

Native Vegetation





Columbine

What are Native Plants?

Native plants are species that are originally from this area. Wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees that originally grew here can be very beneficial to your backyard.

Bergamot

How Do I Landscape with Natives?

Natives may be planted and cared for much like any other vegetation. There are many nurseries that offer native plants in seed or container form (see the reverse side of this sheet). The plants can be installed in mulched flowerbeds for a more manicured look or clustered or planted randomly for a more natural look. Either way they are planted, native species will provide a beautiful and beneficial landscape that will benefit the homeowner and environment at the same time.

Why Plant Natives?

There are many benefits to planting native species in your backyard. A wide variety of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers can add a beautiful array of color and shape to your landscaping all year long. Because they are originally from this area, they are adapted to the soil, water, and climate conditions. This makes them very low maintenance, giving you more time to enjoy them. In addition, native pests keep many of the plants under control so they do not spread too prolifically or take over entire areas, which further reduces maintenance, increases plant diversity, and improves environmental quality. There are, however, several native species that will spread and dominate a landscape, so research each plant before you use it and place them appropriately in your landscape. Because wildlife have evolved and adapted to the native species here, planting them will provide critical food and shelter for a variety of animals. Native plants also have extensive root systems that stabilize soil, reduce erosion, absorb runoff water, reduce flooding, and absorb pollutants.

Not sure which natives to choose?

View photos of native plants and learn more about their characteristics at the websites below.

Some Recommended Native Plants for Hamilton County:

Shade Gardens For Birds & Butterflies **Prairie Species** Wild Columbine **Purple Coneflower New England Aster** Wild Geranium Joe-Pye Weed Rough Blazing Star **Bottlebrush Grass** Prairie Dock Yellow Coneflower Celadine Poppy Stiff Goldenrod Prairie Dropseed Side-Flowering Aster Sky Blue Aster Compass Plant Virginia Bluebells Hoary Vervain Wild Bergamot **Cup Plant** Fire Pink Little Bluestem Culver's Root Wild Bergamot Side-Oats Gramma Black-Eyed Susan Golden Alexanders Canada Wild Rye

Search by plant name or enter info about your planting area to get a list of plant suggestions!

Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder:

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/ gardens-gardening/your-garden/ plant-finder.aspx

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center:

www.wildflower.org
Native Plant Database:
http://wildflower.org/plants/

(This is not a complete list of species.)

Suppliers of Native Trees, Shrubs, Plants and/or Seeds

Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (INPAWS)

P.O. Box 30317 Indianapolis, IN 46230 info@inpaws.org www.inpaws.org (Native plant sale in Spring only)

Native Plants Unlimited *spring sale

13600 Conner Knoll Pkwv. Fishers, IN 46038 Phone: (317) 506-5456 www.nativeplantsunlimited.com george@nativeplantsunlimited.com

Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association Spring Plant & Tree Sale

*3rd Sat. of May, annually Hamilton County Fairgrounds www.hcmga.org

Rita's Backyard

12244 East 116th Street Fishers, IN 46037 (317) 842-0235 www.ritasbackyard.com

Bottle Gentian

Allisonville Nursery

11405 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN 40638 (317) 849-4490 info@allisonvillenursery.com www.allisonvillenursery.com

JF New, Inc.

128 Sunset Drive Walkerton, IN 46574 www.jfnewnursery.com

Spence Restoration Nursery

2220 E. Fuson Rd. P.O. Box 546 Muncie, IN 47308 (765) 286-7154 www.spencenursery.com *Wholesale

Prairie Nursery

W7262 Dover Ct. Westfield, WI 53964 (608) 296-2914 www.prairienursery.com Small seed quantities, preplanned gardens. *Will ship

Hamilton County SWCD Fall Tree Sale

Every fall. Orders begin in July. www.hamiltonswcd.org (317)773-2181

Gwinnup's Landscaping

7088 N. Rt. 3 Milroy, IN 46156 (765) 629-2700 davenport.doug@comcast.net

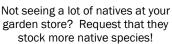
Perennials Plus

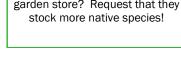
4510 W. 166th St. Westfield, IN 46074 (317) 864-5504 perennialsplus1@aol.com www.perennials-plus.com

Vive Exterior Design

15370 Herriman Blvd. Noblesville, IN 46060 (317) 773-9933 ryan@viveexterior.com www.viveexterior.com

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