



# DRAGONFLY GARDENS

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Full Sun  
Medium Dry to Medium Soil  
Prairie

AVAILABILITY, SIZE and PRICE subject to change.

	Flowers	Ht.	Moisture	Light	Description	2" Pot	4" Pot	6" Pot +
<b>Wildflowers</b>								
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i> Anise Hyssop	Blue June to Oct	24-40"	MD, M	full sun to part shade	Beautiful 3" flower spikes attract butterflies throughout summer. Excellent cutflower and nice in perennial gardens. Fragrant foliage makes good herbal tea.	•	•	
<i>Allium cernuum</i> Nodding Wild Onion	Pink July to Sept	12-18"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Nodding 2" flower clusters above thin, wispy stems. Edible flower bulbs.	•	•	
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i> Common Milkweed	Pink June to Aug	36"- 60"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to part sun	Large leaved, robust plant known for being the larval host for Monarch butterflies. Benefits many other pollinators as well. Easy and fast to establish.	•	•	
<i>Aster laevis</i> Smooth Aster	Blue July to Oct	24-36"	MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Very showy vibrant blue-flowered perennial. Several cultivated varieties exist, attesting to its beauty. Great butterfly plant and cutflower.	•	•	
<i>Aster lateriflorus</i> Calico Aster	White Aug to Oct	24"	MD, M, MW	Full sun to shade	Good for short-height restorations in a variety of soil and light conditions. It is an abundant late-season food source for bees.	•	•	
<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>Baptisia alba</i> White Wild Indigo	White June to Aug	30-42"	D, MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Legume of moist to wet prairies and lake edges. Attractive foliage and flowers followed by pods. Nice in perennial gardens.	•	•	
<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.	•	•	
<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>Echinacea purpurea</i> Purple Coneflower	Purple July to Aug	36-48"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Spectacular display of broad-headed purple daisies. Great for restorations and perennial gardens.	•	•	
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> Rattlesnake Master	White July to Oct	36-48"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Exotic-looking plant that resembles a desert yucca. Bristly white heads and whitish foliage make it a great background perennial as well as a tough fast grower for restorations.	•	•	
<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>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> False/Early Sunflower	Yellow June to Oct	48-60"	MD, M, MW	full to 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> 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.	•	•	

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<i>Liatriis ligulistylis</i> Northern Plains Blazing Star	Purple July to Aug	36-60"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Rosy heads appear in abundance on tall spikes. Beautiful plant among the best to attract butterflies. OK on wet and dry soils.	•	•	
<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>Penstemon digitalis</i> Smooth Penstemon	White June to July	30-48"	MD, M	full sun to 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>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>Ratibida pinnata</i> Yellow Coneflower	Yellow July to Oct	24-52"	MD, M	full to part sun	One of the more common native prairie wildflowers. Very attractive to butterflies. Greyish foliage makes this a nice contrast plant.	•	•	
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> Orange Coneflower	Orange-Yellow July to Oct	24-36"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Beautiful compact coneflower with deep green foliage and 3" orange-yellow heads with brown centers. Parent of 'goldsturm', one of the most popular garden perennials.	•	•	
<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>Silene regia</i> Royal Catchfly	Red June to Oct	18-24"	MD, M	full sun to part shade	Deep red tubular flowers flaring out into a star. Excellent hummingbird plant and garden perennial. Native just south of MN and WI, but hardy in the north.	•	•	
<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>Veronicastrum virginianum</i> Culver's Root	White June to Sept	36-54"	MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Several tall showy spikes on top of each stem make this an excellent tall garden perennial. Attracts butterflies. Good in most soils except extremely dry.	•	•	
<i>Viola pedatifida</i> Prairie Violet	Blue May to June	4"	MD, M	full sun to part shade	1.5" blue flowers above deeply clawed foliage. Very nice for edging restoration sites on dry to mesic soils. Also nice for rock gardening. Common in prairie regions of MN and WI.		3"	
<i>Zizia aurea</i> Golden Alexanders	Yellow May to July	18-30"	MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Early-flowering plant of mesic to moist habitats with 3" flat-topped heads of yellow flowers. Seed heads that follow are attractive throughout the year.	•	•	

## 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>Carex bicknellii</i> Bicknell's Sedge	Tan May to June	12-24"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Sedge adapted to habitats ranging from dry to moist, usually on rocky, gravelly soil. Forms nice clumps. Found throughout southern 2/3 of MN and WI.	•		
<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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<b>Shrubs</b>								
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i> Serviceberry / Juneberry	White April to May	to 12'	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>Aronia melanocarpa</i> Chokeberry	White May	to 6'	MD, M, MW, W	full to part sun	Very attractive spreading shrub. Nice clusters of white flowers followed by black berries. Deep red fall foliage. Excellent for wet lake edge plantings. Mesic to wet soil.			•
<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 alternifolia</i> Pagoda Dogwood	White May to June	to 16'	MD, M, MW	full sun to 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> 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>Corylus americana</i> Hazelnut	Purple March to April	6-8'	MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>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. <b>Dark red clusters of berries stay on all winter &amp; are great food</b>			•
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> Wild Elderberry	White June to July	6-12'	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Fast-growing shrub tolerant of mesic to wet soils. White flower clusters are followed by deep purple berries. Very attractive and good in jam and wine.			•
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> Snowberry	White June	3-4'	MD, M	full sun to 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> Lowbush Blueberry	White May to June	6-18"	MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple	Red April to May	to 50'	M, MW	full sun to part shade	Mid- to late successional tree, mostly of the northwoods but also into the deciduous forests of central WI and southern MN. Nice fall color, dry to moist soil.			•
<i>Betula papyrifera</i> Paper Birch	Brown April to May	to 80'	MD, M, MW, W	full sun to 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>Celtis occidentalis</i> Hackberry	Green May	to 60'	MD, M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Highly adaptable to a variety of soil conditions and urban pollution, this tree is being used more and more as a street/boulevard tree. Very unique corky bark and an open upright spreading form similar to elms.			•
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> Ironwood/ Hophornbeam	Yellow May to June	15-50'	MD, M, MW	full sun to shade	Slender small tree of sugar maple/basswood forests. Attractive platey bark and very hard wood. Inconspicuous flowers give rise to a hop-like cluster of fruits that persist into			•
<i>Picea glauca</i> White Spruce	none	50-75'	M	full sun to part shade	Climax species of the northern deciduous/conifer forests into the northern boreal forests. Very attractive tree for restoration and landscaping.			•
<i>Pinus strobus</i> Eastern White Pine	none	100- 150'	MD, M, MW	full sun to 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>Quercus alba</i> White Oak	Green June	to 75'	MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Ornamental hardwood valued for its timber and acorn production. Common throughout the region on moist to dry soils.			•

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<i>Quercus bicolor</i> Swamp White Oak	Yellow-Green May	50-60'	MD, M, MW, W	full sun	More tolerant of wet soils than any other oak, it also adapts well as a boulevard or shade tree in your average yard. Very similar to White Oak.			•
<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>Sorbus decora</i> Showy Mountain Ash	White June to July	10-30'	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Abundant bright red berries develop in late summer and persist into winter. Berries are loved by birds.			•
<i>Tilia americana</i> American Linden	Yellow June	to 80'	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	A handsome ornamental shade tree commonly found growing alongside maples in Wisconsin's northern deciduous forests.			•

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