

Plants With A Purpose



What Are Native Plants?

Trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and flowers that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region, adapting to our unique physical features and climate here in Northwest Ohio.

Why Native Plants?

Beauty:

- Native plants grow in a rainbow of colors offering flowers, foliage and bark that will create interest all season long. Many wildflowers and woodland plants are native; while there is a perception that natives are weedy, careful selection provides numerous neat and tidy options.

Function:

- Pollinators and other native wildlife have co-evolved with these plants and rely on them for food and shelter, playing a vital role to the function of a natural ecosystem.
- Deep rooted plants filter water and oxygen through the soil, slowing down runoff thereby protecting water quality.

Ease of Maintenance:

- Plants that grow in the wild without human intervention are sensible choices for low-maintenance landscapes. Many native plants, once established, are tolerant of fluctuating moisture levels and are very hardy in all but the most extreme conditions. Pesticides, fertilizers and other soil amendments are rarely required, as the plants have adapted over time to the local soil conditions.
- All plants have an ideal set of conditions, including natives. Some are well-suited for rain gardens or streambank restoration. The selections on the reverse have been chosen for their versatility in a wide range of applications. Dig in – and join us in planting a future we can all enjoy!

SLOW IT DOWN, SPREAD IT OUT, SOAK IT IN.

A Natural Solution for Stormwater Management:

- A perennial garden of native plants protects water quality while adding beauty to the yard. Water soaks in instead of running off.
- Tunnels formed by decaying roots help water and oxygen filter through the ground.
- Native plants improve water quality by filtering pollutants from stormwater such as grass clippings, pesticides, fertilizers, gas, oil and other kinds of residue.

Many deep rooted native plants that are beneficial for water quality are the same plants that will provide food and habitat for native wildlife and pollinators to help them thrive.

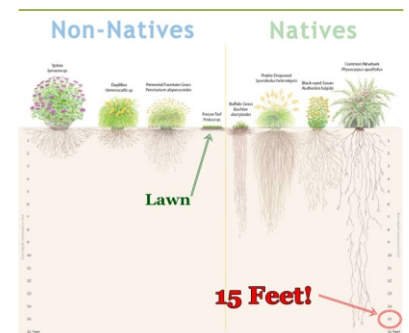


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With roots that can grow as deep as 15 feet, native plants are very efficient at absorbing water.

Utilizing Native Plants Creates A Beautiful Low-Maintenance, And Inexpensive Landscape



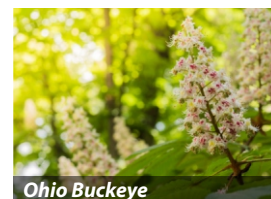
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Landscaping With Ohio's Native Plants

Local favorites — good for landscaping borders, flower beds and raingardens
— designed by nature to thrive in your Ohio garden!



	Common Name	Latin Name	Sun/Shade	Moisture	Color	Ht (ft)	Bloom Period
FLOWERS	Allegheny Monkeyflower	Mimulus ringens	sun	wet - moist	blue, purple	2 - 3	Jun - Sep
	Beardtongue Foxglove	Penstemon digitalis	sun	moist	white	2 - 5	May - June
	Blue Flag Iris	Iris virginica	sun - part shade	wet	blue	2 - 3	May - June
	Brown-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia triloba	part shade	moist - dry	yellow	2 - 4	July - Oct
	Butterfly Milkweed	Asclepias tuberosa	sun - part shade	moist - dry	orange	1 - 3	June - Aug
	Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis	sun - part shade	wet - moist	red	2 - 4	July - Sep
	Dense Blazing Star	Liatris spicata	sun - part shade	wet - moist	purple	3 - 6	July - Aug
	Indian Blanket	Gaillardia pulchella	sun - part shade	dry	red, yellow	1 - 3	May - Aug
	New England Aster	Symphyotrichum novae-anglia	sun - part shade	wet - moist	violet	1 - 4	Aug - Oct
	Obedient Plant	Physostegia virginiana	sun - shade	moist	pink, purple	3 - 6	Aug - Nov
	Ohio Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	sun - part shade	moist - dry	blue	2 - 4	May - July
	Purple Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	sun	moist - dry	purple	2 - 3	May - Frost
	Sweet William	Phlox divaricate	part shade - shade	moist	white, pink, purple	0 - 1	Mar - May
	Tall Coreopsis	Coreopsis tripteris	part shade	moist	yellow	3 - 9	Jul - Sep
Wild Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	shade	moist	orange-red	1 - 2	June - July	
Wild Geranium	Geranium maculatum	sun - shade	moist	pink, purple	1 - 2	April - May	
GRASSES	Indiangrass	Sorghastrum nutans	sun - shade	moist - dry	yellow	3 - 8	Aug - Oct
	Little Blue Stem	Schizachyrium scoparium	sun - part shade	average - dry	blue-green	2 - 4	Aug
	Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	sun - part shade	average - dry	green	1.5 - 2	Aug - Oct
	Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	sun - part shade	moist - dry	green	3 - 6	Aug - Nov
VINES	Clematis virginiana	Clematis virginiana	sun - shade	moist - dry	white, yellow	6 - 12	July - Sep
	Trumpet vine	Campsis radicans	sun	moist - dry	red, orange, yellow	25 - 35	June - Sep
	Virginia creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	sun - shade	moist	white, green	3 - 40	May - June
SHRUBS	Annabelle Hydrangea	Hydrangea arborescens	part shade	medium	white	3 - 5	June - Sep
	Black Chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	sun - part shade	moist - dry	white, red	3 - 6	May
	Prairie Ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius	sun - part shade	wet - dry	white, pink	6 - 12	May - June
	Red Osier Dogwood	Cornus sericea	sun - shade	wet - dry	white, red	6 - 12	May - June
	Viburnum Arrowwood	Viburnum dentatum	sun - shade	moist	white	6 - 8	May - July
TREES	Allegheny Serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis	sun - shade	medium	white	15 - 25	Jan - Dec
	Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	part shade - shade	moist	pink	12 - 36	Mar - May
	Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	sun - shade	medium	yellow, green	60 - 80	Mar - May
	Sweet Crabapple	Malus coronaria	part shade	moist	white, pink	20 - 30	May - Jun

Additional information and links available at:

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