

Wildflower and Native Plant Gardening

Unlike conventional flower gardening, wildflower growing demands an acceptance of the landscape's natural look, growing in harmony with its natural environment. A native plant garden can provide an escape from our modern world's straight lines, square corners, and unattractive streetscapes. Growing native plants allows you to discover new ideas for your garden with unique flowers, textures, and forms. It also preserves plants that may soon disappear from areas that have been cleared for development of home sites and cities.

By growing native plants, we can help prevent their extinction by preserving them in our own gardens. (In fact, you may want to check with the developer when you see that land is about to be cleared for development; many times you'll be granted permission to "rescue" plants due to be bulldozed into oblivion.) When planting wildflowers in the garden, keep the soil and root ball together to lessen the transplanting shock. Dig the hole the same depth as the plant grew in the container, gently fill around and lightly tamp down soil and water well. Planting late in the day lessens the shock of the move.

Here are some wildflowers and native plants you might want to consider:

Latin Name	Common Name	Light	Uses
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	semi-shade	deciduous woodland
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-In-The-Pulpit	semi- to full shade	deciduous woodland
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	partial shade	moist location
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger	shade	groundcover under trees
<i>Asclepias incarnate</i>	Swamp Milkweed	sun	wet to average soil
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	full sun	slightly dry soil
<i>Chelone</i>	Turtlehead	full sun to part shade	moist acid soil
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Snakeroot	part shade	moist location
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance Leaf Coreopsis	full sun	dry meadows
<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's Breeches	semi-shade	deciduous woodland
<i>Echinacea</i>	Purple Coneflower	full sun	meadow garden
<i>Eupatorium</i>	Joe Pye Weed	full sun to part shade	moist to average soil
<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i>	Blanket Flower	full sun	meadows
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium	sun or light shade	protect from wind
<i>Helenium</i>	Helen's Flower	full sun	moist meadows
<i>Helianthus</i>	Sunflower	full sun	dry meadows
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	Wild Daylilies	sun or shade	prefer moist soil
<i>Heuchera</i>	Coral Bells	full sun or part shade	attractive border plant

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Native Plants & Wildflowers cont.

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Iris cristata	Crested Iris	semi-shade	moist woodland
Liatris spicata	Spike Gayfeather	full sun	moist meadows
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	sun to part shade	wetland environment
Lobelia syphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia	full sun to part shade	plant along streams
Mertensia virginica	Virginia Blue Bells	semi-shade	deciduous woodland
Mitchella repens	Partridgeberry	light to deep shade	moist woodland
Monarda didyma	Bee Balm	full sun to light shade	moist soil
Oenothera fruticosa	Common Sundrop	full sun	dry soil
Phlox divaricata	Wild Sweet William	partial shade	moist soil
Phlox stolonifera	Creeping Phlox	partial shade	moist groundcover
Polemonium reptans	Jacob's Ladder	semi-shade	well-drained soils
Podophyllum peltatum	May Apple	semi-shade	deciduous woodland
Polygonatum biflorum	True Solomon's Seal	semi-shade	woodland garden
Rudbeckia	Black-Eyed Susan	full sun	dry meadows
Sanguinaria canadensis	Bloodroot	semi- to deep shade	deciduous woodland
Smilacina racemosum	False Solomon's Seal	semi-shade	moist, acid soil
Thalictrum thalictroides	Rue Anemone	semi-shade	deciduous woodland
Tiarella cordifolia	Foam Flower	shade or semi-shade	woodland groundcover
Trillium grandiflorum	White Trillium	semi-shade	plant with azaleas and rhododendron
Uvularia	Merrybells	shade or semi-shade	moist deciduous woodland
Viola sororia priceana	Confederate Violet	semi-shade or shade	woodland environment
Viola pedata	Bird's Foot Violet	semi shade or shade	woodland garden
Viola x primulifolia	Primrose Leaved Violet	semi -shade	rock gardens
Viola pubescens	Yellow Violet	semi-shade	well drained acid soil
Yucca filamentosa	Adam's Needle	full sun	dry sandy soil



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