

## Drought Tolerant Plants for Central Illinois

Common Name	Scientific Name	Sun	Bloom Color	Bloom Time	Height
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Sun to shade	Red	AMJ	2'
Prairie Alum Root	<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	Full to part sun	Green	MJJ	2'
Cream Wild Indigo	<i>Baptisia bracteata</i>	Full to part sun	Cream	MJ	2'
Large-flowered Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	Full to part sun	Purple	MJ	2-3'
Blue-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	Full to part sun	Blue	MJ	6"
Fire Pinks	<i>Silene virginica</i>	Part shade	Red	MJJ	2'
Prairie Phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Full to part sun	Pink	MJJ	2'
Lance-leaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Full sun	Yellow	MJJA	3'
Foxglove Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Sun	White	JJ	4'
Pale Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Full to part sun	Pink	JJ	3'
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Full to part sun	Orange	JJA	2'
Prairie Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Full to part sun	Yellow	JJA	2'
Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	Full sun	Purple	JJA	1'
New Jersey Tea (shrub)	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Full to part sun	White	JJA	3'
Prairie Baby's Breath	<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Full to part sun	White	JJA	3'
Sweet Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Part sun to shade	Pink	JJA	5'
Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	Full to part sun	Purple	JAS	2'
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Full to part sun	Blue	JJAS	2'
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccafolium</i>	Full sun	White	JAS	4'
Rough Blazing Star	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Full to part sun	Purple	JASO	3'
Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Full to part sun	Yellow	ASO	5'
Bee Balm (Monarda)	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Full to part sun	Purple	JAS	4'
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Full to part sun	Yellow	JJASO	2'
<b>GRASSES</b>					
Little Bluestem (grass)	<i>Schizachyrium scoparius</i>	Full to part sun	n/a	---	3'
Prairie Dropseed (grass)	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Full to part sun	n/a	---	3'
<b>FERNS</b>					
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Part to full shade			1-2'
Marginal Shield Fern	<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	Part to full shade			1-3'

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SHRUBS and SMALL TREES		CANOPY TREES	
Downy Serviceberry (Juneberry)	<i>Amalanchier arborea</i>	Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>
Cockspur Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>
Downy Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus mollis</i>	Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>
Eastern Wahoo (Native Burning Bush)	<i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>
Prairie Crab Apple	<i>Malus ioensis</i>	White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>
Red Mulberry	<i>Morus rubra</i>	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Chinquapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>
Common Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>		
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>		
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>		
Maple-leafed Viburnum	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>		
Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>		

### Resources

<http://illinoisprairie.wildones.org/> (Illinois Prairie Wild Ones - Bloomington-Normal chapter)  
[www.illinoiswildflowers.info](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info) (Excellent source of information on native Illinois plants)  
[http://plants.usda.gov/about\\_plants.html](http://plants.usda.gov/about_plants.html) (USDA - maps showing where each plant occurs natively)  
<http://www.mortonarb.org/> (Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL - lots of general information)  
<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/plant-finder.aspx>  
 (Missouri Botanical Garden - Once you've determined that a plant is native to Central IL, this website offers landscaping advice and general information for each plant.)

### Sources for Native Plants

- **Grow your own** from locally collected seeds
- **Illinois Native Plant Society Sale** - [www.ill-inps.org/index.php/](http://www.ill-inps.org/index.php/)
- **Fell Arboretum Plant Sale** at ISU - <http://arboretum.illinoisstate.edu/events/>
- **Grand Prairie Friends Native Plant Sale** [www.grandprairiefriends.com](http://www.grandprairiefriends.com)
- **Illinois Prairie Wild Ones Native Plant Sale** - May 21, 2016 8am- 1pm; Evergreen FS Building at 402 N Hershey, Bloomington, IL; (check the website for a tentative list of plants for sale) <http://illinoisprairie.wildones.org/nativeplantsale/>
- **Simply Native Nursery** - [www.simplynativenursery.com](http://www.simplynativenursery.com) (online catalog available)
- **Possibility Place** - [www.possibilityplace.com](http://www.possibilityplace.com) - trees and shrubs - informative website
- **Prairie Moon Nursery** - [www.prairiemoon.com](http://www.prairiemoon.com) (great website and catalog)
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- **Local Nurseries** - several are starting to carry natives - Casey's, Niepagen's, Owen's