



Native Vegetation



Bergamot



Columbine

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.

Some Recommended Native Plants for Hamilton County:

Shade Gardens	For Birds & Butterflies	Prairie Species
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild Columbine • Wild Geranium • Bottlebrush Grass • Celadine Poppy • Side-Flowering Aster • Virginia Bluebells • Fire Pink • Culver's Root • Golden Alexanders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Coneflower • Joe-Pye Weed • Prairie Dock • Stiff Goldenrod • Sky Blue Aster • Hoary Vervain • Cup Plant • Wild Bergamot • Black-Eyed Susan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New England Aster • Rough Blazing Star • Yellow Coneflower • Prairie Dropseed • Compass Plant • Wild Bergamot • Little Bluestem • Side-Oats Gramma • Canada Wild Rye

(This is not a complete list of species.)

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.

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.

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/>

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 Pkwy.
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

Allisonville Nursery

11405 Allisonville Rd.
Fishers, IN 46038
(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, pre-planned 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

*These are not complete lists and Hamilton County SWCD does not support any one source over another.



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Not seeing a lot of natives at your garden store? Request that they stock more native species!

Bottlebrush
Grass



Cardinal
Flower



Joe Pye Weed

Contact the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District for more information:

1717 Pleasant St.

Noblesville, IN 46060

317.773.2181

www.hamiltonswcd.org

