Plant Cuide

PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEAUTIFYING LA CROSSE WI

City of LaCrosse

Parks, Recreation, & Forestry

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guide is to aid residents on choosing the best Wisconsin native plants for their yard. This is not a complete list nor are residents limited to these plants. This is for those who are unsure of where to start. Further research is encouraged and sources used for this guide can be found at the end.

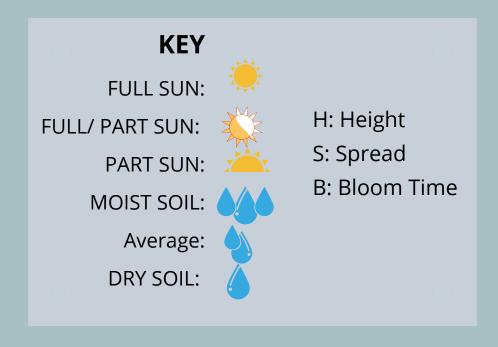
WHY NATIVES?

Native plants are ones that have been naturally occurring in our area long before human interference. They provide an essential habitat for native wildlife, pollinators and other insects. In addition, native plants have deep root systems which aid in water retention and erosion prevention. They take some time to be fully established but once they are, native plants will flourish, be fairly low maintenance and attract a variety of pollinators.

INFORMATION

When starting a native garden it can be started by seed or plant.

- Seeds are cheaper although they take longer to establish and it may be two to five years before they reach full size. Also they need to be planted either in the fall or spring.
- Plants are more money but they will establish quicker. Plants can be planted anytime throughout the growing season.



RECOMMENDED FOR BOULEVARDS



LEAD PLANT

(Amorpha canescns)

H: 24"-36"| S: 24"-36"

B: Spring-Early Summer







RED COLUMBINE

(Aquilegia canadensis) H: 24"-36"| S: 12"-20"

B:Spring-Early Summer







BLACK-EYED SUSAN

(Rudbeckia hirta)

H: 20"-36"| S: 24"-36"

B: Late Spring-Summer







BUTTERFLY MILKWEED

(Asclepias tuberosa)

H: 18"-24"| S: 12"-24"

B: Mid Summer







BUTTON BLAZINGSTAR

(Liatris aspera)

H: 24"-36"| S: 12"-24"

B:Late Summer







HEATH ASTER

(Symphyotrichum ericoides)

H: 12"-36"| S: 12"-18"

B: Late Summer- Fall





PERENIALS



PRAIRIE SMOKE

(Geum triflorum)

H: 6"-18"| S: 6"-12"

B: Late Spring-Summer







WOODLILY

(Lilium philadelphicum) H: 18"-36"| S: 12"-24"

B:Mid Summer- Fall





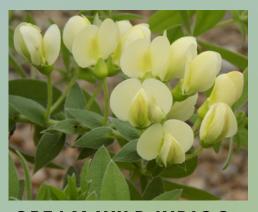


WREATH GOLDENROD

(Solidago Caesia) H: 12"-24"| S: 16"-20" B:Late Summer- Fall







CREAM WILD INDIGO

(Baptisia Bracteata) H: 24"-36"| S: 24"-36"

B:Early Summer







BLUEBELL

(Campanula rotundifolia)

H: 12"-18"| S: 6"-12"

B: Summer







DOWNY PHLOX

(Phlox Pilosa)

H: 12"-18" | S: 12"-24"

B: Summer





GRASSES



LITTLE BLUESTEM

(Schizachyrium scoparium) H: 24"-48"| S: 12"-24"







BOTTLEBRUSH GRASS

(Hystrix patula) H: 12"-36"| S: 8"-12"







PRAIRIE DROPSEED

(Sporobolus heterolepis)
H: 24"-36"| S: 12"-24"







SIDE OATS GRAMA

(Bouteloua curtipendula) H: 24"-36"| S: 14"-30"







PRAIRIE JUNEGRASS

(Koeleria macrantha) H: 12"-24"| S: 12"-20"







PINK MUHLY GRASS

(Muhlenbergia capillaris) H: 24"-36"| S: 24"-36"





SOURCES

Gardenia.net
Wisconsin DNR
University of Wisconsin Extension

For those interested in Rain Gardens: https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stormwater/documents/RainGardenManual.pdf