

WILDFLOWERS

Name	Scientific Name	height (ft)	bloom time	color	moisture	sun	notes
Bergemot, Bee Balm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	2-4	June-Sept	pink/lavender	M/D	F/P	Aromatic; attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds; medicinal uses; can be aggressive
Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	1-3	June-Sept	yellow	M/D	F/P	Erosion control plant, wildlife benefits, biennial, does well in sandy soils
Blue Vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	3-6	Jul-Sept	blue	W/M	F	Attracts butterflies, wonderful for cut flower arrangements, can be aggressive
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	4-6	Aug-Sept	white	W/M	M/W	Tolerant of sandy and clay soils, clump forming, fuzzy cluster blossoms.
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1-3	Jun-Aug	Orange	M/D	F/P	Georgous bed plant, attracts butterflies, medicinal uses, poisonous if ingested, can be aggressive
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	2-6	July-Oct	red	W/M/D	F/P/S	Gorgeous bright red stalk attracts hummingbirds and butterflies; prefers part shade; save seedlings to replant this short-lived perennial
Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	3-10	June-Sept	yellow	M/D	F	Threatened species in Michigan-requires MDNR permit or grandfathered stock to sell/trade, tremendous taproot, grows well in clay
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	2-6	June-Sept	pink/lavender	M	F/P/S	Small dense flower, on a tall spike, great for cut flower arrangements.
Cup Plant	<i>Silphinum perfoliatum</i>	4-8	Jul-Sept	yellow	W/M	F/P	Threatened species in Michigan-requires MDNR permit or grandfathered stock to sell/trade, attracts hummingbirds and butterflies, beneficial to birds.
False Boneset	<i>Khunia eupatoides</i>				M/D		
False Dragonhead (obedient plant)	<i>Phytostegia virginiana</i>				M/D		
Foxglove Beard Tongue (smooth penstemon)	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	3-4	May-June	white	M/D	F/P/S	Ornamental; beautiful flower and foliage; attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds
Gray Headed Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	3-5	Jul-Sept	yellow	M/D	F	Long, drooping petals, wildlife benefits, strong competitor, long-lived, attracts butterflies, prefers sandy or clay soils, tall stem may need support
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	1-3	Apr-Jul	yellow	W/M	F/P	Can be aggressive, interesting addition to gardens
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	1-4	July-Sept	blue	W/M	F/P	Easily grown; attracts hummingbirds; grows well in variety of soils.
Hairy Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	1-3	May-July	purple	M/D	F/P	Versatile plant; low grower; early summer bloomer; likes sandy soils.
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>				D		
Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	1-3	Jul-Sept	yellow	M/D	F	Attractive to hummingbirds; likes sandy soils.
Ironweed	<i>Veronia missurica</i>	3-10	Aug-Oct	purple	M	F/P	Easily grown, attracts butterflies, aggressive, late summer blooms
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>				M/D		
Joe-Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	4-6	Jul-Sept	pale pink	W/M	F	Flower clusters up to 6" across, attracts butterflies
Lead Plant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	2-3	May-Aug	purple	M/D	F/P	Attracts butterflies, spike flowers, drought tolerant, long-lived
New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>				W/M/D		
Nodding Wild Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	1-2	May-Aug	pink/lavender	M/D	F/P	Best in sandy soils, clump-forming, attractive garden plant
New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	3-6	Aug-Oct	purple	M	F/P	Medicinal uses, attracts butterflies, rabbit deterrent, prefers sand
Marsh Blazing Star (Dense Blazing Star)	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	1-3	Jul-Sept	purple	W/M/D	F/P	Drought tolerant; used in cut flower arrangements; feathery plume attracts butterflies.
Prairie Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>				M/D		
Prairie Dock	<i>Silphium terebinthinacoum</i>				W/M/D		

Prairie Smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>					M/D		
Pale Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>					M/D		
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	1-3	June-Aug	purple		M/D	F/P	Extirpated in Michigan-only grandfathered stock or non-native specimens are available; medicinal uses, popular flower garden plant, easy to grow
Queen of the Prairie	<i>Fillipendula rubra</i>	6-8	Jul-Aug	pink		W/M	F/P	Threatened species in Michigan-requires MDNR permit or grandfathered stock to sell/trade; striking addition to the garden, use in clay soils, fragrant
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	2-6	June-Sept	white		W/M/D	F	Threatened species in Michigan-requires MDNR permit or grandfathered stock to sell/trade, attractive plant, used in prairie restoration, beneficial to wildlife
Rosin Weed	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	3-6	Jul-Sept	yellow		M	F	Threatened species in Michigan-requires MDNR permit or grandfathered stock to sell/trade, wildlife food source attracts butterflies
Rough Blazing Star	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	2-5	Aug-Sept	purple		D	F	Drought tolerant; attracts butterflies; blooms late in season.
Round Leaf Ragwort	<i>Senecio obovatus</i>					M/D		
Sand Tickseed (Lanceleaf Coreopsis)	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>					M/D		
Showy Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>					M/D		
Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>					M/D		
Sky Blue Aster	<i>Aster azureus</i>					M/D		
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	2-4	June-July	blue		M/D	F/P	Aggressive, each tri-petalled blossom lasts one day, cluster blossoms
Stiff Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>					M/D		
Swamp Milkweed (Red Milkweed)	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	1-2	Jun-Sept	pink		W/M	F	Deep root, clump forming, attract butterflies, attractive garden plant
Sweet Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia submentosa</i>					M/D		
Tall Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	3-6	July-Sept	yellow		M/D	F	tolerant to heat, humidity and drought, a colorful addition
Thimbleweed	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>							
Western Sunflower	<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i>					M/D		
White Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	1-3	white	Jul-Oct		W/M	F/P	Unique flower, prefers a compost mulch
Wild Blue Iris (Blue Flag Iris)	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	2-3	May-July	blue		W/M	F/P	Georgous perennial; attracts butterflies; does well in shallow water
Wild Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>					W/M		
Wild Lupine	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	1-2	May-June	lavender / varies		M/D	F/P/S	Attracts butterflies' essential for rare Karner Blue butterfly; attractive flower and foliage
Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>					M/D		
Wild Senna	<i>Cassa hebacarpa</i>	4-6	Jul-Aug	yellow		W/M	F	Attracts birds, clay loving, brilliant color addition to any native garden
Woodland Sunflower	<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>							

Key:

W/M/D denotes Wet/Moderate/Dry moisture requirements

F/P/S denotes Full/Partial/Shade sunlight requirements

blue background indicates a recommended species for rain gardens