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Nodding Wild Onion	Allium cernuum	1'-2'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Edible, blooms white-Jul-Aug; cut flower
Canada anemone	Anemone canadensis	1'-2'	Sn, Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms May-Jun; ground cover, spreads quickly
Thimbleweed	Anemone cylindrica	2'-3'	Sn, PS	S,L	D,M	Blooms white-Jun-Jul
Angelica	Angelica altropurpurea	5'-7'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms white-May-Jun; alkaline soil; rain garden
Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	1'-3'	Sn,Ps,Sh	S,L	D,M	Blooms May-Jun, red/yellow; hummingbirds
Spikenard	Aralia racemosa	4'	Ps, Sh	L	M,Mo,W	Blooms green-Jul-Aug
Swamp milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	3'-5'	Sn	S,L,C	Mo,W	Blooms red/pink-Jun-Jul; butterflies
Sullivant's milkweed	Asclepias sullivantii*	3'-5'	Sn	L,C	M	Blooms pink-Jun-Aug; butterflies
Butterfly Weed	Asclepias tuberosa	2'-3'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms orange-Jun-Aug; butterflies
Whorled milkweed	Asclepias verticillata	18"-2'	Sn,Ps	S,L	D,M	Blooms white-Jul-Sept; butterflies
Smooth aster	Aster laevis	2'-4'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms blue-Aug-Oct; butterflies
New England Aster	Aster novae-angliae	3'-6'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms pink/purple/blue-Aug-Oct; butterflies
Flat-top aster	Aster umbellatus	5'	Ps, Sh	L	M,Mo,W	Blooms cream-Aug-Oct; butterflies, cut flower
Blue wild indigo	Baptisia australis*	3'-5'	Sn, Ps	S,L,C	M	Blooms blue-June; long lived
Cream wild indigo	Baptisia bracteata*	1'-2'	Sn,Ps	S,L	D,M	Blooms cream-May; slow growing & long lived
White wild indigo	Baptisia leucantha	3'-5'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms white-July
Tall Bellflower	Campanula americana	1'-3'	Ps,Sh	S,L,C	D,M	Shrub; Blooms blue-Jun-Sept
New Jersey Tea	Ceanothus americanus	2'-3'	Sn,Ps	S,L	D,M	Shrub, blooms white-Jul-Aug; hummingbirds
Turtlehead	Chelone glabra	2'-4'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms yellow-Aug-Sept
Virgin's Bower	Clematis virginiana	9'-20'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Vine; Blooms white-Jul-Sept
Sand coreopsis	Coreopsis lanceolata	1'-2'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms yellow-Jun-Jul; butterflies
Prairie coreopsis	Coreopsis palmata	2'-3'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms yellow-Jun-Aug; butterflies
Tall coreopsis	Coreopsis tripteris	5'-9'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jul-Oct; butterflies, birds
Canada tick-trefoil	Desmodium canadensis	3'-5'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms purple-Jul-Aug
Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea*	3'-4'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms pink/purple-Jul-Sept; butterflies, birds
Rattlesnake Master	Eryngium yuccifolium	3'-5'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms white-Jun-Aug; butterflies
Joe-Pye Weed	Eupatorium maculatum	4'-6'	Sn	S,L,C	Mo,W	Blooms pink-Aug-Sept; butterflies, birds; rain garden
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	3'-4'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms white-Aug-Sept; butterflies, birds; rain garden
White Snakeroot	Eupatorium rugosum	3'-4'	Ps	L	D,M,Mo	Blooms white-Jul-Oct
Queen of the Prairie	Filipendula rubra*	4'-5'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms deep pink-Jun-Aug; cut flowers
Wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	5"	Sn,Ps,Sh	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Blooms white-Apr-Jun; delicious fruit; rain garden
Wild geranium	Geranium maculatum	1'-2'	Sn,Ps,Sh	S,L	D,M	Blooms lavender-May-Jun
Prairie smoke	Geum triflorum	6"-1'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms pink-May-Jun
Woodland sunflower	Helianthus divaricatus	3'-6'	Sn,Ps	L,C	D,M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jul-Sept
Tall sunflower	Helianthus gigantea	4"-7"	Sn	L,C	M, Mo, W	Blooms yellow-Aug-Oct; butterflies, birds
Sawtooth sunflower	Helianthus grosseserratus*	6'-14'	Sn	L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms yellow-Aug-Oct; butterflies, birds
Downy sunflower	Helianthus mollis*	4'-6'	Sn	S	D	Blooms yellow-Aug-Sept; butterflies, birds
Western sunflower	Helianthus occidentalis	2'-3'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms yellow-Jul-Aug; butterflies, birds
Pale leaved sunflower	Helianthus strumosus	2'-5'	Ps, Sh	S,L	D, M	Blooms yellow-Jul-Sept; butterflies, birds
Alum root	Heuchera americana	1'-3'	Sn,Ps,Sh	S,L	D,M	Blooms green/white-May-Jun; hummingbirds
Southern Blue Iris	Iris virginica	2'-3'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	W	Blooms blue-Jun-Jul; hummingbirds
Rough blazingstar	Liatris aspera	2'-5'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms deep pink-Aug-Sept; butterflies
Dense blazingstar	Liatris spicata	3'-6'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms deep pink-Aug-Sept; butterflies; rain garden
Michigan Lily	Lilium michiganense	3'-5'	Sn,Ps	L,C	M,Mo,E	Blooms orange-Jun-Aug; butterflies
Cardinal flower	Lobelia cardinalis	2'-5'	Sn,Ps	S,L	Mo,W	Blooms red-Jul-Sept; hummingbirds; rain garden
Great blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	1'-4'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms blue-Jul-Sept; hummingbirds; rain garden
Lupine	Lupinus perennis	1'-2'	Sn,Ps	S	D	Blooms blue-May-Jun; butterflies
Fringed loosestrife	Lysimachia ciliata	1'-3'	Sn, Ps, Sh	S, L	M, Mo	Blooms yellow- Jun-Aug; rhizomatous, rain garden, wet edge

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Monkey-flower	Mimulus ringens	1'-3'	Sn	S,L,C	Mo,W	Blooms blue-Jun-Aug; hummingbirds; rain garden
Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	2'-5'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Blooms lavender-Jul-Sept; hummingbirds; rain garden
Horsemint	Monarda punctata	1'-2'	Sn	S,G	D	Blooms pink/green/lavender-Jul-Sept
Common Evening Primrose	Oenothera biennis	3'-6'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jun-Sept; biennial; moths
Virginia creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	vine	Sn, Ps, Sh	S, L, C	D, M, Mo	Fall color: red; salt tolerant; excellent ground cover
Foxglove beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis	2'-3'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms white-Jun-Jul; hummingbirds
Beardtongue	Penstemon hirsutus	1'-3'	Sn	L,C	D	Blooms lavender-May-Jul
Shrubby cinquefoil	Potentilla fruticosa	3"	Sn	S,L,C	D, M, Mo	Blooms yellow-Jun-Sep, long blooming, butterflies
Yellow coneflower	Ratibida pinnata	3'-6'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jul-Sept; birds, butterflies
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	1'-3'	Sn-Ps	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jun-Sept; biennial
Green headed coneflower	Rudbeckia lacineata	5'-8'	Sn-Ps	S,L,C	Mo,W	Blooms yellow-Aug-Sept
Sweet black eyed Susan	Rudbeckia subtomentosa*	4'-6'	Sn-Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Aug-Oct; butterflies, birds
Brown eyed Susan	Rudbeckia triloba	2'-5'	Sn-Ps	S,L	M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jul-Oct; butterflies, birds; rain garden
Compass Plant	Silphium laciniatum	3'-10'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms yellow-Jun-Sept; butterflies, birds
Cup plant	Silphium perfoliatum	3'-10'	Sn-Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms yellow-Jul-Sept; butterflies, birds; rain garden
Prairie Dock	Silphium terebinthinaceum	3'-10'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms yellow-Jul-Sept; birds, butterflies
Blue-eyed grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	6"-1'	Sn,Ps	S,L	M	Blooms blue-Jun-Jul
Blue-stemmed Goldenrod	Solidago caesia	2'-3'	Ps, Sh	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms yellow-Sept-Oct; butterflies, hummingbirds
Zigzag goldenrod	Solidago flexicaulis	2'-3'	Ps, Sh	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms yellow-Sept-Oct; butterflies, hummingbirds
Riddell's Goldenrod	Solidago riddellii	4'-6'	Sn	S,L,C	Mo,W	Blooms yellow-Aug-Sept; butterflies; rain garden
Stiff Goldenrod	Solidago rigida	3'-5'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms yellow-Aug-Sept; butterflies
Showy Goldenrod	Solidago speciosa	1'-3'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms yellow-Aug-Sept; butterflies; beautiful blooms
Meadowsweet	Spiraea alba	3'-4'	Sn	L	M,Mo,W	Shrub; Blooms white-Jun-Sept; rain garden
Tall Meadow rue	Thalictrum dasycarpum	3'-6'	Sn-Ps	S,L,C	Mo,W	Blooms white-Jun-Jul; rain garden
Early Meadow rue	Thalictrum dioicum	2'-4'	Ps,Sh	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms white-late April-May; woodland
Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	2'-4'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	D,M	Blooms blue-Jun-Jul; hummingbirds, birds
Blue vervain	Verbena hastata	3'-6'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms blue-Jul-Sept; butterflies; rain garden
Hoary vervain	Verbena stricta	2'-4'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Blooms blue-Jul-Sept; butterflies
Ironweed	Vernonia missurica	4'-5'	Sn	L,C	M,Mo	Blooms pink-Jul-Oct ; butterflies, birds; rain garden
Culver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum	3'-6'	Sn,Ps,Sh	S,L,C	M,Mo	Blooms white spires-Jul-Aug; butterflies
Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	1'-2'	Sn,Ps,Sh	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Blooms yellow-May-Jul; butterflies; rain garden

Grasses & Sedges

Big bluestem	Andropogon gerardii	5'-8'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Fall color-bronze/red; birds; winter interest
Side-Oats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	2'-3'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Fall color-straw; birds
Prairie sedge	Carex bicknellii	2'-3'	Sn	S, L	D, M	Blooms green-May-Jun
Grey's sedge	Carex greyii	2'-3'	Sn,Ps,Sh	L	M,Mo,W	Blooms green-May-Jun
Palm sedge	Carex muskingumensis	2'-3'	Sn,Ps	S,L,C	M,Mo	Fall color-green; blooms May-Jun; rain garden
Fox sedge	Carex vulpinoidea	1'-3'	Sn	S,L,C	Mo,W	Fall color-green; blooms May-Jun; rain garden
Canada wild rye	Elymus canadensis	4'-5'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Fall color-straw, birds
Purple love grass	Erogrostis spectabilis	2'	Sn,Ps	S,L	D	Seed heads purplish; Fall color-straw
Bottlebrush grass	Hystrix patula (Elymus hystix)	2'-5'	Ps,Sh	S,L	D,M	Fall color-straw; birds
Switch grass	Panicum virgatum	3'-6'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Fall color-gold; beautiful winter interest; birds
Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	2'-3'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M	Fall color-crimson/red; incredible winter interest;birds
Indian grass	Sorghastrum nutans	5'-7'	Sn	S,L,C	D,M,Mo	Fall color-gold; birds
Prairie Cord grass	Spartina pectinata	6'-9'	Sn	S,L,C	M,Mo,W	Fall color-gold; birds, stabilizes embankments
Prairie Drop Seed	Sporobolus heterolepis	2'-4'	Sn	S,L	D,M	Fall color-gold; excellent border plant