



# DRAGONFLY GARDENS

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Part Sun/Part Shade  
Dry to Medium Soil  
Woodland Edge, Oak Savanna

AVAILABILITY, SIZE and PRICE subject to change.

|   | Flowers                      | Ht.    | Moisture        | Light                     | Description   | 2" Pot | 4" Pot | 6" Pot + |
|---|------------------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|--------|--------|----------|
| <b>Wildflowers</b>                                  |                              |        |                 |                           |   |        |        |          |
| <i>Achillea millefolium</i><br>Yarrow               | White<br>June to Oct         | 18-30" | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>part shade | Attractive, aromatic, ferny foliage. Great component of a no-mow or low-mow lawn. Good butterfly plant. Grows well in a wide variety of habitats.   | •      |        |          |
| <i>Allium cernuum</i><br>Nodding Wild Onion         | Pink<br>July to Sept         | 12-18" | MD, M, MW       | full to<br>part sun       | Nodding 2" flower clusters above thin, wispy stems. Edible flower bulbs.  | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Amorpha canescens</i><br>Leadplant               | Blue<br>June to July         | 18-42" | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>part shade | Long-lived shrub with attractive fine silvery foliage. Slow-growing but worth the wait. Used medicinally by Native Americans. Suited to driest sandy soil.  | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i><br>Pearly Everlasting | White<br>June to Aug         | 18-24" | D, MD           | full sun to<br>part shade | White papery strawflowers produced atop attractive whitish foliage. Nice dried flower and contrast plant in the perennial garden. Host plant for painted lady butterfly.                                      | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Anemone cylindrica</i><br>Thimbleweed            | White<br>Late May to<br>July | 24-36" | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>part shade | Thimble-like inflorescence held atop slender stems above highly divided basal leaves. Very pretty from summer into fall. Good on very dry sandy soils.  | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i><br>Wild Columbine       | Orange<br>May to June        | 20-36" | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>shade      | Free-flowering woodland perennial that forms large clumps with attractive foliage. Excellent hummingbird plant. Often referred to as "honeysuckle."   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Asclepias exaltata</i><br>Poke Milkweed          | White<br>June to July        | 36-60" | MD, M           | part sun to<br>part shade | One of the most shade tolerant milkweeds it does best in dappled shade. It is also not as aggressive as common milkweed.  |        | 3"     |          |
| <i>Aster laevis</i><br>Smooth Aster                 | Blue<br>July to Oct          | 24-36" | MD, M, MW       | full sun to<br>part shade | Very showy vibrant blue-flowered perennial. Several cultivated varieties exist, attesting to its beauty. Great butterfly plant and cutflower.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Aster macrophyllus</i><br>Big Leaf Aster         | Blue<br>Aug to Oct           | 8-18"  | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>shade      | One of the most common groundcovers of northern forests. Broad heart-shaped leaves make an great, fast-growing groundcover for all but the wettest soil types.  | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i><br>Harebell           | Blue<br>June to Sept         | 16-24" | D, MD           | full sun to<br>part shade | Blue bell-shaped flowers atop delicate, grassy foliage. Great plant for restorations. Common throughout WI in all dry habitats. Shade-tolerant.   | •      | 3"     |          |
| <i>Dodecantheon meadia</i><br>Shooting Star         | White<br>May to June         | 18"    | MD, M, MW       | full to part<br>sun       | Cute plant with basal leaves and a leafless flowerstalk with shooting star-like white to pink flowers. Dry prairies, savannas, and woodlands on droughty soils. Rare in extreme SE MN and scattered in SW WI. |        | 3"     |          |
| <i>Eupatorium purpureum</i><br>Purple Joe Pye Weed  | Purple<br>July to Sept       | 48-72" | MD, M, MW       | part sun to<br>shade      | Moist to moderately dry savannas and forests through southern 2/3 of WI and eastern 1/2 of MN. Attractive broad clusters of purple heads. Excellent for attracting butterflies.                               | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Fragaria vesca</i><br>Woodland Strawberry        | White<br>May to June         | 6-10"  | MD, M, MW       | full sun to<br>shade      | Attractive groundcover that grows rapidly. A must for the woodland restoration. Sweet tasting red fruits in June are a bonus. Ranges throughout the world in northern latitudes including all of MN and WI.   |        | 3"     |          |
| <i>Fragaria virginiana</i><br>Wild Strawberry       | White<br>May to June         | 6"     | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>shade      | Stoloniferous spreading groundcover bears delicious fruit. Found throughout MN and WI ranging from prairies to forests. Widely adapted to dry, moist or even wet soils.                                       | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Galium boreale</i><br>Northern Bedstraw          | White<br>June to July        | 16-24" | MD, M, MW,<br>W | full sun to<br>full shade | Common understory species of northern forests in MN & WI. Easy to grow on mesic to dry soils.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Geranium maculatum</i><br>Wild Geranium          | Pink<br>May to June          | 18-24" | MD, M           | full to<br>part shade     | Tolerant to all soils and woodland conditions except deeply shaded situations. Nice perennial geranium with attractive foliage that turns red in fall.  | •      | 3"     | •        |
| <i>Helianthus strumosus</i><br>Woodland Sunflower   | Yellow<br>July to Oct        | 36-48" | MD, M, MW       | full sun to<br>part shade | Very common woodland sunflower seen at the edge of forests and ditches. Variable but showy with terminal yellow heads. Birds eat seeds. Excellent soil stabilizer.  |        | 3"     |          |

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| <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i><br>False/Early Sunflower | Yellow<br>June to Oct             | 48-60"      | MD, M, MW       | full sun to<br>part sun   | Widespread on dry to wet soils. Long flowering period. Suited to all but very shady restoration sites. Commonly used as a garden perennial.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Heuchera richardsonii</i><br>Alum Root               | White<br>May to July              | 12-18"      | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>part shade | Common through most of WI and MN. Attractive, tough ground cover well suited to dry soils. Quite shade-tolerant. Usually associated with rock outcrops in prairies, woodlands, and forests.                     | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Monarda fistulosa</i><br>Bergamot                    | Lavender<br>July to Aug           | 36-48"      | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>part shade | One of the most common and widespread native wildflowers. Good in herbal teas. Used medicinally by Native Americans. Moist to dry soils.  | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Penstemon digitalis</i><br>Smooth Penstemon          | White<br>June to July             | 30-48"      | MD, M           | full sun to<br>part shade | 1.5" white tubular flowers in tall spikes. Good garden perennial and cutflower. Tolerant of dry and mesic soils and a variety of light conditions.  | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i><br>Black Eyed Susan              | Yellow<br>June to Oct             | 24-36"      | MD, M, MW       | full sun to<br>part sun   | Very common short-lived perennial occurring in a wide range of habitats. Produces lots of color the first year.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Solidago nemoralis</i><br>Gray Goldenrod             | Yellow<br>Aug to Oct              | 24-36"      | D, MD           | Sun to part<br>shade      | One of the most attractive goldenrods, it has vibrant golden-yellow flowers that are a great source of pollen for bees and butterflies right up to frost. It is also one of the most shade-tolerant goldenrods. | •      |        |          |
| <i>Solidago speciosa</i><br>Showy Goldenrod             | Yellow<br>Aug to Sept             | 24-48"      | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>part shade | Highly recommended for restorations and for perennial gardens. Very showy tall heads above glossy green foliage. Great butterfly plant.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i><br>Ohio Spiderwort        | Blue<br>June to Oct               | 24-48"      | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>part shade | Forms large clumps creating a very nice display of 1" flowers in heads on top of each stem. Great for restorations and gardens. Moist to dry soils.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Verbena stricta</i><br>Hoary Vervain                 | Blue<br>June to Sept              | 24-36"      | D, MD           | full sun to<br>part shade | Spikes of blue flowers above greyish foliage. Adapted to dry, sandy soils. Good butterfly plant.  | •      | •      |          |
| <b>Grasses, sedges, and rushes</b>                      |                                   |             |                 |                           |   |        |        |          |
| <i>Andropogon gerardii</i><br>Big Bluestem              | Purplish<br>Green<br>July to Sept | 36-<br>72+" | D, MD, M,<br>MW | full sun to<br>part shade | One of the most dominant tall prairie grasses. Purplish foliage creates a nice effect along with turkey-foot-like flower head. Dry to moist habitats.   | •      |        |          |
| <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i><br>Side Oats Grama        | Red-Green<br>July to Sept         | 18-30"      | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>part shade | Very common species of dry to mesic habitats. Stamens are red, making them beautiful cutflowers when fresh. A must for any open dry site restoration.   | •      |        |          |
| <i>Carex pennsylvanica</i><br>Pennsylvania Sedge        | Brown<br>May                      | 6-8"        | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>full shade | Outstanding, low, clump-forming graminoid with yellow-green foliage. Forms extensive stands in northwoods forests that are extremely attractive. A must for forest restorations in northern MN and WI.          | •      |        |          |
| <i>Elymus hystrix (patula)</i><br>Bottlebrush Grass     | Green<br>June to July             | 36-48"      | MD, M           | full sun to<br>full shade | Clump forming grass with tall spikes topped with an inflorescence that looks like a bottlebrush. A must for forest restorations and shady perennial gardens.  | •      |        |          |
| <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i><br>Little Bluestem       | Amber<br>July to Sept             | 18-36"      | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>part shade | Fabulous ornamental grass native to dry, sandy to mesic habitats throughout the region. Amber foliage maintains color through winter. Forms neat clumps.  | •      |        |          |
| <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i><br>Indian Grass               | Amber<br>July to Sept             | 48-72"      | D, MD, M        | full sun to<br>part shade | Clump-forming grass of dry, sandy to moist habitats. Very ornamental and suitable for the back of perennial borders. Great plant for a wide range of habitats.  | •      |        |          |

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| <b>Shrubs</b>  |                             |              |                    |                           |  |        |        |          |
| <i>Amelanchier laevis</i><br>Serviceberry / Juneberry  | White<br>April to May       | to 12'       | D, MD, M,<br>MW    | full sun to<br>part shade | One of the earliest flowering shrubs. Stays lower with pruning. Bears bluish purple berries that are edible and attractive to wildlife. Dry to moist soils.  |        |        | •        |
| <i>Ceanothus americanus</i><br>New Jersey Tea          | White<br>June to Aug        | 1-2'         | D, MD, M           | full sun to<br>part shade | Under-utilized, very attractive low shrub with glossy green leaves and 2" clusters of fragrant flowers. Great for foundation plantings and dry restoration sites. Found on dry prairies throughout the region.   | •      | •      |          |
| <i>Comptonia peregrina</i><br>Sweet Fern               | Brown<br>April to May       | 1-2'         | D, MD, M,<br>MW, W | full sun to<br>part shade | Very cool low shrub with serrated elongate leaves that look like fern leaflets. Very pleasant, fragrant spicy foliage had a number of traditional medicinal uses. One of the most under-rated native shrubs.   |        |        | •        |
| <i>Cornus alternifolia</i><br>Pagoda Dogwood           | White<br>May to June        | to 16'       | MD, M, MW          | full sun to<br>part shade | Very attractive shrub with arching leaves that give the appearance of a giant bonsai. Perfect for the Japanese garden as well as habitat restoration or foundation plantings. Wide ranging in MN and WI.   |        |        | •        |
| <i>Cornus racemosa</i><br>Gray Dogwood                 | White<br>May to July        | 6-8'         | MD, M              | full sun to<br>part shade | Widely adapted shrub that forms large clonal stands of scattered stems. Good fall color, excellent production of berries. Shade-tolerant.  |        |        | •        |
| <i>Corylus americanus</i><br>Hazelnut                  | Purple<br>March to<br>April | 6-8'         | MD, M, MW          | full sun to<br>part shade | Growing in popularity as landscape plant due to attractive foliage and fall color. Tolerates dry to wet soils and shade to sun. Very good, fast grower.  |        |        | •        |
| <i>Diervilla lonicera</i><br>Dwarf Bush<br>Honeysuckle | Yellow<br>June to Sept      | 2-3.5'       | D, MD              | full sun to<br>shade      | Fantastic low shrub for mass plantings and woodland and forest restorations. Green-bronze arrow-shaped leaves and yellow trumpet-shaped flowers through much of the summer. Dry to moist soils throughout the region.  | •      | •      | •        |
| <i>Rhus typhina</i><br>Staghorn Sumac                  | Green-yellow<br>July        | to 25'       | D, MD, M           | full sun to<br>part shade | An aggressively suckering shrub great for naturalizing in wilder areas or can be contained by regular removal of sprouts. Beautifully artistic form and texture if left to mature. <b>Dark red clusters of berries stay on all winter &amp; are great food</b> |        |        | •        |
| <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i><br>Snowberry               | White<br>June               | 3-4'         | MD, M              | full sun to<br>part shade | Excellent compact shrub for understory plantings and restoration sites. Blue green foliage and abundant white berries are attractive. Found throughout region.   |        | •      | •        |
| <i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i><br>Lowbush Blueberry    | White<br>May to June        | 6-18"        | MD, M, MW          | full sun to<br>shade      | Yummy, fruit-producing, sprawling plants that grow in a range of habitats ranging from dry, sandy pine barrens to saturated peatlands. Wide-ranging in MN and WI.  |        |        | •        |
| <b>Trees</b>   |                             |              |                    |                           |  |        |        |          |
| <i>Betula papyrifera</i><br>Paper Birch                | Brown<br>April to May       | to 80'       | MD, M, MW,<br>W    | full sun to<br>part shade | Loved for its white, peeling bark. Gorgeous in clumps on soils ranging from dry to wet. Widely adapted, found throughout the region.   |        |        | •        |
| <i>Pinus strobus</i><br>Eastern White Pine             | none                        | 100-<br>150' | MD, M, MW          | full sun to<br>part shade | Fast-growing, long-lived pine which brought the first wave of European loggers to the area. Beautiful in the landscape. Tolerant to soils from wet to dry.   |        |        | •        |
| <i>Populus tremuloides</i><br>Quaking Aspen            | Yellow-<br>Green<br>May     | To 50'       | MD, M, MW          | full to part<br>sun       | One of the fastest growing native trees in northern WI it can put on up to 2' of growth per year. Whitish-grey bark adds interest to the landscape.  |        |        | •        |
| <i>Quercus borealis</i><br>Northern Red oak            | Green<br>June               | to 80'       | D, MD, M,<br>MW    | full sun to<br>part shade | Rapidly growing ornamental hardwood. Best oak for beautiful red fall color. Tolerates moist to dry soils, long-lived.  |        |        | •        |
| <i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i><br>Northern Pin Oak       | Green<br>June               | to 75'       | D, MD, M,<br>MW    | full to part<br>sun       | Pioneer species growing following stand removal through fire or logging. Attractive deeply divided leaves and small acorns in abundance. Particularly adapted to dry soils.  |        |        | •        |
| <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i><br>Bur Oak                   | Green<br>June               | 70-80'       | D, MD, M,<br>MW    | full sun to<br>part shade | Climax tree species in drier forested areas across the region. Stately, spreading trees common in savannas. Acorns with distinct fringed cap.  |        |        | •        |

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