

Native Plants Best Suited for Rain Gardens

Grasses, Sedges, Rushes

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Yellow Fox Sedge *Carex annectans* var *xanthocarpa* Sun - Psun May-June 1-2 ft Brown

Brome Hummock Sedge *Carex bromoides* Sun-Shade May-June 1 ft Green

Riverbank Tussock Sedge *Carex emoryi* Sun-Psun May-June 2 ft Green

Frank's Sedge *Carex frankii* Sun-Shade May-July 1-2 ft Green

Meadow Sedge *Carex granularis* Sun-Shade May-June 1 ft Green

Burr Sedge *Carex grayii* Psun -Shade May-July 1-2 ft Green

Palm Sedge *Carex muskingumensis* Shade May-July 1 ft Green

Fox Sedge *Carex vulpinoidea* Sun-Psun May-June 1-2 ft Brown

Tufted Hair Grass *Deschampsia caespitosa* Sun May-June 1-2 ft Brown

Switchgrass *Panicum virgatum* Sun July-August 3-5 ft Brown

Little Bluestem *Schizachyrium scoparium* Sun July-August 2-3 ft Brown

Woolgrass *Scirpus cyperinus* Sun July-August 4-5 ft Brown

Reddish Bulrush *Scirpus pendulus* Sun June-July 3-4 ft Brown

Prairie Dropseed *Sporobolus heterolepis* Sun August-Sept 1-2 ft Brown

Wildflowers

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Marsh Milkweed *Asclepias incarnata* Sun July-August 3-4 ft Pink
Shining Aster *Aster firmus* Sun Sept-October 3-4 ft Lavender
New England Aster *Aster novae-angliae* Sun Sept-October 3-4 ft Purple
Swamp Aster *Aster puniceus* Sun-Psun Sept-October 4-5 ft Lavender
Flat-topped Aster *Aster umbellatus* Sun August-Sept 4-5 ft White
White Turtlehead *Chelone glabra* Psun August-Sept 2-4 ft White
Pink Turtlehead *Chelone obliqua* Psun August-Sept 2-4 ft Pink 2-24 hours
Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea* Sun-Psun July-August 2-3 ft Pink
Hollow Joe-Pye Weed *Eupatorium fistulosum* Sun August-Sept 5-8 ft Pink
Spotted Joe-Pye Weed *Eupatorium maculatum* Sun August-Sept 4-6 ft Pink
Boneset *Eupatorium perfoliatum* Sun August-Sept 3-4 ft White
Queen of the Prairie *Filipendula rubra* Sun June-July 3-5 ft Pink
Bottle Gentian *Gentiana andrewsii* Sun-Psun Sept-October 1-2 ft Blue
Autumn Sneezeweed *Helenium autumnale* Sun-Psun Sept-October 3-4 ft Yellow
Blue Flag *Iris virginica shrevei* Sun-shade May-June 1-2 ft Blue
Dense Blazing Star *Liatrix spicata* Sun July-August 3-4 ft Purple
Cardinal Flower *Lobelia cardinalis* Sun-shade August-Sept 2-3 ft Red
Great Blue *Lobelia Lobelia siphilitica* Sun-shade August-Sept 2-3 ft Blue
Monkeyflower *Mimulus ringens* Sun-Psun July-August 2-4 ft Lavender
Smooth Penstemon *Penstemon calycosus* Sun-shade May-June 1-2 ft Purple
Foxglove Beardtongue *Penstemon digitalis* Sun-Psun May-June 1-2 ft White
Mountain Mint *Pycnanthemum virginianum* Sun July-August 1-2 ft White
Yellow Coneflower *Ratibida pinnata* Sun July-August 3-4 ft Yellow
Showy Black-Eyed Susan *Rudbeckia fulgida speciosa* Sun August-Sept 1-2 ft Gold
Sweet Black-Eyed Susan *Rudbeckia subtomentosa* Sun-Psun August-Sept 3-4 ft Yellow
Golden Ragwort *Senecio aureus* Sun-shade April-May 1-2 ft Yellow
Riddell's Goldenrod *Solidago riddellii* Sun Sept-October 2-3 ft Yellow
Wrinkled Goldenrod *Solidago rugosa* Sun-Psun August-Sept 2-3 ft Yellow
Smooth Ironweed *Vernonia fasciculata* Sun August-Sept 3-4 ft Purple
Culver's Root *Veronicastrum virginicum* Sun-Psun July-August 3-4 ft White

Golden Alexanders *Zizia aurea* Sun-shade May-June 1-2 ft Yellow