

Beginner-friendly Native Plants – SUN Gardens

Wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*): full sun to full shade; dry to medium soil; red/yellow flowers April to July; 1-2 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Hairy beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*): full sun to part shade; dry to medium soil; white/purple flowers May to June; 1-3 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Downy woodmint (*Blephilia ciliata*): full sun to part shade; dry to medium soil; lavender flowers May to July; 1-3 feet tall; 2-foot spread

Wild blue Indigo (*Baptisia australis*): shrub-like; full to partial sun; dry to medium soil; blue flowers May to July; attractive seed pods; 1-4 feet tall; 4-foot spread

Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*): full sun to part shade; dry to medium soil; pink-purple flowers June to September; 3-4 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Foxglove beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*): full sun to part shade; dry to medium soil; white flowers June-July; 2-3 feet tall, 2-3-foot spread

Downy skullcap (*Scutellaria incana*): part sun; medium to medium-dry soil; blue flowers June to August; 1-3 feet tall; 1-2-foot spread

Queen-of-the-prairie (*Filipendula rubra*): full sun to part shade; medium to wet soil; pink flower plumes June to July; 3-5 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*): full sun to part shade; dry soil; orange flowers June to September; 1-3 feet tall; 2-foot spread

Orange coneflower (*Rudbeckia fulgida*): full sun to part shade; medium to wet soil; yellow-orange flowers July to September; 2-4 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Blazing star (*Liatris spicata*): full sun; medium to wet soil; purple flowers July to August; 2-5 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*): full sun to part shade; wet soil; pink flower clusters July to September; 3-5 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*): full sun to part shade; wet soil; red flowers July to September; 3-5 feet tall; 1-foot spread; short-lived but reseeds

Great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitaca*): full sun to part shade; medium to wet soil; blue flowers July to September; 2-3 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*): full sun; medium to moist soil; white/pink flowers July to August; 1-2 feet tall; up to 1-foot spread

Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*): full sun; dry to medium soil; white flowers July to September; 3-4 feet tall; 2-foot spread

Stiff goldenrod (*Oligoneuron rigidum*): full sun; dry to medium soil; yellow flowers August to September; 3-5 feet tall; 2-foot spread

Sky blue aster (*Symphotrichum oolentangiense*): full to partial sun; dry to medium soil; blue-lavender flowers August to October; 2-3 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Helen's flower (*Helenium autumnale*): full sun to part shade; medium to wet soil; yellow flowers August to October; 2-5 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*): **grass**; full sun to part shade; dry to medium soil; flowers August to October; 2-4 feet tall; 2-foot spread

Purple love grass (*Eragostis spectabilis*): **grass**; full sun to part shade; dry soil; flowers August to October; 1-2 feet tall; 2-foot spread

Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*): **grass**; full sun to part shade; dry to medium soil; flowers July to September; 2-3 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Side-oats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*): **grass**; full sun; dry to medium soil; flowers July to August; 2-3 feet tall; 1-foot spread

Pussytoes (*Antennaria neglecta* or *A. plantaginifolia*): **groundcover**; full to partial sun; dry to medium soil; white flowers April to June; 6 inches to 1 foot tall; 1-foot spread

Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*): **groundcover**; full sun to shade; medium wet to medium dry well-drained soil; white flowers April to June; 8 inches tall; 6-12 inch spread

Blackhaw viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*): **shrub**, full sun to shade; medium moist soil; white flower clusters April to June; blue-black berries; 12-15 feet tall; 5-10-foot spread

The **Dayton Area Wild Ones (DAWO)** is a regional chapter of **Wild Ones**, a national organization that teaches about the benefits of using native plants to create natural landscapes. The primary goals of DAWO are to educate and support homeowners as they develop their own native landscapes, to educate the public, and to enhance public spaces in our local communities.

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