

**City of Warren  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Michigan Native Plant List**

Michigan native plants support native birds, moths, bees, butterflies, beetles and, with deep root systems, require less watering and retain water that would otherwise enter the sewer system.

Michigan native plants should be purchased from reputable nurseries including:

*Wildtype Gardens* in Mason, MI (approx. 90-minute drive from Warren) is a wholesale business but anyone can order live plants online at wholesale prices after which you are given a walkup date and time <https://www.wildtypeplants.com> 517-244-1140

*Prairie Moon Nursery* will mail-order live plants directly <https://www.prairiemoon.com>  
Prairie Moon Nursery plants are listed by types of gardens. 866-417-8156

*Ray Weigand's Nursery*, 47747 Romeo Plank Rd, Macomb, MI 48044, (586) 286-3655  
<https://www.wiegandsnursery.com/> has a big native section.

*Barson's Greenhouse*, 6414 N. Merriman Rd., Westland, Michigan 48185, (734) 421-5959 <https://www.barsons.com>

*Hidden Savanna Nursery* <http://www.hiddensavanna.com> in Ypsilanti

We hope this helps everyone become a successful MI native gardener. Please direct questions to [jhasspac@gmail.com](mailto:jhasspac@gmail.com)

B = provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds

CM = consistent moisture means that the soil should never dry out completely

EW = emergent wetland plant - (see our list of emergent wetland plants)

FC = fall color

GC = groundcover

LB = long bloom period

LH = larval host for butterflies (see our list of larval host plants)

N = plant that provides nectar for butterflies and bees

PP = these plants attract pollinators and/or predatory (beneficial) insects.

RR = readily re-seeds

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Color	Time	Sunlight			Height	Moisture			Notes	
				Full	Part	Shade		dry	aver	wet		
Allium cernuum	Nodding Wild Onion	Pink	Jul-Aug	x	x		1'-2'		x			
Aquilegia canadensis	Columbine	Red/Yellow	May-Jul	x	x		1'-3'		x		LH, B	
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	Pink	Jul-Aug	x	x		3'-4'		x	x	LH, N	
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	Orange	Jun-Jul	x			1'-3'	x	x		LH, N	
Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	White	Aug-Sep	x	x		3'-5'		x	x		
Coreopsis lanceolata	Sand Coreopsis	Yellow	Jun-Aug	x			1'-2'	x	x		RR, B, LB	
Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	Purple	Jun-Aug	x			3'-4'	x	x			
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake-Master	White	Sep-Oct	x			2'-4'		x			
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	White	Jul-Sep	x	x		3'-5'		x	x	N, RR	
Eurybia macrophylla	Big Leaf Aster	Violet	Jul-Aug		x	x	1'-3'	x	x		FC	
Eutrochium maculatum	Joe-Pye Weed	Pink	Jul-Aug	x	x		4'-5'		x	x	N	
Fragaria virginiana	Wild Strawberry	White	Apr-May	x	x	x	.5'-1'		x		GC, EF	
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	Yellow	Aug-Oct	x			3'-5'		x	x		
Hibiscus moscheutos	Rose Mallow	Pink	Aug-Sep	x			4'-6'		x	x		
Lespedeza capitata	Round-Headed Bush Clover	White	Aug-Sep	x			2'-4'	x			LH	
Liatris aspera	Rough Blazing Star	Pink	Jul-Sep	x			3'-4'	x	x		N	
Liatris spicata	Marsh Blazing Star	Pink	Jul-Aug	x			3'-4'		x	x	N	
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	Red	Jul-Aug	x	x		2'-4'		x	x	CM, B	
Lobelia siphilitica	Blue Lobelia	Blue	Jul-Sep	x	x		1'-3'		x	x	PP	
Monarda fistulosa	Bee-Balm	Lavender	Jul-Aug	x			2'-4'	x	x		N	
Monarda punctata	Horsemint	Yellow	Jul-Sep	x			1'-3'	x			N	
Penstemon digitalis	Beardtongue	White	Jun-Jul	x	x		3'-4'		x	x	B	
Penstemon hirsutus	Penstemon	Blue	May-Jul	x			1'-2'	x	x		B	
Pycnanthemum virginianum	Mountain-Mint	White	Jul-Sep	x	x		2'-4'		x	x		
Ratibida pinnata	Yellow Coneflower	Yellow	Jul-Sep	x			3'-5'		x		N	
Rudbeckia fulgida	Black-Eyed Susan	Yellow	Aug-Oct	x	x		2'-3'		x	x		
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-Eyed Susan	Yellow	Jun-Sep	x	x		1'-3'	x	x		LH, N, RR, LB	
Senna hebecarpa	Wild Senna	Yellow	Jul-Aug	x	x		3'-5'		x	x	LH	
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Dock	Yellow	Aug-Oct	x					x	x	x	N,B
Solidago caesia	Bluestem Goldenrod	Yellow	Aug-Oct	x	x	x	2'-3'	x	x		RR	
Solidago flexicaulis	Zigzag Goldenrod	Yellow	Aug-Oct		x	x	1'-2'		x		RR	
Solidago riddellii	Riddell's Goldenrod	Yellow	Aug-Sep	x			2'-4'		x	x	PP	

<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	Yellow	Aug-Oct	x			2'-5'	x	x		N, PP
<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	Heart-Leaved Aster	Blue-Violet	Aug-Sep		x	x	1'-3'	x	x		RR
<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth Aster	Lavender	Aug-Oct	x			2'-4'	x	x		
<i>Symphotrichum novae angliae</i>	NewEngland Aster	Purple	Sep-Oct	x			3'-6'		x	x	RR
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Tall Meadow Rue	White	May-Jul	x	x		3'-7'		x	x	
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	Early Meadow Rue	White	Apr-May		x	x	2'-3'		x		
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Spiderwort	Blue	May-Jul	x	x		2'-3'	x	x		LB
<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Ironweed	Purple	Aug-Sep	x	x		4'-6'		x	x	
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's-Root	White	Jul-Sep	x	x		3'-5'		x	x	N, PP

GRASSES, SEDGES

Scientific Name	Common Name	Color	Time	Sunlight			Height	Moisture			
				Full	Part	Shade		dry	aver	wet	
<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>	Big Bluestem	Green	Jul-Aug	x			5'-7'	x	x	x	
<i>Carex bicknellii</i>	Bicknell's Sedge	Green	May-Jun	x	x		2'-3'		x	x	
<i>Carex brevior</i>	Sedge	Green	May-Jun	x			2'-3'	x			
<i>Carex comosa</i>	Sedge	Green	May-Jun	x			2'-3'			x	
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox Sedge	green	May-Jun	x	x		2'-3'		x	x	EW
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple Love Grass	Green	Jul-Jul	x			1'-2'	x			FC
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	Green	Aug	x	x		3'-5'	x	x	x	
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	Green	Aug	x			2'-4'	x	x		FC, LH
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	Green	Aug-Sep	x			1'-3'		x		FC

PREMIUM PLANTS

Scientific Name	Common Name	Color	Time	Sunlight			Height	Moisture			
				Full	Part	Shade		dry	aver	wet	
<i>Anemone virginiana</i>	Thimbleweed	White	Jul-Aug	x	x		1'-3'	x	x	x	
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard	White	Aug	x	x	x	3'-6'		x		
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	Blue	May-Jul	x	x		3'-4'	x	x		
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	March Marigold	Yellow	Apr-May	x	x		1'-2'			x	
<i>Collinsonia canadensis</i>	Richweed	Yellow	Aug-Sep		x	x	3'-5'		x		
<i>Mitella diphylla</i>	Bishop's Cap	White	May		x	x	1'-2'		x	x	
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	Pink	May-Jul	x	x		2'	x	x		N
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's Ladder	Blue	May	x	x	x	1'		x		
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Wood Poppy	Yellow	May-Jun	x	x	x	2'-3'		x		
<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i>	Goat's Rue	White-Pink	Jul-Aug	x	x		1'-2'	x			

PREMIUM SEDGE

<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Penn Sedge	Green	Apr-May		x		.5'-1'	x	x		GC
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