



DRAGONFLY GARDENS

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Full Sun
Dry Soil
Prairie

AVAILABILITY, SIZE and PRICE subject to change.

	Flowers	Ht.	Moisture	Light	Description	2" Pot	4" Pot	6" Pot +
Wildflowers								
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Yarrow	White June to Oct	18-30"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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 stellatum</i> Prairie Onion	Pink July to Sept	12-18"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Attractive plants occurring in dry prairies and on rocky cliff areas. Good plant for tough sites and rock gardens. Ranging throughout MN and WI.	•		
<i>Amorpha canescens</i> Leadplant	Blue June to July	18-42"	D, MD, M	full sun to 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> Pearly Everlasting	White June to Aug	18-24"	D, MD	full sun to 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> Thimbleweed	White Late May to July	24-36"	D, MD, M	full sun to 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>Anemone patens</i> Pasque Flower	Light Blue April to May	6"	D, MD	full to part sun	One of the first wildflowers in spring. Very showy 3" flowers followed by a cluster of hairy fruits. Dry soils. Great in rock gardens.	•		
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> Prairie Sage	Yellow July to Oct	24-48"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	Fragrant whitish foliage makes a nice contrast to green plants. Dry to mesic prairies. Sacred incense and insect repellent of Native Americans.	•		
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Butterfly Weed	Orange June to Sept	12-24"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	A must for gardens, producing orange flowers in 3" clusters. Tolerates driest sandy soils. Host plant for monarch butterflies and nectar source for others.	•	•	
<i>Asclepias verticillata</i> Whorled Milkweed	White July to Sept	12-24"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	This delicate and fine-leaved plant is rather inconspicuous in the landscape but like other milkweeds it serves as an important food source for Monarch caterpillars. Tolerant of dry soils.	•	•	
<i>Aster oblongifolius</i> Aromatic Aster	Violet Aug to Oct	12-24"	D, MD	full to part sun	Very attractive low-grower for dry sandy prairies. Common throughout SE to NW MN and SW to NW WI. A must for short prairie restorations.	•	•	
<i>Aster oolentangiense</i> Sky Blue Aster	Blue Aug to Oct	24-36"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	An aster with one of the truest blue flowers you can find among native wildflowers. Attracts loads of pollinators.	•	•	
<i>Aster ptarmicoides</i> Upland White Aster	White Aug to Oct	12-24"	D, MD	full to part sun	Low, spreading plants covered with white heads late summer through fall. Mesic to dry prairies throughout MN and WI. Excellent in short prairies.	•		
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> Harebell	Blue June to Sept	16-24"	D, MD	full sun to 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>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> Lance Leaf Coreopsis	Yellow June to Aug	24-36"	D, MD	full sun to part shade	Wiry stems bearing yellow daisies. Easy to grow on toughest, driest soil types. Very good butterfly plant.	•	•	
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i> Prairie Coreopsis	Yellow June to Oct	16-30"	D, MD, M	full sun to part shade	Yellow daisies above ferny foliage. Native of driest prairies and bluff communities throughout southern 2/3 of MN and WI. Good for butterflies.	•	•	
<i>Dalea candida</i> White Prairie Clover	White June to Sept	16-30"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	Dense 2" clusters of small white flowers atop grayish ferny foliage. Very attractive perennial for prairie and savanna restorations as well as perennial gardens.	•	•	
<i>Dalea purpurea</i> Purple Prairie Clover	Purple June to Sept	16-30"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	Similar to <i>Dalea candida</i> but with purple flowers. Both species are excellent butterfly plants. Used as tea by Native Americans.	•	•	

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<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> Narrow-Leaf Purple Coneflower	Lavender July to Aug	24-36"	D, MD	full to part sun	Said to be the best of the purple coneflowers for medicinal purposes. Native in Western MN and further west, but hardy in this area. Very attractive with narrow leaves.	•	•	
<i>Echinacea pallida</i> Pale Purple Coneflower	Lavender July to Aug	36-48"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	Only echinacea species definitely native to WI. Nice narrow foliage. Heads have reflexed rays ("petals"). Can't beat these for butterflies.	•		
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i> Wild Strawberry	White May to June	6"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>Geum triflorum</i> Prairie Smoke	Red May to June	6-12"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Awesome early-flowering prairie wildflower, great for sandy site restorations and for rock gardening. Hairy fruits remain attractive throughout the year.	•		
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i> Alum Root	White May to July	12-18"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>Liatris aspera</i> Rough Blazing Star	Purple July to Sept	18-36"	D, MD, M	full to part sun	Beautiful purple spikes. Most common liatris of dry, sandy prairies throughout MN and WI. Excellent butterfly plant.	•	•	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Bergamot	Lavender July to Aug	36-48"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>Monarda punctata</i> Dotted Mint	Lavender June to Sept	18-30"	D, MD	full to part sun	Fragrant herb with showy dotted multicolored leaves below flowers. Good on dry soils. Used medicinally and in herbal teas. Nice cutflower.	•	•	
<i>Phlox pilosa</i> Prairie Phlox	Pink May to June	18-24"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Broad heads of deep pink flowers. Very nice wildflower for restorations and perennial gardens.	•	•	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Black Eyed Susan	Yellow June to Oct	24-36"	MD, M, MW	full to 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> Gray Goldenrod	Yellow Aug to Oct	24-36"	D, MD	Sun to part 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 rigida</i> Stiff Goldenrod	Yellow Aug to Sept	36-48"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Another goldenrod worthy of growing for its very attractive foliage. Topped with a broad, flat cluster of yellow heads. Adapted to mesic and moist soils. Good garden perennial.	•	•	
<i>Solidago speciosa</i> Showy Goldenrod	Yellow Aug to Sept	24-48"	D, MD, M	full sun to 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> Ohio Spiderwort	Blue June to Oct	24-48"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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> Hoary Vervain	Blue June to Sept	24-36"	D, MD	full sun to part shade	Spikes of blue flowers above greyish foliage. Adapted to dry, sandy soils. Good butterfly plant.	•	•	

Grasses, sedges, and rushes

<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> Big Bluestem	Purplish Green July to Sept	36-72+"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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> Side Oats Grama	Red-Green July to Sept	18-30"	D, MD, M	full sun to 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>Bouteloua gracilis</i> Blue Grama	Purplish Green July to Sept	12"	D, MD	full to part sun	Native through the central Great Plains into western WI. Very good lawn alternative. Low growing, forming attractive clumps.	•		
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i> June Grass	Green June to July	12-24"	D, MD	full sun to part shade	Clump-forming grass, most commonly associated with dry sandy soils. Low-grower suitable for edging native restoration plantings.	•	•	
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> Switch Grass	Purple June to Oct	36-48"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Fast growing clump former with attractive open inflorescence. Suited to soils ranging from mesic to wet. Good for steep banks and slopes.	•		
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Little Bluestem	Amber July to Sept	18-36"	D, MD, M	full sun to 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> Indian Grass	Amber July to Sept	48-72"	D, MD, M	full sun to 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.	•		
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> Prairie Dropseed	Green Aug to Oct	18-36"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Clump former with open, fine sprays of flowers. Popular as a garden perennial. Native to dry and mesic prairies throughout the region.	•		

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Shrubs								
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i> New Jersey Tea	White June to Aug	1-2'	D, MD, M	full sun to 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> Sweet Fern	Brown April to May	1-2'	D, MD, M, MW, W	full sun to 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 racemosa</i> Gray Dogwood	White May to July	6-8'	MD, M	full sun to part shade	Widely adapted shrub that forms large clonal stands of scattered stems. Good fall color, excellent production of berries. Shade-tolerant.			.
<i>Rhus typhina</i> Staghorn Sumac	Green-yellow July	to 25'	D, MD, M	full sun to 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. Dark red clusters of berries stay on all winter & are great food			.
Trees								
<i>Quercus borealis</i> Northern Red oak	Green June	to 80'	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Rapidly growing ornamental hardwood. Best oak for beautiful red fall color. Tolerates moist to dry soils, long-lived.			.
<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i> Northern Pin Oak	Green June	to 75'	D, MD, M, MW	full to part 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> Bur Oak	Green June	70-80'	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Climax tree species in drier forested areas across the region. Stately, spreading trees common in savannas. Acorns with distinct fringed cap.			.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> Eastern White Cedar	none	to 50'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Tree from which many ornamental Arbor Vitae shrubs are selected. Forms an attractive pyramid-shaped tree. Good evergreen privacy screen. Valuable wildlife cover.			.

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