

Wildflower Descriptions



WET: Shorelines/Rain Garden/ Ditches/Watered Garden		
Blue Vervain	Verbena hastata	3-5'; Candelabra-like blue spikes; attracts bees & butterflies
Water avens	Geum rivale	1-2'; Interesting purp-red flwrs
Cardinal flower	Lobelia cardinalis	2-5'; Fire-red flower spikes; short-lived; butterflies & hummers
Marsh Scullcap	Scutellaria galericulata	1-2'; Blue flwrs; Self-sows along shorelines
Helen's Flower	Helenium autumnale	4-5'; Prolific late season bloom & nectar; bees; deer resistant
Joe Pye Weed	Eutrochium maculatum	3-6'; showy mauve flwrs; wet or dry; butterfly magnet; deer resist
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	2-4'; Pink vanilla-scented flwrs; butterflies attracted++; reseeds
Great St John's Wort	Hypericum pyramidalatum	4-5'; Shrubby clump; shorelines
MEDIUM MOIST SOILS: Average garden/Field/Pollinator plantings		
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	1-2'; Self-sowing annual/biennial
Nodding Pink Onion	Allium cernuum	2'; Nodding pink flwrs; self-sows
Wild Lupine	Lupinus perennis	1-2'; self sows
New England Aster	Aster nova-angliae	2-4'; adaptable; important late season nectar; deer resist; reseeds
Pale Purple Coneflower	Echinacea pallida	2-3'; Drooping lav-pink petals; attracts butterflies & birds; reseeds
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis lanceolata	15"; Long blooming
Ox-eye Sunflower	Heliopsis helianthoides	2'; Long lasting cut
Giant Goldenrod	Solidago gigantea	1-7'; Great for bees
Wild Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	2'; unique flwr; adaptable; reseeds; hummingbirds and bees
DRY SOILS: Drought tolerant/Roadside/Gravel/Sand/Tough places/Pollinator plantings		
Rough Blazing Star	Liatris aspera	1.5-3';
Common Milkweed	Asclepius syriaca	3-6'; Monarch butterflies; fragrant pink; colonizes
Butterflyweed	Asclepius tuberosa	1-2'; vivid org flwrs; tap root; deer resist; butterflies & hummers
Frost Aster	Aster-Symphotrichum pilosum	2-4'; Poor soils
Beebalm	Monarda fistulosa	3-4'; Very adaptable; aromatic lvs; bees/butterflies/hummers
Wild Basil	Clinopodium vulgare	5"-24"; Bright pink flwrs; aromatic; attracts pollinators
Small Pussytoes	Antennaria neglecta	
WOODLAND: Shady/Rich moist soil		
Sharp Leaf Hepatica	Hepatica acutiloba	2-6"; Early
Mayapple	Podophyllum peltatum	1-2'; Large umbrella-like lvs; wh flwrs under; wildlife; colonizes
Hairy Wood Mint	Blephilia hirsutis	1.5-3'; Aromatic; Bees
Wild Geranium	Geranium maculatum	1-2'; Long bloom- showy pastel flwrs; lvs red in fall; many insects
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	Arisaema triphullum	1-3'; Brilliant red berries; seeds
Great White Trillium	Trillium grandiflorum	1'; lg 3-petal wh flwr ages to pink; bulb root; protect from deer
GRASS *SEDEGE* FERNS: Stabilization/Wildlife/ Accents		
Switch grass	Panicum virgatum	3-6'; Tolerates extremes in soil
Porcupine Sedge	Carex hystericina	1-3'; wildlife food in wetland habitats
Sweet Grass	Heirochloe odorata	1-2'; Dried grass has vanilla fragrance; used for smudging; moist
Ostrich Fern	Matteuccia pensylvanica	3-4'; graceful upright form

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