










Audubon at Home Top 10 Native Plant Lists – Wildflowers

Name	Image	Features, Size	Wildlife Value	Moisture, pH, Sunlight	Habitat/Other Notes
<p>Wild Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)</p>	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Steven Faucette, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Red yellow flowers, spring to mid-summer</p> <p>Drought, heat, and cold tolerant, deer resistant</p> <p>Easy to grow, spreads by seeds</p> <p>½ - 3 ft.</p>	<p>Seeds, pollen and nectar source</p> <p>Hummingbird, butterfly, hawkmoth attractor</p>	<p>Dry to medium soil, not too rich</p> <p>pH neutral</p> <p>Full sun to part shade</p>	<p>Rich rocky woods, cliffs, ledges, pastures, roadside banks</p>
<p>Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)</p>	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Thomas L. Muller, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Orange flowers late spring to mid-summer</p> <p>Striking floral display</p> <p>Tolerates high heat, drought; deer resistant</p> <p>1 – 3 ft.</p>	<p>pollen and nectar source</p> <p>Attracts wide variety of pollinators</p> <p>Host plant for monarch butterfly and other milkweed specialist insects</p>	<p>Dry to moist soil (well drained)</p> <p>pH – strongly acidic to neutral</p> <p>Full sun to part shade</p>	<p>Dry fields, roadsides</p> <hr/> <p>Several other species of milkweed are suitable for our area, including common and swamp milkweed</p>
<p>Bee Balm (<i>Monarda didyma</i>)</p> <p>AKA: Oswego tea</p>	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Stefan Bloodworth, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Bright red, showy, irregular flowers, summer</p> <p>Deer resistant</p> <p>2 – 5 ft.</p>	<p>Pollen and nectar source</p> <p>Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds</p>	<p>Moist to wet soil</p> <p>pH neutral to acidic</p> <p>Full to part sun</p>	<p>Streambanks, floodplains, woods, meadows</p> <hr/> <p>For drier sites, consider wild bergamont (<i>M. bradburiana</i>)</p>

<p>Obedient Plant (<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>)</p>	 <p>Stefan Bloodworth, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Showy, long lasting pink to purple irregular flowers, early to late summer</p> <p>Grows in clumps, can be aggressive but easily pulled out</p> <p>Tolerates drought and poor drainage; deer resistant</p> <p>1½ -- 5 ft.</p>	<p>Nectar and pollen source</p> <p>Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators</p>	<p>Dry to moist soils</p> <p>Full sun to part shade</p>	<p>Streambanks, shorelines, moist open areas</p>
<p>Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)</p>	 <p>Sally & Andy Wasowski, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Yellow or orange petals w/ brown center; early summer – mid fall</p> <p>Massed flower display</p> <p>Drought tolerant, adapts to shade</p> <p>Perennial</p> <p>1½ -- 4½ ft.</p>	<p>Seeds, pollen and nectar source</p> <p>Attracts goldfinches and other seed-eating birds</p>	<p>Dry to moist soil</p> <p>Full sun to part shade</p>	<p>Fields, open woods, rocky slopes</p> <p>Other native <i>Rudbeckia</i> species include brown-eyed Susan (<i>R triloba.</i>), early coneflower (<i>R. fulgida</i>), &, for wetter areas, tall coneflower (<i>R. lacinata</i>)</p>
<p>Blazing Star (<i>Liatris spicata</i>)</p>	 <p>Stefan Bloodworth, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Rose-purple or white flowers, mid-late summer</p> <p>Perennial</p> <p>1 – 6½ ft.</p>	<p>Seeds, pollen and nectar source</p> <p>Hummingbird and butterfly attractor</p>	<p>Dry to moist soil</p> <p>pH -- moderately acidic to slightly alkaline</p> <p>Full sun to part shade</p>	<p>Moist meadows, open areas</p>

<p>Oxeye Sunflower (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)</p> <p>AKA: oxeye, false sunflower</p>	 <p>T.F. Neihaus</p>	<p>Showy, pale yellow flowers, early summer to early fall</p> <p>Relatively easy to grow</p> <p>Tolerates clay soils</p>	<p>Nectar and pollen source</p> <p>Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies</p>	<p>Dry to moist soil</p> <p>Moderately acidic to neutral</p>	<p>Floodplains, open woods, fields, streambanks, thickets</p> <hr/> <p>Eastern plants are var. <i>helianthoides</i></p>
<p>Spotted Joe-Pyeweed (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>)</p>	 <p>Mrs. W.D. Bransford, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Purple to pale lavender flowers, mid-summer – fall</p> <p>Perennial</p> <p>Deer resistant</p> <p>2 – 6½ ft.</p>	<p>Seeds, nectar and pollen</p> <p>Attracts butterflies and other pollinators</p>	<p>Moist soil</p> <p>pH – neutral to moderately acidic</p> <p>Full sun to part shade</p>	<p>Fields, open woods, floodplains</p> <hr/> <p>For drier sites, consider purple Joe-Pye Weed; for moist to wet sites, Common Boneset works well.</p>
<p>Early Goldenrod (<i>Solidago juncea</i>)</p>	 <p>Mrs. W.D. Bransford, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</p>	<p>Showy, yellow flowers in branching clusters, early summer – fall</p> <p>Earliest blooming goldenrod</p> <p>Deer resistant</p> <p>1 – 4 ft.</p>	<p>Seeds, caterpillar host, pollen and nectar source</p> <p>Attracts a wide variety of pollinators</p> <p>Attracts goldfinches and other seed-eating birds</p>	<p>Dry to moist soil</p> <p>pH 4.8 – 7.5</p> <p>Full sun</p>	<p>Fields, meadows, roadsides, wood edges, rocky slopes</p> <hr/> <p>Several other species of goldenrod are suitable for our area, such as tall (urban tolerant), early, gray, sweet, rough stemmed, showy, zigzag & bluestem (latter two shade tolerant)</p>

Smooth Blue Aster

(Symphyotrichum laeve var. laeve)



Mrs. W.D. Bransford, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Conspicuous blue, violet, or white composite flowers with yellow centers, late-summer to fall

1 -- 5 ft.

Seeds, pollen and nectar source, caterpillar host plant

Attract butterflies, seed-eating birds

Dry soil

Full sun to part shade

Open areas, wood edge

Several species of aster suitable for our region, including heart-leaved, white wood (tolerate dry shade) heath, (dry to moist soils); New England (moist soil); and New York (moist to wet soil)