



Native Plants for Meadows – Dry Site

Native plants are part of our rich natural heritage. These special plants are adapted to our local conditions, require less maintenance in the landscape and offer food sources for native wildlife. Native plants play a vital role in creating healthy ecosystems that can support a rich diversity of birds, insects, and other animals. Plant native!

Spring Blooming Perennials

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color
Foxglove, Beard-Tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	2-4'	white
Nodding Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	1-2'	pink
Spiderwort, Virginia	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	1-3'	purple

Summer Blooming Perennials

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color
Bergamot, Wild	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	2-3'	purple
Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	1-3'	yellow
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	3-4'	pink, purple
Butterfly-Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1-2'	orange
Coneflower, Grayheaded	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	4-5'	yellow
Milkweed, Common	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	3-5'	pink
Milkweed, Purple	<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	3'	purple
Mountain-Mint, Hoary	<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	2-3'	white
Mountain-Mint, Narrow-Leaved	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	1-3'	white
Mountain-Mint, Short-Toothed	<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	2-3'	white
Mountain-Mint, Virginia	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	2-3'	white
Spiderwort, Ohio	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	2'	purple
Senna, Maryland	<i>Senna marilandica</i>	3-6'	yellow
Senna, Wild	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	3-4'	yellow
Tickseed, Tall	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	3-6'	yellow
Whorled Rosinweed	<i>Silphium trifoliatum</i>	3-7'	yellow

Summer-Fall Blooming Perennials

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color
Aster, Calico	<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	1-2'	purple, white
Aster, New England	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	3-5'	purple
Boneset, Hyssop-Leaved	<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	2-3'	white
Culver's-Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	3-5'	white
Field Thistle	<i>Cirsium discolor</i>	3-6'	pink-purple

Goldenrod, Early	<i>Solidago juncea</i>	1-4'	yellow
Goldenrod, Showy	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	2-4'	yellow
Goldenrod, Stiff	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	3-5'	yellow

Spring Blooming Grasses and Sedges

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color
Eastern Gamagrass	<i>Tripasum dactyloides</i>	2-3'	brown

Summer Blooming Grasses and Sedges

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color
Bluestem, Big	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	3-9'	green
Bluestem, Little	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	3-5'	wheat
Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	3-6'	green
Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	2-3'	wheat
Switch Grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	3-6'	pink

Fall Blooming Grasses and Sedges

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color
Bluestem, Broomsedge	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	1-4'	green