

NATIVE PLANTS FOR DIFFERENT GARDENS / LANDSCAPING SITUATIONS

“Minnesota Starter Garden” – sun/part-shade (easy plants)

Anise hyssop ... *Agastache foeniculum*

Black eyed susan ... *Rudbeckia hirta*

(or brown-eyed Susan ... *R. triloba*, or sweet coneflower ... *R. subtomentosa*)

Bee balm ... *Monarda fistulosa*

Golden Alexanders ... *Zizia aurea*

Cardinal flower ... *Lobelia cardinalis*

(Doesn't always take; easier to grow is *L. siphilitica* ... blue cardinal flower.

For the brilliant red flower, try royal catchfly ... *Silene regia*)

Rough blazing star ... *Liatris aspera*

Swamp milkweed ... *Asclepias incarnata*

Purple coneflower ... *Echinacea purpurea* (native to IL, rare in IA and WI)

(a better choice because native to MN: narrow-leaved coneflower ... *E. angustifolia*)

Mountain mint ... *Pycnanthemum virginianum*

Showy goldenrod ... *Solidago speciosa*

Spiderwort ... *Tradescantia ohiensis* (or *T. bracteata*)

Foxglove beardtongue ... *Penstemon digitalis*

Blue vervain ... *Verbena hastata* (or for drier sites hoary vervain ... *V. stricta*)

Blue grama ... *Bouteloua gracilis*

Prairie brome ... *Bromus kalmii*

Sloped Areas – dry, part shade

Jacob's ladder ... *Polemonium reptans*

Brown-eyed susan ... *Rudbeckia triloba*

Prairie phlox ... *Phlox pilosa* (for sunnier sites)

Woodland phlox ... *P. divaricata* (shadier sites)

Wild geranium ... *Geranium maculatum*

Roundleaf ragwort ... *Packera obovata*

Nodding wild onion ... *Allium cernuum*

Downy woodmint ... *Blephilia ciliata*

Palm sedge ... *Carex muskingumensis*

Blue grama ... *Bouteloua gracilis*

Ground Cover – filler for between taller plants

Common blue violet ... *Viola sororia*

Alpine violet ... *Viola labradorica* a/k/a *V. conspersa*

Woodland strawberry ... *Fragaria vesca*

Virginia strawberry ... *Fragaria virginiana*

Assiniboine sedge ... *Carex assiniboinensis*

Pennsylvania sedge ... *Carex pennsylvanica*

Jacob's ladder ... *Polemonium reptans*

Early buttercup ... *Ranunculus fascicularis*

Violet woodsorrel ... *Oxalis violacea*

Golden ragwort ... *Packera aurea*

Wild petunia ... *Ruellia humilis* (sunnier)

Three-leaved cinquefoil ... *Sibbaldiopsis tridentata* (sunnier, tolerant of gravel)

Long-leaved bluets ... *Houstonia longifolia* (sunnier, tolerant of gravel)

Shaded/woodland

Bulblet fern ... *Cystopteris bulbifera* (freely reseeds)
Aniseroot ... *Osmorhiza longistylis* (freely reseeds)
Jacob's ladder ... *Polemonium reptans*
Celandine poppy ... *Stylophorum diphyllum*
(don't confuse with invasive celandine, *Chelidonium majus*)
Wild geranium ... *Geranium maculatum*
Mayapple ... *Podophyllum peltatum*
Large-flowered bellwort ... *Uvularia grandiflora*
Twinleaf ... *Jeffersonia diphylla*
False solomon's seal ... *Maianthemum racemosum*
Canada mayflower ... *Maianthemum canadense*
White rattlesnakeroot ... *Prenanthes alba*
Sharp-lobed hepatica ... *Anemone acutiloba*
Nodding wild onion ... *Allium cernuum*
Virginia waterleaf ... *Hydrophyllum virginianum*
Smooth Solomon's seal ... *Polygonatum biflorum*
Ostrich fern ... *Matteuccia struthiopteris* (aggressive)
Sensitive fern ... *Onoclea sensibilis*
Early meadow rue ... *Thalictrum dioicum*
Blue cohosh ... *Caulophyllum thalictroides*
Virginia bluebells ... *Mertensia virginica*
Zigzag goldenrod ... *Solidago flexicaulis*
Elm-leaved goldenrod ... *Solidago ulmifolia*
Wild ginger ... *Asarum canadense*
Woodland strawberry ... *Fragaria vesca*
Common blue violet ... *Viola sororia*
Red baneberry *Actaea rubra* (and white baneberry, *A. pachypoda*)
Northern maidenhair fern ... *Adiantum pedatum*
Alpine violet ... *Viola labradorica* a/k/a *V. conspersa*
Woodland phlox ... *Phlox divaricata*
Jack-in-the-pulpit ... *Arisaema triphyllum*
Sedges ... *Carex blanda*, *C. rosea*, *C. albursina*, *C. assiniboinensis*
Grasses ... *Dichanthellium latifolium* (broadleaf rosette grass),
Elymus hystrix (eastern bottlebrush grass)

*Trilliums ... *T. cernuum*, *T. flexipes*, *T. grandiflorum*

*White trout lily ... *Erythronium albidum*

Yellow trout lily ... *Erythronium americanum*

*=less successful in Terry's garden

Consult Minnesota Wildflowers (www.MinnesotaWildflowers.info) or Prairie Moon Nursery (www.prairiemoon.com) for images of many of these species along with descriptions, native range, and more detailed habitat information. Also useful are *Field Guide to Wisconsin Grasses*, published by the University of Wisconsin Press (2014); and Welby Smith's *Sedges and Rushes of Minnesota*, published by the University of Minnesota Press (2018).