

THE BEST NATIVES

for the urban landscape



for lower Midwest landscapes

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representing wholesale propagators and growers of lower Midwest native plants



botanical name

common name

comments

PERENNIALS (forbs & grasses): The LOW to MID-SIZED selections (6" - 24") for SUN.

Asclepias tuberosa	butterfly milkweed	best if grown in lean soils to reduce seediness
Callirhoe involucrata	purple poppy mallow	
GRASS-Carex muskingumensis	palm sedge	important rain water BMP grass
GRASS-Juncus effusus	common rush	important rain water BMP grass
Iris cristata	crested iris	

PERENNIALS (forbs & grasses): The LARGE selections (24" - 48") for SUN.

Amsonia illustris	shining blue star	
Aster (Symphyotrichum) oblongifolius	aromatic aster	quite drought tolerant
Baptisia australis	false indigo	a very long-lived forb
Baptisia sphaerocarpa	yellow indigo	
Echinacea purpurea	coneflower	
Iris virginica var. shrevei	southern blue flag	
GRASS-Schizachyrium scoparium	little bluestem	some collected seed strains offer intense blue foliage some collected seed strains offer size compactness
GRASS-Sporobolus heterolepis	prairie dropseed	
Monarda bradburiana	eastern horsemint	quite powdery mildew resistant
Monarda fistulosa	wild bergamot	
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium	slender mountain mint	beneficial insect magnet
Rudbeckia fulgida var. fulgida	black eyed Susan	very resistant to septoria leaf spot fungus (unlike the cultivar 'Goldsturm')

PERENNIALS (forbs & grasses): The LOW to MID-SIZED selections (6" - 24") for SHADE.

Asarum canadense	wild ginger	wild ginger
GRASS-Carex eburnea	bristleleaf sedge	
GRASS-Carex pensylvanica	oak sedge	prominant ground cover at Citygarden

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Heuchera parviflora	littleflower alumroot	performs best with morning sun/afternoon shade exposure
Heuchera richardsonii	prairie alumroot	performs best with morning sun/afternoon shade exposure
Mertensia virginica	Virginia bluebell	a colonizing spring ephemeral in the shade landscape
Sedum ternatum	woodland stonecrop	a sedum for shade! excellent dry-shade ground cover
Senecio obovatus	golden groundsel	alternative for the invasive Euonymus fortunei
Solidago flexicaulis	zigzag goldenrod	a goldenrod for shade!
Stylophorum diphyllum	celandine poppy	a roaming spring ephemeral nomad in the shade landscape

WOODIES: The ORNAMENTAL selections for SUN.

Callicarpa americana	beautyberry	unique fruit display in the autumn
Nyssa sylvatica	black gum	
Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	
Viburnum prunifolium	blackhaw	extremely drought tolerant
Viburnum rufidulum	rusty blackhaw	extremely drought tolerant

WOODIES: The UNDERSTORY selections for SHADE.

Asimina triloba	paw paw	a unique native fruit tree
Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam	extremely drought tolerant
Cornus florida	flowering dogwood	
Hamamelis virginiana	witchhazel	
Hydrangea arborescens	smooth hydrangea	

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