

## Medium height native landscaping plants

genus	species	common names	height	comments	growth form	rating
<i>Agastache</i>	<i>foeniculum</i>	anise hyssop	2-3 ft	dry soil	forb	*
<i>Rudbeckia</i>	<i>hirta</i>	black eyed susan	2-3 ft	very dry soil, biennial	forb	
<i>Iris</i>	<i>virginica</i>	blue flag iris	2-3 ft	moist soil	grass-like leaves	*
<i>Baptisia</i>	<i>australis</i>	blue wild indigo	2-4 ft	moist soils, <b>non-native to Iowa</b> , gets bushy	forb	
<i>Eupatorium</i>	<i>perfoliatum</i>	boneset	3-4 ft	moist soil	forb	
<i>Hystrix</i>	<i>patula</i>	bottlebrush grass	3 ft	wetter areas, some shade	grass	
<i>Echinacea</i>	<i>paradoxa</i>	Bush's coneflower	2-4 ft	yellow flower, <b>not native to IA</b> , mod drysoil	forb	*
<i>Asclepias</i>	<i>tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed	1-4 ft	emerges late spring, no milky sap, dry soil	forb	***
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	2-3 ft	med to moist soils, flowers add another ft	forb	*
<i>Baptisia</i>	<i>leucophaea</i>	cream wild indigo	18-30 in	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Penstemon</i>	<i>digitalis</i>	foxglove penstemon	2-3 ft	flower stalk adds another ft	forb	**
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia	2-4 ft	moist to moderately dry soils	forb	***
<i>Pycnanthemum</i>	<i>pilosum</i>	hairy mountain mint	2-3 ft	mod dry soil	forb	
<i>Aster</i>	<i>ericoides</i>	heath aster	1-3 ft	dry	forb	*
<i>Amorpha</i>	<i>canescens</i>	lead plant	2-4 ft	mod dry soil, shrubby:do not prune for winter	forb	***
<i>Andropogon</i>	<i>scoparius</i>	little blue stem	2 ft	dry soils	tuft grass	***
<i>Ratibida</i>	<i>columnifera</i>	long headed coneflower, Mexican hat	1-3 ft	<b>not native to Iowa</b>	forb	
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>spicata</i>	marsh blazing star	3-4 ft	moist soils, may flop when flowering	forb	
<i>Pycnanthemum</i>	<i>virginianum</i>	mountain mint	1-3 ft	moist soil	forb	
<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>americanus</i>	new jersey tea	2-3 ft	shrubby	forb	*
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>scariosa</i>	northern blazing star	1-4 ft	mod moist soils	forb	
<i>Tradescantia</i>	<i>ohioensis</i>	ohio spiderwort	2-3 ft	mod moist soils	grass-like leaves	
<i>Rudbeckia</i>	<i>fulgida</i>	orange coneflower	2-4 ft	mod dry soil	forb	***
<i>Echinacea</i>	<i>pallida</i>	pale purple coneflower	2-4 ft	flower stalks may get floppy, dry soil	forb	
<i>Carex</i>	<i>brevior</i>	plains oval sedge	1-3 ft	mod moist to dry soils	grass-like leaves	
<i>Stipa</i>	<i>spartea</i>	porcupine grass	3-4 ft	dry soil, seeds can drill into skin and cloth	grass	
<i>Bromus</i>	<i>kalmii</i>	prairie brome, arctic br	1-3 ft	mod dry soil	grass	
<i>Sporobolus</i>	<i>heterolepis</i>	prairie dropseed	2-4 ft	tuft of grass leaves, dry soils	grass	***
<i>Delphinium</i>	<i>virescens</i>	prairie larkspur	2-4 ft	dry soils	forb	*
<i>Echinacea</i>	<i>purpurea</i>	purple coneflower	3-4 ft	<b>not native to Iowa</b>		
<i>Eryngium</i>	<i>yuccifolium</i>	rattlesnake master	2-3 ft	flower stalk adds another ft, mod dry soil	forb	***
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>aspera</i>	rough blazing star, button blzg str	2-3 ft	mod dry soil	forb	***
<i>Sporobolus</i>	<i>aspera</i>	rough dropseed	3 ft	tuft of grass leaves, dry soils	grass	
<i>Cyperus</i>	<i>schweinitzii</i>	rough sand sedge,	4-30 in	dry, sandy soil	grass-like leaves	
<i>Lespedeza</i>	<i>capitata</i>	round headed bush clover	2-4 ft	not showy but has interesting leaves/form	forb	*
<i>Silene</i>	<i>regia</i>	royal catch fly	2-4 ft	brilliant red flowers, mod soil	forb	*

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<i>Carex</i>	<i>muhlenbergii</i>	sand bracted sedge	1-3 ft	dry soil	grass-like leaves	
<i>Coreopsis</i>	<i>lanceolata</i>	sand coreopsis	2-3 ft	dry soil	forb	
<i>Psoralea</i>	<i>tenuiflora</i>	scurfy pea	2-3 ft	very dry soil	forb	
<i>Bouteloua</i>	<i>curtipendula</i>	side oats grama	2-3 ft	red anthers	grass	*
<i>Aster</i>	<i>azureus</i>	sky blue aster	1-3 ft	dry	forb	*
<i>Pycnanthemum</i>	<i>tenuifolium</i>	slender mountain mint	2-3 ft	mod dry soil	forb	***
<i>Cyperus</i>	<i>filiculmis</i>	slender sand sedge, C. lupulinus	4-30"	dry soil	grass-like leaves	
<i>Polygonatum</i>	<i>biflorum</i>	solomon's seal, P. canaliculatum	1-3 ft	mod dry soil, some shade	forb	***
<i>Chelone</i>	<i>glabra</i>	turtlehead	3-4 ft	wetter sites	forb	***
<i>Clematis</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	virgin's bower	vine	mod moist soil, some shade	forb	*
<i>Helianthus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	western sunflower	2-3 ft.	spreads aggressively by rhizomes, self seeds	forb	
<i>Zigadenus</i>	<i>elegans</i>	white camass	1-3 ft	poisonous if consumed, mod dry-dry soils	grass-like leaves	
<i>Petalostemum</i>	<i>candida</i>	white prairie clover	2-3 ft	dry soils, much more coarse than purple p.c.	forb	
<i>Baptisia</i>	<i>leucantha</i>	white wild indigo	3-4 ft	med-dry, emerges very late spring	forb	*
<i>Monarda</i>	<i>fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot	2-3 ft	lower leaves dry up if soil too dry	forb	

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