

## PLANTS AND DETAILS



### *Asclepias incarnata* Rose Milkweed

**HEIGHT:** 4 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Aug  
**SOIL:** Wet, Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** That lovely vanilla fragrance you detect coming from large rosy pink flowers possibly hosting several Monarch or Swallowtail butterflies is Rose Milkweed.



### *Asclepias speciosa* Showy Milkweed

**HEIGHT:** 4 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Aug  
**SOIL:** Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** An excellent nectar sources and are food for the larval stages of Monarch and Queen butterflies.

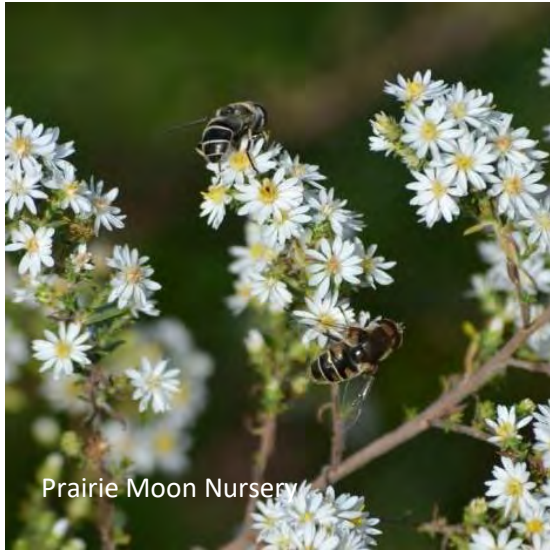


### *Aster cordifolius* Heart-Leaved Aster

**HEIGHT:** 3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Sep-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Part, Shade

**DESCRIPTION:** Also known as Blue Wood Aster, it has wonderful array of blue flowers attracts butterflies and bees, and also makes an excellent cut flower.

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### *Aster ericoides* Heath Aster

**HEIGHT:** 2 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med, Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

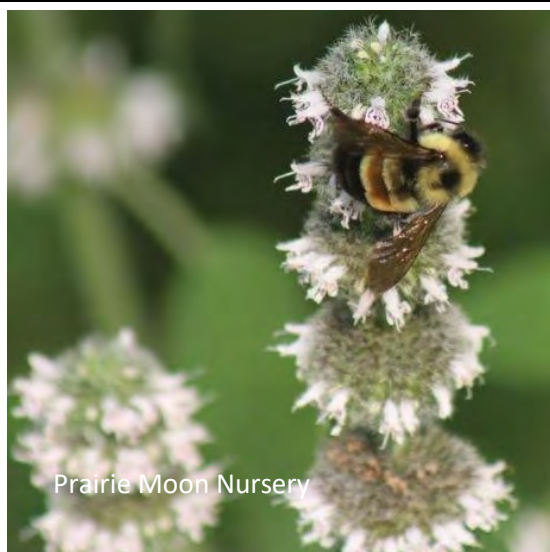
**DESCRIPTION:** Heath Aster is very easy to grow in medium to dry soils. It is rhizomatous and will self-seed readily, so some may consider it aggressive.



### *Aster oblongifolius* Aromatic Aster

**HEIGHT:** 2 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Nov  
**SOIL:** Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** The stiff stems will branch out slowly to create a bush-like appearance and will completely covered in light purple flowers when blooming.



### *Blephilia hirsuta* Hairy Wood Mint

**HEIGHT:** 3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Sep  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Part, Shade

**DESCRIPTION:** These flowers are pollinated primarily by long-tongued bees, specifically little carpenter bees, mason bees, and leaf-cutting bees.



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### *Boltonia asteroides* False Aster

**HEIGHT:** 4 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Oct  
**SOIL:** Wet, Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** False Aster provides a bright white presence from late summer to the first frosts, a time when the predominant native flower color is yellow



### *Campanula americana* Tall Bellflower

**HEIGHT:** 5 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jul-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Part, Shade

**DESCRIPTION:** Tall Bellflower reaches from three to five feet in height, its blue-violet blooms providing a bright late-summer accent to savanna or woodland plantings.



### *Campanula rotundifolia* Harebell

**HEIGHT:** 1 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Sep  
**SOIL:** Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Harebell, is a delicate beauty with small blue-violet bell-shaped flowers that nod from the tips of slender stems, blooming in spurts from summer to fall.

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### *Echinacea angustifolia* Narrow-Leaved Coneflower

**HEIGHT:** 2 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Jul  
**SOIL:** Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full

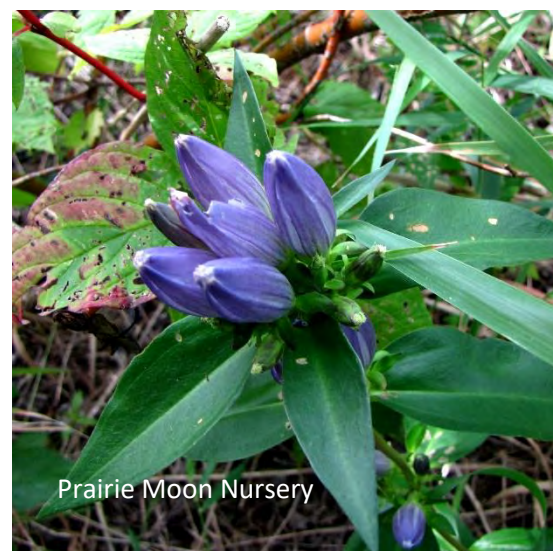
**DESCRIPTION:** The threatened Ottoe Skipper's life cycle depends greatly on *Echinacea angustifolia*, and drier prairie grasses such as Little Bluestem, Side-oats Grama and Prairie Dropseed.



### *Eupatorium perfoliatum* Boneset

**HEIGHT:** 2 - 5 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jul-Sep  
**SOIL:** Wet, Wet-Moist  
**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** Many different insect species are attracted to the flowers as the nectar is relatively easy to access



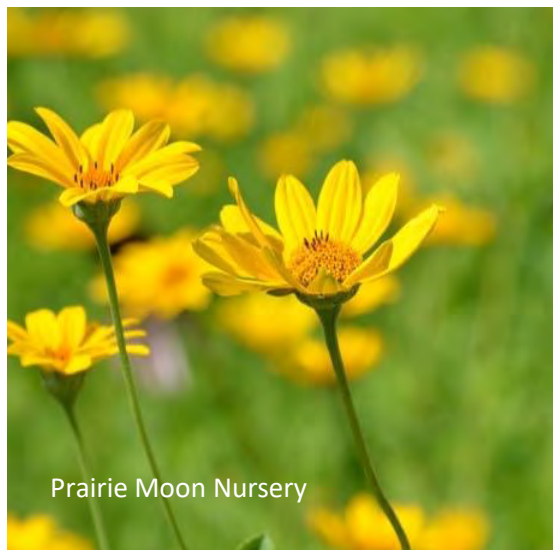
### *Gentiana andrewsii* Bottle Gentian

**HEIGHT:** 2 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Bottle Gentian are slow-growing but long-lived and require little care once established. Bumblebees are the main pollinators because they are the only insects strong enough to pry open the closed flowers



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### *Heliopsis helianthoides* Early Sunflower

**HEIGHT:** 5 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Sep  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** It is possible to hike from a fairly moist, almost wetland situation to the driest south facing hillside and Early Sunflower can be found all along the way.



### *Liatris aspera* Rough Blazing Star

**HEIGHT:** 3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jul-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med, Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** This Liatris prefers medium to dry soil conditions and will bloom for many weeks in the months of July to October. It grows best in full sun but can tolerate a fair amount of shade.



### *Penstemon digitalis* Foxglove Beardtongue

**HEIGHT:** 4 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Jul  
**SOIL:** Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** The tubular flowers of this plant attract long-tongued bees, including honeybees, bumblebees, Miner bees, Mason bees, and hummingbirds.

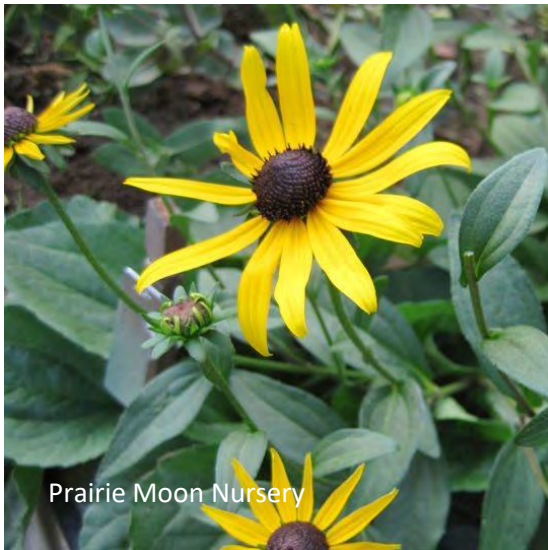
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### *Physostegia virginiana* Obedient Plant

**HEIGHT:** 4 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Sep  
**SOIL:** Wet, Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Part of the mint family and true to that behavior, these plants spread by rhizomes and can quickly fill small spaces. This is a wonderful species if you need a plant to fill in large spots around your yard.



### *Rudbeckia fulgida speciosa* Showy Black-Eyed Susan

**HEIGHT:** 2-3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jul-Sep  
**SOIL:** Med  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Its showy flowers and compact shape do well in landscaped plantings, even formal ones.



### *Salvia azurea* Blue Sage

**HEIGHT:** 5 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med, Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** In a prairie planting or naturalized setting the unusual clear blue blooms are visible from a distance despite the plants relative sparseness. The blue is a welcome sight among the many yellow prairie flowers of early fall.



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### *Scrophularia lanceolata* Early Figwort

**HEIGHT:** 5 ft  
**BLOOM:** May-July  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part, Shade

**DESCRIPTION:** Figworts are nectar-rich plants. Perhaps they are not known for their beauty, but are abundant in nectar! One of the best species for attracting butterflies, bees, other insects and birds - especially the Ruby-throated Hummingbird!



### *Solidago graminifolia* Grass-Leaved Goldenrod

**HEIGHT:** 4 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jul-Sep  
**SOIL:** Wet, Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** The smaller flowers of this plant attract many insects like butterflies, moths, long tongued bees, short tongued bees, beetles, etc



### *Solidago ridellii* Riddell's Goldenrod

**HEIGHT:** 3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Oct  
**SOIL:** Wet, Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** Performs best when its roots remain damp, but will adjust to medium moisture levels; inadequate water supplies will stunt this Goldenrod, limiting its growth to as short as 1 foot

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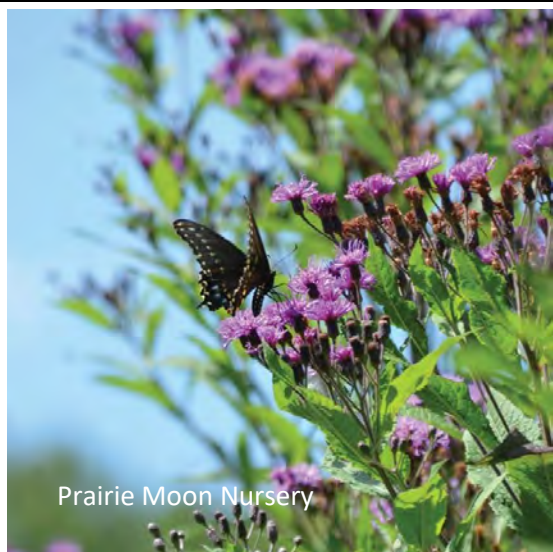


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### *Solidago speciosa* Showy Goldenrod

**HEIGHT:** 5 ft  
**BLOOM:** Sep-Nov  
**SOIL:** Med-Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Showy Goldenrod tends to bloom a little later than most Goldenrods. It is indeed one of the showiest of the genus with a feathery plume comprised of a dense clump of pale yellow to deep yellow flowers atop an attractive red stem.



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### *Vernonia fasciculata* Common Ironweed

**HEIGHT:** 6 - 7 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jul-Sep  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** This stately plant offers a large cluster of unusually brilliant purple flowers on top of 6' tall, unbranched stems; a sight to see late summer and into fall.



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### *Koeleria cristata* June Grass

**HEIGHT:** 2 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Jul  
**SOIL:** Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** This native, widely-distributed prairie grass will flower earlier than many other upland prairie grasses. Its plumes of silvery-green seed heads turn tan by mid-summer.



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### *Sporobolus heterolepis* Prairie Dropseed

**HEIGHT:** 2 ft  
**BLOOM:** Aug-Oct  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry, Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Native to most of eastern North America, this species really hits its stride in the midwestern prairies. When seed stalks emerge late summer, brush up against it for a cilantro smell.



### *Carex annectens* Small Yellow Fox Sedge

**HEIGHT:** 3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Jul  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Good uses for this sedge would be for lake/pond or stream margins, ditches and seasonal flooding spots, and rain gardens. Birds love the seed of Small Yellow Fox Sedge and so do waterfowl. Caterpillars and other insects will feed on the leaves.

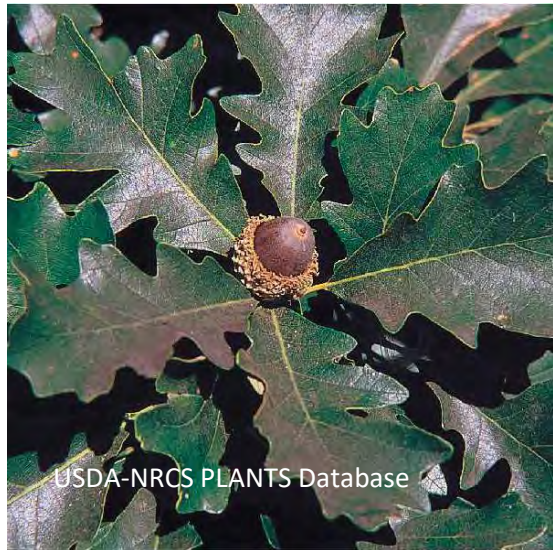


### *Carex bicknellii* Copper-Shouldered Oval Sedge

**HEIGHT:** 3 ft  
**BLOOM:** Jun-Jul  
**SOIL:** Med-Wet, Med, Med-Dry  
**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** Many species of grasshoppers feed on the plant and upland gamebirds and granivorous songbirds eat the seeds.

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### *Quercus macrocarpa* Bur Oak

**HEIGHT:** 50'-80' / **SPREAD:** 50-80'

**BLOOM:** Mar-May

**SOIL:** Moist to Well-Drained

**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** Branches have great character; excellent firewood; provides food and cover for wildlife and birds such as turkey, blue jay, grouse, deer, and wood duck. Along stream terraces for stabilization and floodplain areas.



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### *Prunus virginiana* Chokecherry

**HEIGHT:** 10'-25' / **SPREAD:** 15'-25'

**BLOOM:** Early Spring

**SOIL:** Rich, Moist to Well-Drained

**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** : Similar to black cherry tree but smaller. Bears red fruit that is good for many birds and mammals. Good wildlife cover. Planted for shade tree, erosion control, stream banks stabilization, prairie hillsides, fence rows, rocky bluffs, roadsides, watershed protection.



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### *Celtis occidentalis* Hackberry

**HEIGHT:** 50'-70' / **SPREAD:** 50'-70'

**BLOOM:** Apr-May

**SOIL:** Wet to well-drained, prefers alkaline

**SUN:** Full

**DESCRIPTION:** : Host plant for several butterflies, including Emperor, Question Mark, and American Snout. The fruit is highly sought after by a number of bird and mammal species, substitute for ash tree replacement; good for biomass plantings and firewood. Used for windbreaks.



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### *Physocarpus opulifolius* Ninebark

**HEIGHT:** 5'-9' / **SPREAD:** 4'-6'

**BLOOM:** May

**SOIL:** Moist to Moderately Dry

**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** : Hardy, dense, compact grower used for hedges, massing, mixed border and screening. Good wildlife food and cover.



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### *Prunus americana* Wild Plum

**HEIGHT:** 10'-15' / **SPREAD:** 10'-15'

**BLOOM:** Mar-May

**SOIL:** Moist to Well-Drained, acid

**SUN:** Full, Part

**DESCRIPTION:** : Edible fruit that is good for jams and jellies. Good wildlife food and cover, especially good nesting habitat for rarer songbirds like Yellow-breasted Chat and Bell's Vireo. Provides food for bees and many butterfly species, including Tiger Swallowtail. Planted in residential and parks.