

Short Native Landscaping Plants

genus	species	common names	height	comments	forb/grass	rating
<i>Aster</i>	<i>oblongifolius</i>	aromatic aster	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Aster</i>	<i>macrophyllus</i>	big leaved aster	1 ft	savanna/woodland species	forb	
<i>Viola</i>	<i>pedata</i>	bird's foot violet	0.5-1 ft	dry soil	forb	***
<i>Bouteola</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	blue grama grass	1-2 ft	tuft w/toothbrush-topped flower stalk, dry soils	tuft grass	***
<i>Sisyrinchium</i>	<i>campestre</i>	blue-eyed grass, prairie bl. e. gr	0.5-1 ft	very similar to <i>S. angustifolium</i>	grass-like leaves	***
<i>Buchloe</i>	<i>dactyloides</i>	buffalo grass	3-8 in	needs extremely well drained soils, slopes	grass	
<i>Anemone</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	Canada anemone	1-2 ft	mod moist soil	forb	
<i>Aquilegia</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	columbine	1-2 ft	flower stalk may add 1 ft, mod dry soil	forb	***
<i>Gentiana</i>	<i>flavida</i>	cream gentian	1-2 ft	mod moist soil	forb	***
<i>Carex</i>	<i>rosea</i>	curly-styled wood sedge	1 ft	mod dry soil, needs some shade	grass-like leaves	
<i>Liatriis</i>	<i>punctata</i>	dotted blazing star	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Viola</i>	<i>palmeta</i>	early blue violet	0.5-1 ft	mod dry soils	forb	***
<i>Tephrosia</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	goat's rue	1-2 ft	legume, pink vetch-like flwrs, dry, sandy soil	forb	
<i>Zizia</i>	<i>aurea</i>	golden alexanders	1-3 ft	yellow dill-like flower, mod moist soil	forb	
<i>Astragalus</i>	<i>crassicaarpus</i>	ground plum	6-15 in	dry soils	forb	*
<i>Bouteola</i>	<i>hirsuta</i>	hairy grama grass	4-12 in	similar to <i>B. gracilis</i> (above), shorter, dry soils	tuft grass	***
<i>Campanula</i>	<i>rotundifolia</i>	harebells	0.5 -2 ft	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Zizia</i>	<i>aptera</i>	heart leaved alexanders	1-3 ft	mod moist soil		
<i>Carex</i>	<i>ebunea</i>	ivory sedge	4-12 in	very dry soil	grass-like leaves	
<i>Koeleria</i>	<i>cristata</i>	June grass	2 ft	dry sandy soils	tuft grass	
<i>Penstemon</i>	<i>grandiflorus</i>	large flowered beardtongue	2 ft	tolerates extremely dry soils	forb	***
<i>Oenothera</i>	<i>macrocarpa</i>	MO evening primrose	1 ft	very dry soil	forb	***
<i>Allium</i>	<i>cernuum</i>	nodding onion	1-2 ft	mod moist soil	grass-like leaves	***
<i>Anemone</i>	<i>patens</i>	pasque flower	0.5 ft	spring ephemeral, dry soil	forb	***
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>tenuis</i>	path rush	0.5-1 ft	mod moist to dry soil	grass-like leaves	
<i>Carex</i>	<i>pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania sedge, oak sedge	6-12"	mod dry soil, common in savannas	grass-like leaves	
<i>Heuchera</i>	<i>richardsonii</i>	prairie alum root	1 ft	flower stalks add another ft, flwrs not showy	forb	
<i>Potentilla</i>	<i>arguta</i>	prairie cinquefoil	1-2 ft	flower stalks add another ft, flwrs not showy	forb	
<i>Coreopsis</i>	<i>palmeta</i>	prairie coreopsis	1-2 ft	mod dry soil	forb	*
<i>Allium</i>	<i>stellatum</i>	prairie onion	1-2 ft	mod dry soil	grass-like leaves	***
<i>Phlox</i>	<i>pilosa</i>	prairie phlox	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Antennaria</i>	<i>neglecta</i>	prairie pussytoes	4 in	dry soils, little competition	forb	
<i>Geum</i>	<i>triflorum</i>	prairie smoke	1 ft	flowers add another ft, mod moist-dry soil	forb	***
<i>Tradescantia</i>	<i>bracteata</i>	prairie spiderwort	1 ft	dry soils	grass-like leaves	
<i>Psoralea</i>	<i>esculenta</i>	prairie turnip	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	
<i>Viola</i>	<i>pedatifida</i>	prairie violet	0.5-1 ft	mod dry soils	forb	***

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<i>Callirhoe</i>	<i>involucrata</i>	purple poppy mallow	6 in	dry soils, magenta flowers, spreading habit	forb	***
<i>Petalostemum</i>	<i>purpureum</i>	purple prairie clover	1-2+ ft	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Antennaria</i>	<i>plantaginifolia</i>	pussytoes	1 ft	dry soils, basal lvs w/flower stalk	forb	
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>squarrosa</i>	scaly blazing star	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	***
<i>Gaura</i>	<i>coccinea</i>	scarlet gaura	1-2 ft	mod dry soil	forb	
<i>Dodecatheon</i>	<i>meadia</i>	shooting stars	0.5 ft	flower stalk adds another ft, mod moist soil	forb	***
<i>Aster</i>	<i>sericeus</i>	silky aster	1-2 ft	loved by rabbits	forb	***
<i>Monarda</i>	<i>punctata</i>	spotted bee balm	1-2 ft	biennial, dry soil	forb	
<i>Aster</i>	<i>ptarmicoides</i>	upland white aster	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	**
<i>Mertensia</i>	<i>virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells	1-2 ft	spring ephemeral	forb	
<i>Tradescantia</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	western spiderwort	1-2 ft	dry soils	grass-like leaves	
<i>Asclepias</i>	<i>verticillata</i>	whorled milkweed	1-2 ft	dry soils	forb	*
<i>Phlox</i>	<i>divaricata</i>	wild blue phlox	1-2 ft	woodland/savanna spp.	forb	
<i>Geranium</i>	<i>maculatum</i>	wild geranium	1 ft	flowers add another ft, mod dry soil	forb	***
<i>Asarum</i>	<i>canadense</i>	wild ginger	6 in	woodland/savanna spp.	forb	
<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>perennis</i>	wild lupine	1-2 ft	sandy dry soil	forb	
<i>Ruellia</i>	<i>humilis</i>	wild petunia	1 ft	dry soils, late spring emergence	forb	****

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