

2025 Native Seed Donations

Information on Illinois native plants that can be grown from seed donated to the University of Illinois Extension Swap programs in Woodford and Livingston counties in 2025 by members of Wild Ones: Illinois Prairie Chapter is listed below. Seeds from all of these plant species may not be available at any given time. This document will be updated if additional seed species become available. For additional information on these plants see the label on the individual seed packets. (last updated January 2025).

Scientific Name Common Name	Flower Picture	Plant Characteristics
Amsonia tabernaemontana Eastern Bluestar		Blooms: May-June Height: 2-4' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports various pollinators Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers
Asclepias syriaca Common Milkweed		Blooms: June-August Height: 3-5' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Can spread aggressively via rhizomes. Supports monarchs and a variety of other pollinators

Asclepias tuberosa Butterfly Milkweed	Blooms: June-August Height: 2' Sun: Full Sun Comments: Prefers average to dry soil. This milkweed supports monarchs and other pollinators. Its bright orange flower earns a spot in any wildflower garden.
Liatris aspera Rough Blazing Star	Blooms: August-September Height: 3' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Great pollinator flower. Drought tolerant. Good cut flower.
Liatris pycnostachya Prairie Blazing Star	Blooms: July-August Height: 3-5' Sun: July-August Comments: Prefers average to moist soil. A natural for the home landscape. Attracts various pollinators.

Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal Flower	Blooms: August-September Height: 2 - 3 1/2' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Prefers wet soil. Its bright red flowers attract hummingbirds.
Monarda fistulosa Wild Bergamot	Blooms: July-September Height: 3-4' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Attracts various pollinators
Oligoneuron rigidum Stiff Goldenrod	Blooms: August-October Height: 4' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Prefers medium to dry soil. Attracts butterflies and other pollinators in the fall. Spreads through rhizomes.

Rudbeckia triloba Brown-eyed Susan	Blooms: August-October Height: 5' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Prefers medium soils. Attracts butterflies and other pollinators in the fall.
Solidago speciosa Showy Goldenrod	Blooms: September-October Height: 5' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Prefers medium to dry soil. Attracts butterflies and other pollinators in the fall.