



native plants

The definition of a native plant may vary depending on what resource you are consulting. However, there's a commonly accepted understanding that a native species is one that naturally exists in North America without any human interference. Additionally, there are native cultivars, which are native species that have been bred for specific traits. While they share the roots of their native counterparts, they're not considered truly native because they haven't occurred naturally. Below, we'll delve into the differences between these two categories to help assist you in selecting the best options for your landscape.

NATIVE SPECIES occur naturally in our region and have evolved to thrive in local soil and climate conditions. They typically require minimal intervention such as fertilizers, irrigation and pesticides. Adding native species to your landscape can provide many benefits. Their strong root systems aid in erosion control, and they provide essential food sources for pollinators and wildlife. Due to the fact that they often reproduce by seed there can be a wide variety of variation in flower color, size and shape.

NATIVE CULTIVARS, derived from native species, offer specific desirable traits such as flower color, foliage color, plant shape and size & disease resistance. Though cloned for consistency, they may lack the genetic variation found in native species. However, they are often more manageable in size & less likely to spread.

When attracting pollinators, it's important to note that deviations from native species, such as darker foliage or double flowers, may deter feeding. Additionally, some cultivars may contain less pollen, requiring pollinators to exert more effort for sustenance.

By combining native species & native cultivars in your garden, you can enjoy the aesthetic appeal of cultivars while supporting native wildlife. Explore our selection of native species & native cultivars below for a balanced & thriving landscape.

NATIVE SPECIES

Perennials

- Allium, Meadow Garlic (*Allium canadense*) ☀️🌿
Allium, Wild (*Allium cernuum*) ☀️🌿
Anemone, Thimbleweed (*Anemone cylindrica*) ☀️🌿
Aster, New England (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*) ☀️
Aster, Sky Blue (*Symphyotrichum oolentangiense*) ☀️🌿
Aster, Smooth Blue (*Symphyotrichum laeve*) ☀️
Baptisia (*Baptisia australis*) ☀️🌿
Bee Balm, Spotted (*Mondarda punctata*) ☀️🌿
Bergamot, Wild (*Monarda fistulosa*) ☀️🌿
Boneset, Common (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*) ☀️🌿
Bowman's Root (*Gillenia Trifoliata*) 🌿☀️
Columbine, Wild (*Aquilegia canadensis*) 🌿☀️
Coneflower, Purple (*Echinacea purpurea*) ☀️🌿
Coneflower, Yellow (*Ratibida pinnata*) ☀️
Coreopsis, Prairie (*Coreopsis palmata*) ☀️
Coreopsis, Sand (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) ☀️
Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*) ☀️🌿
Fern, Cinnamon (*Osmunda cinnamomea*) 🌿☀️
Fern, Leatherwood (*Dryopteris marginalis*) 🌿☀️
Fern, Ostrich (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*) 🌿☀️
Fern, Sensitive (*Onoclea sensibilis*) 🌿☀️
Geranium, Wild (*Geranium maculatum*) 🌿☀️
Geum, Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*) ☀️
Goldenrod, Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*) ☀️🌿
Goldenrod, Showy (*Solidago speciosa*) ☀️
Goldenrod, Stiff (*Oligoneuron rigidum*) ☀️
Helen's Flower Common (*Helenium autumnale*) ☀️
Hibiscus, Swamp Rose (*Hibiscus moscheutos*) ☀️
Ironweed, Common (*Vernonia fasciculata*) ☀️🌿
Joe Pye, Purple (*Eutrochium purpureum*) ☀️🌿
Lead Plant (*Amorpha canescens*) ☀️
Liatris, Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*) ☀️
Lobelia, Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) ☀️🌿
Lobelia, Great Blue (*Lobelia siphilitica*) ☀️🌿

Perennials

- Milkweed, Common** (*Asclepias syriaca*) ☀️
Milkweed, Swamp (*Asclepias incarnata*) ☀️🌿
Milkweed, Whorled (*Asclepias verticillata*) ☀️🌿
Milkweed, Butterfly Flower (*Asclepias tuberosa*) ☀️
Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*) ☀️🌿
Mountain Mint, Common (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*) ☀️
Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*) ☀️
Penstemon, Hairy (*Penstemon hirsutus*) ☀️🌿☀️
Penstemon, White (*Penstemon digitalis*) ☀️🌿
Prairie Clover, Purple (*Dalea purpurea*) ☀️
Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) ☀️
Rudbeckia, Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) ☀️🌿
Rudbeckia, Showy Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *speciosa*) ☀️
Spurge, Baby's Breath (*Euphorbia corollata*) ☀️
Sunflower, False (*Heliopsis helianthoides*) ☀️
Sunflower, Western (*Helianthus occidentalis*) ☀️
Tick-Trefoil, Showy (*Desmodium canadense*) ☀️
Turtlehead, White (*Chelone glabra*) 🌿☀️
Verbena, Hoary (*Verbena stricta*) ☀️
Verbena, Swamp (*Verbena hastata*) ☀️
Wood Poppy, Golden (*Stylophorum diphyllum*) 🌿☀️

Ground Cover

- Ginger, Canadian** (*Asarum canadense*) 🌿☀️
Purple Poppy, Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrata*) ☀️

Vines

- Ivy, Virginia Creeper** (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) ☀️🌿☀️

Trees

- Catalpa, Northern** (*Catalpa speciosa*) ☀️
Oak, Red (*Quercus rubra*) ☀️
Redbud, Eastern (*Cercis canadensis*) ☀️🌿
Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) ☀️

Evergreens

- Hemlock, Canadian** (*Tsuga canadensis*) 🌿
Pine, White (*Pinus strobus*) ☀️

NATIVE CULTIVARS

Perennials

- Agastache ☀️
- Aster ☀️
- Baptisia ☀️🌿
- Bee Balm ☀️🌿
- Blue Star ☀️🌿
- Cimicifuga ☀️🌿
- Coneflower ☀️
- Coreopsis ☀️
- Goat's Beard ☀️🌿☀️
- Goldenrod ☀️
- Hibiscus ☀️🌿
- Jacob's Ladder ☀️🌿
- Joe Pye ☀️🌿
- Liatris, Kobold ☀️🌿
- Lupine ☀️🌿
- Milkweed, Swamp, Cinderella ☀️
- Obedient Plant ☀️🌿
- Penstemon ☀️🌿
- Phlox, Garden ☀️🌿
- Rudbeckia ☀️🌿
- Sea Holly ☀️
- Spiderwort ☀️🌿
- Strawberry, Ornamental ☀️🌿
- Sunflower ☀️
- Turtlehead ☀️🌿
- Yarrow ☀️
- Yucca ☀️

Ground Cover

- Phlox, Creeping ☀️🌿

Vines

- Honeysuckle ☀️🌿

Grasses

- Big Bluestem ☀️🌿
- Little Bluestem ☀️🌿
- Switch ☀️
- Sedge ☀️🌿

Trees

- Amelanchier ☀️🌿
- Birch, Paper ☀️
- Blackgum ☀️🌿
- Dogwood, Flowering ☀️🌿
- Honeylocust ☀️
- Maple, Red ☀️
- Maple, Sugar ☀️
- Osage Orange ☀️
- Redbud ☀️🌿
- Tuliptree ☀️

Shrubs

- Aronia ☀️🌿
- Dogwood, Redtwig ☀️🌿
- Elder ☀️🌿
- Holly, Winterberry ☀️🌿
- Hypericum ☀️🌿
- Ninebark ☀️
- Potentilla ☀️
- Viburnum, Arrowwood ☀️🌿
- Viburnum, Cranberry ☀️🌿

Evergreens

- Arborvitae ☀️🌿
- Juniper, Andorra ☀️
- Juniper, Blue Rug ☀️🌿
- Juniper, Taylor ☀️
- Spruce, White, Black Hills ☀️🌿

Fruit

- Aronia Berry ☀️🌿
- Blackberry ☀️
- Blueberry ☀️
- Elderberry ☀️
- Pawpaw ☀️
- Saskatoon ☀️🌿