native Plants for Raingardens

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Butterfly Favorites

* Hummingbird favorite

Habitat Key:

W-Wetland
S-Savanna

WP-Wet Prairie
DP-Dry Prairie

MP-Mesic Prairie
WD-Woodland

Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Color	Bloom Time	Habitat	
Allium cernuum	nodding wild onion	1-2'	pink/white	July-Aug	MP/WD/S	
Amorpha canescens	leadplant	1-3'	dusty purple	June-Aug	MP/DP	
Apocynum androsaemifolium	dogbane	6-24"	pink striped	June-Aug	MP/WD/S	

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<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	<i>columbine*</i>	1-3'	red & yellow	May-June	MP/WD/S	
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	<i>red milkweed</i>	2-8'	magenta	July-Aug	WP/W	
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	<i>common milkweed</i>	2-4'	dusty pink	June-Aug	MP	
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	<i>butterfly weed*</i>	1-3'	orange	July-Sept	DP/S	

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Aster azureus	<i>sky blue aster</i>	6-24"	azure	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	
Aster ericoides	<i>heath aster</i>	1-3'	white	Aug-Oct	DP	
Aster novae-angliae	<i>New England aster</i>	1-4'	purple & orange	Aug-Oct	WP/MP	

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Aster sericeus	<i>silky aster</i>	1-2'	lavender	Aug-Oct	DP/MP	
Ceanothus americanus	<i>New Jersey tea*</i>	1-3'	white	June-Aug	DP/MP	
Chelone glabra	<i>turtlehead</i>	1-3'	white	July-Sept	WP/W	

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Cirsium discolor	<i>native field thistle</i>	3-9'	pink/red	July-Oct	MP/DP/S	
Echinacea pallida	<i>pale purple coneflower</i>	2-4'	pink/purple	June-July	MP/DP	
Echinacea purpurea	<i>purple coneflower</i>	2-3'	purple	June-Oct	MP/D	
Eryngium yuccifolium	<i>rattlesnake master</i>	1-4'	white/green	July-Aug	DP/MP	

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Eupatorium maculatum	<i>spotted Joe Pye</i>	2-6'	pink	July-Sept	W/WP	
Eupatorium perfoliatum	<i>boneset</i>	2-4'	white	July-Oct	MP/WP	
Eupatorium purpureum	<i>savanna JoePye</i>	3-6'	dusty pink	July-Aug	WP/MP/S	

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Liatris aspera	<i>rough blazing star*</i>	2-3'	purple/pink	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	
Liatris pycnostachya	<i>prairie blazing star*</i>	2-4'	purple	July-Sept	WP/MP	
Lobelia cardinalis	<i>cardinal flower*</i>	2-4'	scarlet	July-Sept	W/WP	

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Lobelia siphilitica	<i>great blue lobelia</i>	1-4'	blue	Aug-Sept	W/WP	
Monarda fistulosa	<i>bergamot</i>	2-4'	lavender/pink	July-Aug	WP/MP	
Petalostemum purpureum	<i>purple prairie clover</i>	1-2'	purple	June-Aug	DP/MP	

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Phlox divaricata	<i>woodland phlox</i>	6-12"	blue	April-June	WP/DP	
Phlox pilosa	<i>downy prairie phlox</i>	6-18"	pink	April-June	DP/MP/S	
Pycnanthemum virginianum	<i>mountain mint</i>	1-4'	white	July-Sept	WP/MP	
Rudbeckia hirta	<i>black-eyed Susan</i>	1-3'	yellow & brown	June-Aug	DP/MP	

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Solidago riddellii	<i>Riddell's goldenrod</i>	1-3'	yellow	Aug-Oct	W/WP	
Solidago rigida	<i>stiff goldenrod</i>	1-4'	yellow	July-Oct	MP/DP	
Solidago speciosa	<i>showy goldenrod</i>	1-3'	yellow	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	

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Spiraea alba	<i>meadowsweet</i>	2-5'	white	June-Sept	WP/W	
Tradescantia ohiensis	<i>spiderwort</i>	1-4'	blue	April-July	MP/WP/S	
Verbena hastata	<i>blue vervain</i>	2-4'	purple	July-Oct	W/WP	
Verbena stricta	<i>hoary vervain</i>	1-2'	blue/purple	July-Sept	MP/DP	

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Vernonia fasciculata	<i>ironweed</i>	3-5'	royal purple	July-Sept	WP/W	
Veronicastrum virginicum	<i>culver's root</i>	3-5'	white	July-Aug	MP/WP	
Viola papilionacea	<i>common wood violet</i>	2-6"	purple/white	April-June	S/WD	
Viola pedata	<i>birdsfoot violet</i>	2-6"	purple & yellow	April-June	DP/MP/S	

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<i>Zizia aptera</i>	<i>heartleaved golden Alexander</i>	1-2'	yellow	May-June	MP/DP	
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	<i>divided golden Alexander</i>	1-2'	yellow	May-June	WP/W	

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Bird Feeders - Forbs

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Aster ericoides	<i>heath aster</i>	1-3'	white	Aug-Oct	DP	
Aster sericeus	<i>silky aster</i>	1-2'	lavender	Aug-Oct	DP/MP	
Astragalus canadensis	<i>Canada milk vetch</i>	1-4'	yellow	June-Aug	WP/MP/S	

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Campanula rotundifolia	<i>harebell</i>	6-12"	blue	June-Oct	MP/S/WD	
Cassia hebecarpa	<i>wild senna</i>	3-6'	yellow	July-Aug	W/WP	
Cirsium discolor	<i>native field thistle</i>	3-9'	pink/red	July-Oct	MP/DP/S	
Desmodium canadense	<i>showy tick-trefoil</i>	3-4'	purple	July-Aug	MP/DP/S	

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Desmodium illinoense	<i>Illinois tick-trefoil</i>	3-5'	purple/pink	July-Aug	MP/DP/S	
Epilobium angustifolium	<i>fireweed*</i>	3-7'	pink/red	June-Sept	WP/W	
Fragaria virginiana	<i>wild strawberry</i>	4-6"	white	April-June	MP /DP/S	
Geum triflorum	<i>prairie smoke</i>	6-12"	burgundy/pink	April-June	DP/MP	

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Helenium autumnale	<i>sneezeweed</i>	2-4'	yellow	Aug-Oct	W/WP	
Helianthus laetiflorus	<i>showy sunflower</i>	1-4'	yellow	Aug-Sept	MP	
Helianthus mollis	<i>downy sunflower</i>	2-4'	yellow	Aug-Sept	MP/DP/S	
Helianthus occidentalis	<i>ox-eye sunflower</i>	2-3'	yellow	Aug-Sept	MP/DP	

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Heliopsis helianthoides	<i>false sunflower</i>	2-5'	yellow	July-Sept	MP/DP	
Iris shrevei	<i>wild iris*</i>	1-3'	purple & yellow	May-July	MP/WP/W	
Lespedeza capitata	<i>roundhead bush clover</i>	2-4'	ivory	July-Sept	MP/DP	
Liatris aspera	<i>rough blazing star</i>	2-3'	purple/pink	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	

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Liatris pycnostachya	<i>prairie blazing star*</i>	2-4'	lavender	July-Sept	WP/MP	
Oenothera biennis	<i>evening primrose</i>	2-5'	yellow	July-Oct	MP/DP	
Penstemon digitalis	<i>bearded foxglove</i>	1-4'	white	May-July	MP/DP	
Petalostemum purpureum	<i>purple prairie clover</i>	1-2'	purple	June-Aug	DP/MP	

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Ratibida pinnata	<i>yellow coneflower</i>	1-4'	yellow & brown	June-Aug	WP/MP/D P	
Rosa sp.	<i>wild rose</i>	6-18'	pink	June-July	MP/DP/S	
Rudbeckia hirta	<i>black-eyed Susan</i>	1-3'	yellow & brown	June-Aug	DP/MP	
Rudbeckia triloba	<i>brown-eyed Susan</i>	1-4'	yellow & brown	July-Oct	WD/S	

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Ruellia humilis	<i>wild petunia*</i>	6-18"	purple	June-Aug	DP/MP	
Silphium integrifolium	<i>rosin weed</i>	2-6'	yellow	July-Sept	MP	
Silphium laciniatum	<i>compass plant</i>	3-7'	yellow	June-Sept	WP/MP	
Silphium perfoliatum	<i>cup plant*</i>	3-7'	yellow	July-Sept	WP	

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Silphium terebinthinaceum	<i>prairie dock</i>	3-8'	yellow	July-Sept	MP/DP	
Solidago riddellii	<i>Riddell's goldenrod</i>	1-3'	yellow	Aug-Oct	W/WP	

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Bird Feeders - Grasses

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Andropogon gerardii	<i>big bluestem</i>	4-7'	purple & green	Aug-Nov	WP/MP	
Andropogon scoparius	<i>little bluestem</i>	1-3'	rust & green	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	
Bouteloua curtipendula	<i>side-oats grama</i>	1-3'	purple & gold	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	

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Panicum virgatum	<i>switch grass</i>	3-5'	gold	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	
Sorghastrum nutans	<i>Indian grass</i>	3-6'	copper & green	Aug-Oct	MP/DP	
Sporobolus heterolepis	<i>prairie dropseed</i>	2-4'	gold	Sept-Nov	MP/DP	

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