



Normal Public Library – Native Seed Donations 2026

Information on native plants that can be grown from seed donated to the Normal Public Library Seed Library by Wild Ones: Illinois Prairie Chapter in 2026 is listed below. These seeds are from species native to central Illinois. Seeds from all of these plant species may not be available at the Seed Library at any given time. This document will be updated if additional seed species become available.

Viability of native seeds can be influenced by a variety of factors. Wild Ones: Illinois Prairie Chapter makes no claims on the overall viability of the seeds donated to the Seed Library. These seeds were collected by chapter members and donated for this project. Most native seeds require a period of cold stratification and/or other pre-treatment to stimulate germination. Stratification requirements and additional information on the species listed below is provided on the individual seed packets. For additional information on germinating native seeds visit

<https://illinoisprairie.wildones.org/seed-library/>. (Updated January 5, 2026)

<i>Scientific Name</i> Common Name	Flower Picture	Plant Characteristics
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> Eastern Bluestar		Blooms: May-June Height: 2-4' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports various pollinators For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/woodland/plants/bluestar.htm Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers

<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> Side Oats Grama		Blooms: August-September Height: 2' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports skippers and many birds For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/grasses/plants/so_grama.htm Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i> Prairie Coreopsis		Blooms: June-August Height: 2-3' Sun: Full sun Comments: Supports bees and butterflies For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/pr_coreopsisx.htm
<i>Diarrhena obovate</i> Beak Grass		Blooms: July-September (for about 2 weeks) Height: 2' ft, grass Sun: Part-full shade Comments: Supports game birds and small mammals. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/grasses/plants/beak_grass.html Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers

<i>Echinacea pallida</i> Pale Purple Coneflower		Blooms: June-July Height: 3' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports bees and butterflies For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/pale_coneflowerx.htm
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Purple Coneflower		Blooms: July-September Height: 3-4' Sun: Full – Partial Sun Comments: Supports birds, bees and butterflies. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/pur_coneflowerx.htm
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush		Blooms: June-August Height: 3-8', but may reach 20' Sun: Full-part Sun Comments: Prefers moist soil. Supports a variety of pollinators. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/trees/plants/button_bush.htm Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers

<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> Lance-leaf Coreopsis		Blooms: June-July Height: 2-3' Sun: Full Sun Comments: Prefers average to dry soil. The flowers on this plant glow even on cloudy days. Butterflies love it and birds eat the seeds. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/sand_core_opsisx.htm
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i> Rose Mallow		Blooms: July-September Height: 3-6' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Prefers wet areas. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/wetland/plants/halberd_mallow.htm
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i> Prairie Alumroot		Blooms: June-July Height: 2' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports bees For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/pr_alumrootx.htm Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers

<i>Liatris aspera</i> Rough Blazing Star		Blooms: August-September Height: 3' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Great pollinator flower. Drought tolerant. Good cut flower. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/rgh_blazingstarx.htm
<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i> Meadow Blazing Star		Blooms: August-September Height: 3' -5' Sun: Full Sun Comments: Great pollinator flower. Considered a monarch magnet. For more information on this species visit https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a745
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> 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 pollinators. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/pr_blazingstarx.htm

<i>Liatris scariosa</i> v. <i>niewlandii</i> Northern Blazing Star		Blooms: August-September Height: 4' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports butterflies and skippers For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/sv_blazingstar.htm Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> 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. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/wetland/plants/cardinal.htm
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> Great Blue Lobelia		Blooms: July-September Height: 3' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/wetland/plants/gb_lobeliax.htm

<i>Mimulus ringens</i> Monkey Flower		Blooms: June-August Height: 3' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Supports bees, birds, buckeye butterfly host plant. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/wetland/plants/monkeyflower.htm
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Wild Bergamot		Blooms: July-September Height: 2-4' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Grows in moist, average, or dry soil. It attracts a variety of pollinators. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/wldbergamotx.htm
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> 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. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/stf_goldenrodx.htm

<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> Foxglove Beardtongue		Blooms: June-July Height: 3' Sun: Full sun-part shade Comments: Supports bees and hummingbirds. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/fx_penstemonx.htm
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> Yellow/Gray-headed Coneflower		Blooms: July-September Height: 3-5' Sun: Full Sun Comments: Prefers average to dry soil. Drought tolerant. A classic prairie flower. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/yl_coneflowerx.htm
<i>Schizachryium scoparium</i> Little Bluestem		Blooms: July-October Height: 3' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Supports butterflies and birds. Attractive prairie grass. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/grasses/plants/little_bluestem.htm

<i>Silene regia</i> Royal Catchfly		Blooms: July-August Height: 2-4' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Grows in average soil. Has a long bloom time. The bright red flowers attract hummingbirds. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/royal_catc_hflyx.htm
<i>Solidago speciosa</i> 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. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/shw_goldenrodx.ht
<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i> Aromatic Aster		Blooms: August-October Height: 2' Sun: Full Sun Comments: Tolerates dry soil. Low mounding habit. Mound slowly increases in size. Lots of flowers providing late season nectar for pollinators. For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/aromatic_asterx.htm

<i>Verbena stricta</i> Hoary Vervain		Blooms: June-September Height: 2-3' Sun: Full-part sun Comments: Birds, bees, Buckeye butterfly host plant For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/hry_vervainx.htm Photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers
<i>Veronia missurica</i> Missouri Ironweed		Blooms: July-September Height: 5' Sun: Full sun Comments: Bees and butterflies For more information on this species visit https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/ms_i_ironweedx.htm
<i>Zizia aurea</i> Golden Alexander		Blooms: April-June Height: 2' Sun: Full to Part Sun Comments: Important source of food for native bees. Host plant for Black Swallowtail butterfly caterpillars. For more information on this species visit https://illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/gld_alexanderx.htm