



# Pasque Flower

## *Anemone patens*

- Soil: Dry – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: early Spring (April, May)
- Height: 6 inches
- Color: White/Purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Rock gardens, dry prairie gardens – mix with low growing flowers and grasses, **Prairie Smoke**, Blue-eyed Grass, **June Grass**



# Wild Columbine

## *Aquilegia Canadensis*

- Soil: Avg to Dry – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full to Part Shade
- Bloom time: Spring (June, July)
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Color: Red and Yellow
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Shade gardens or Full Sun – **Wild Geranium, Wild Phlox**, beardtongue and **golden alexander**





# Swamp/Rose/Marsh Milkweed

## *Asclepias Incarnata*

- Soil: Moist to Wet – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full to Part Sun
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: Pink
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Main attraction or small groupings in rain gardens, along ponds or near the down spout! Grows well with blazing star, culvers root, joe pye weed, boneset or tall ironweed

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# Butterfly Weed

*Asclepias tuberosa*

- Soil: Dry to Medium – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 2-3 feet
- Color: Orange
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Main attraction or small groupings, dry gardens – mix with short prairie grasses, blazing star, virginia mountain mint, nodding onion, wild bergamot or spiderwort





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# White false Indigo

*Baptisia alba* (*B lactea*, *B leucantha*)

- Soil: Medium to Moist – Iowa native
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: White
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Plant in groups of three to five in rain gardens, near bird baths or any garden setting. Plant short prairie grasses and flowers around the base to minimize weeds.





# Curly style wood sedge

*Carex rosea*

- Soil: Wet to Dry- Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Part Sun to Part Shade
- Bloom time: Spring (May, June)
- Height: 1 ft
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Looks great in small groups or mixed with a variety of low-growing woodland flowers





# Wild Senna

*Cassia or senna hebecarpa*

- Soil: Avg to Moist
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: Summer (July)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: Yellow
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Can be a little on the aggressive side, plant with wild bergamot or flowering spurge. Great in bee gardens where it will attract a wide variety of pollinators, especially bees!



# \*Prairie/stiff Coreopsis

*Coreopsis palmata*

- Soil: Medium to Dry
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: June, July, Aug
- Height: 2 feet
- Color: Yellow
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Use in bigger areas as it will spread by rhizomes to form a patch.
  - Attracts many pollinators and bee keepers consider it a good honey source.





# Pale Purple Coneflower

*Echinacea pallida*

- Soil: Dry to Medium – Loess hills native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Early Summer (May, June, July)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: Purple
  
- Garden uses and companion plants
  - Butterfly gardens, informal borders, mix with wild quinine and prairie grasses





# \*Purple Lovegrass

*Eragrostis spectabilis*

- Soil: Dry
- Sun: Full to Part (warm season grass)
- Bloom time: July, Aug
- Height: 2 feet
- Color: Green/Purple
  
- Garden uses and companion plants
  - Stunning addition to any rock garden or drier landscape





# Rattlesnake Master

*Eryngium Yuccifolium*

- Soil: Moist to Dry – Iowa Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Late Summer (Aug, Sept)
- Height: 2-5 feet
- Color: white/green
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Main attraction or small groupings, in just about any garden setting – plant with blazing star for a great midsummer combo, shown here with false sunflower





# Wild Geranium

*Geranium maculatum*

- Soil: Avg – IA native
- Sun: Part to shade
- Bloom time: Late Spring (May, June)
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Color: Purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Shade Garden, woodland edges, can be a nice ground cover when planted in masses





# Prairie Smoke

## *Geum Triflorum*

- Soil: Dry to Medium – IA native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Spring (May, June)
- Height: 1 ft
- Color: Pink/red
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Rock gardens, dry gardens. Plant in foreground between later blooming flowers and grasses, goes well with pussy toes, nodding wild onion and golden alexander





# Prairie alumroot

*Heuchera richardsonii*

- Soil: Avg to Dry – IA native
- Sun: Part Sun, Part Shade
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 2-3ft
- Color: Green
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Phlox, Pennsylvania sedge, **heart-leaved golden alexander**
  - Woodland gardens, plant in masses as a groundcover or decorative accent





# \*Northern Blue Flag Iris

*Iris versicolor*

- Soil: Moist to Wet
- Sun: Full to part
- Bloom time: May June July
- Height: 3ft
- Color: Blue, Purple
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Canada anemone, cardinal flower, boneset
  - Attracts butterflies and humminbirds



# Southern Blue Flag Iris

*Iris virginica*



- Soil: Moist to Wet – IA native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July)
- Height: 2-3ft
- Color: Blue
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Canada anemone, cardinal flower, boneset





# June Grass

*Koeleria cristata*

- Soil: Dry – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (May, June, July)
- Height: 2-3 feet
- Color: Green/Yellow
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Rock gardens, dry gardens. Mix with low growing dry prairie flowers like **Prairie Smoke** or Purple Prairie clover





# \*Dense or Marsh Blazing Star

*Liatris spicata*

- Soil: Dry to moist, drought and moisture tolerant
- Sun: Full to part
- Bloom time: July, Aug, Sept
- Height: 2-5 ft
- Color: purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Butterfly weed, black-eyed susan, virginia mountain mint
  - Put in rain gardens, butterfly gardens, or any garden! Effective in masses! Mix with grasses and flowers for support





# Wild Quinine

*Parthenium integrifolium*

- Soil: Avg to Dry – IA native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 2-3ft
- Color: White
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - **Rattlesnake master**, purple coneflower, wild bergamot, nodding onion, **butterfly weed**, prairie blazing star
  - Rain gardens, informal gardens, prairie meadows



Photo credit, Prairie Moon Nursery



# \*Large flowered Beardtongue

*Penstemon grandiflorus*

- Soil: Dry, sand or gravel
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: May - June
- Height: 2-4 ft
- Color: lavender
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Best in dry gardens, sandy areas
  - Attracts hummingbirds and bumblebees





# Prairie Phlox

*Phlox pilosa*

- Soil: Dry to Moist – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: Spring (May, June, July)
- Height: 1-2 ft
- Color: Pink/purple
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Mass plantings (will require weeding)  
ground cover, border edges, informal gardens





# Jacob's Ladder

## *Polemonium reptans*

- Soil: Avg to Moist
- Sun: Part sun to part shade
- Bloom time: Spring (April, May, June)
- Height: 1-2 ft
- Color: Blue/purple
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Violets, wild ginger, larger-flowered bellwort, rue anemone
  - Ground cover, woodland garden





# Wild Petunia

*Ruellia humilis*

- Soil: Dry to Medium
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: June, July, Aug, Sept
- Height: 1-2ft
- Color: Lavendar
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - **Prairie smoke**, shooting star
  - Hummingbird garden, informal garden, prairie garden in the foreground





# \*Little Blue Stem

*Schizachyrium scoparium*

- Soil: Dry to Medium (warm season grass)
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: July - Oct
- Height: 3ft
- Color: green/blue; copper in fall/winter
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Companion grasses include big bluestem, Indian grass, switch grass
  - Sky blue aster, **rattlesnake master**, nodding onion, **golden alexander**





# Royal Catchfly

*Silene regia*

- Soil: medium
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: July - October
- Height: 2-4 ft
- Color: Red
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Short grasses and flowers to help control weeds
  - Small groups, hummingbird gardens, informal gardens, prairie meadows





# Prairie Dropseed

*Sporobolus heterolepis*

- Soil: Dry to Moist – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Late Summer (Aug, Sept)
- Height: 2-4 ft
- Color: gold
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Wild flowers
  - Front borders, transition from garden to lawn, informal gardens, prairie meadows





# Heart leafed Golden Alexander

*Zizia aptera*

- Soil: Medium to Moist
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: May, June, July
- Height: 1-2 ft
- Color: yellow
  
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - **Prairie smoke**, pussy toes, hyacinth, little blue stem, side oats gramma
  - Foreground areas, informal gardens, prairie meadows



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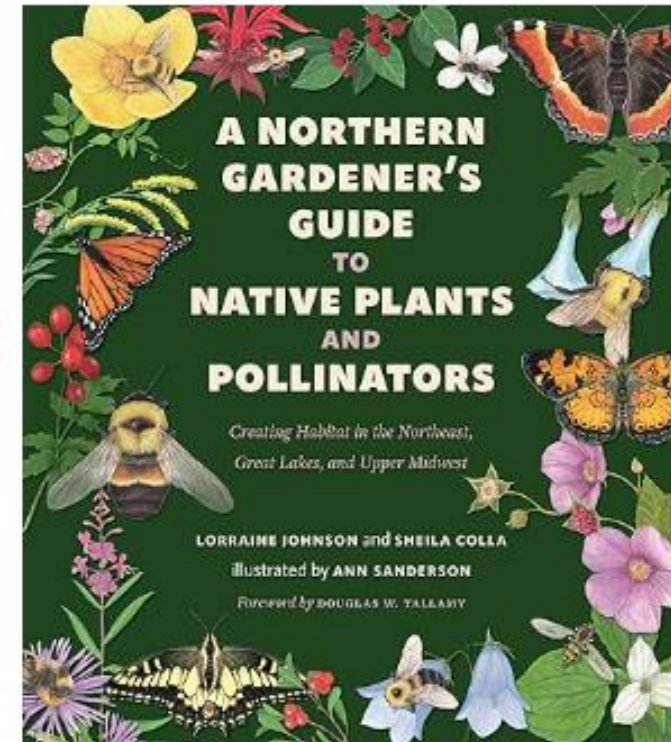
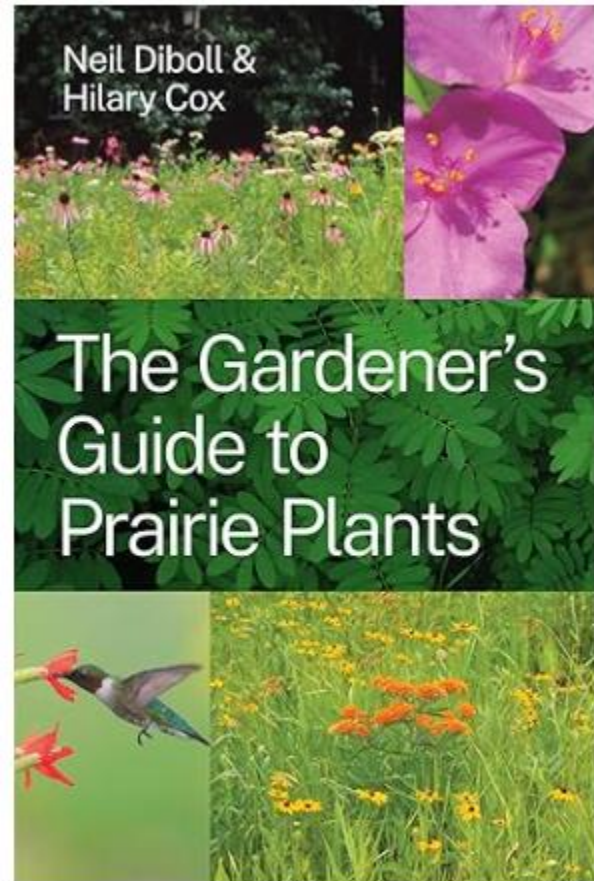
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- **Members Only Night**
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