

The Best Natives for the Urban Landscape
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Botanical Name	Common Name	foliage height	full sun	filtered light	compact	longevity	non-seedy	dry soils	wet soils	clay soils	organic soils	seasonal interest				Bill's Comments
												spring	summer	autumn	winter	
FORBS																
<i>Amsonia illustris</i>	shining bluestar	2-3'	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		great "shrubby" perennial
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	wild ginger	6"		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		a dense weed barrier
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed	1-2'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X			deer resistant
<i>Aster oblongifolius</i>	aromatic aster	2'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X	X		great "shrubby" perennial
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	false indigo	2-3'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X	X		great "shrubby" perennial
<i>Baptisia sphaerocarpa</i>	yellow indigo	2'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X	X		great "shrubby" perennial
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	purple poppy mallow	1-2'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X			ground cover for large areas
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple coneflower	2-3'	X			X		X		X	X		X			always a landscape hit!
<i>Heuchera parviflora</i>	littleflower alumroot	12"		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		availability is limited
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	prairie alumroot	12"		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		great for massing
<i>Iris cristata</i>	dwarf crested iris	10-12"		X	X	X	X	X				X	X			excellent dwarf collonizer
<i>Iris virginica</i> var. <i>shrevei</i>	southern blue flag	2'	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			great vertical texture
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	eastern horsemint	2-3'	X			X	X	X		X			X			highly mildew resistant
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot	2-3'	X			X	X	X		X			X			beneficial insect café
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	slender mt. mint	2'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X			beneficial insect café
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	orange coneflower	2'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X			leaf black spot resistant
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	woodland stonecrop	4"		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		great low ground cover
<i>Senecio obovatus</i>	golden groundsel	4-6"		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	excellent for dry shade
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	zigzag goldenrod	2'		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		a goldenrod for dry shade
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	indian pink	1-2'	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X			availability is limited
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	celandine poppy	12"		X	X			X			X	X				a "nomad for naturalizing"

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GRASSES																	
Carex albicans	oak sedge	12"	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Carex annectans	yellow fruited sedge	2-3'	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Carex eburnea	bristleleaf sedge	6"		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			excellent for dry shade
Carex muskingumensis	palm sedge	2-3'	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			excellent for massing
Juncus effusus	common rush	3'	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			excellent for wet areas
Schizachyrium scoparium	little bluestem	3'	X		X	X		X		X			X	X	X		seed strains influence color
Sporobolus heterolepis	prairie dropseed	2-3'	X		X	X	X	X		X			X	X			the "liriopse" of the prairie
WOODIES																	
Asimina triloba	pawpaw	20-25'	X	X			X	X			X	X	X	X			bold tropical texture
Callicarpa americana	beautyberry	3-5'	X			X	X	X		X	X			X	X		unique autumn fruit color
Chionanthus virginicus	fringetree	10-15'	X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X			spring flowers are a spring fav
Cornus florida	flowering dogwood	10-15'	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hamamelis virginiana	witchhazel	10-15'	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			early spring attraction
Hydrangea arborescens	wild hydrangea	4-6'	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			
Nyssa sylvatica	black gum	40-50'	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			excellent autumn attraction
Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	40-60'	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X			extreme urban endurance

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