

2017 Wildflower Meadow Plant Index

Common Name	Scientific Name	Color	Height	Bloom Time	Use	Light	Spacing	Description	Conditions
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	White	2'-3'	June - September	Butterflies/Pollinators	full sun	12"	Native variety was planted here. Numerous cultivars exists that are soures from Europe and Asia. Has feathery laves and white umbrella shapped flowers. Leaves are fragrant.	Best in dry to medium, well-drained soils. Drought tolerant and tolerates hot, humid summers. Spreads by rhizomes.
Purple Milkweed	<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	Rose Pink/Purple	2'-3'	May - July	Butterfly/Songbird	full sun	12-18"	Resembles Common Milkweed except flowers are purple and on a shorter plant. Fragrant flowers. Monarch host plant and butterfly and pollinator attractor.	Can spread aggressively but not by underground rhizomes. Makes an excellent native habitat component where groomed gardens are not necessary. Drought tolerant
Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Lavender	2'-4'	June-August	Butterfly/Songbird	full sun to partial sun	12-18"	A profusion of sweetly scented lavender to pink flowers blooms mid-summer and attracts numerous pollinators. Host plant for monarch butterflies.	Easily grown in average, dry to medium well-drained soil in full sun. Spreads by rhizomes and can create a patch if left to reseed and spread.
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Orange	1'-3'	May-July	Butterfly/Bees/Pollinators	full sun to partial sun	12-18"	Showy, bright orange flowers, butterfly and pollinator magnet and host plant for monarch caterpillars.	A top butterfly plant for drier soil. Short stature sun loving plant for monarchs.

Whorled Milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	White-green	1'-2'	June - September	Butterfly	full sun to partial sun	12"	Small milkweed that blooms later in the season than other milkweeds. Low stature, forms drifts of white flowers on delicate foliage. Monarch host plant. Tolerates dry conditions.	Tolerates dry conditions and nectar source later than most milkweeds.
Blue Wild Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Deep blue	3'-5'	June-July	Butterfly	full to partial sun	24"	Intense blue, pea-like flowers on attractive foliage with blue-black seed pods. Forms 3' w x 3' h clumps. Host plant for frosted elfin butterfly and important nectar plant.	Easily grown in average, dry to medium well-drained soil. Prefers full sun. Tolerates drought and poor soil. Prefers not to be disturbed once established.
White Dolls Daisy	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	White, pink, lilac, purple with yellow center	5'-6'	August - September	Butterfly	full sun	12"	Also called false chamomile, has small daisy-like flowers. Profuse bloomer in late summer and early fall.	Grows well in average, medium moisture well-drained soils. Tolerates dry soils. Spreads by creeping rhizomes.
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Yellow	2'	June-July	Butterfly	full sun	12"	Large, golden-yellow flowers bloom for weeks creating amazing early summer displays that attract butterflies and songbirds to seedheads.	Grows well in dry to medium moisture, well-drained soil. Thrives in poor and sandy soil. Heat, humidity, and drought tolerant. Deadheading enhances blooming.
Tall Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Yellow	4'-8'	July - September	Butterfly	full sun	12"	Solitary, yellow, daisy-like flowers sit in cluster atop tall stems. Commonly occurs in naturalized native wildflower gardens.	Easily grown in dry to medium soil with good drainage. Drought resistant. Self-seeds and can grow into large colonies.

Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Pink	3'-4'	July - September	Butterfly/Songbird/Hummingbird	full sun to partial sun	12"	Large 2-4" deep pink to rose flower heads attract butterflies. Seed heads attract goldfinches and other songbirds.	Grows well in average, dry to medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part-shade. Best in full sun. Tolerant of drought, heat, humidity and poor soil.
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	White	3'-5'	June - August	Butterfly	full sun	12"	Distinctive wildflower with yuccalike eaves and white golf-ball like flowers. Great texture and interest. Native Americans brewed tea from the root as herbal medicine for rattlesnake venom.	Prefers dry to medium soil conditions and tolerates sandy soil well.
Maximilian Sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Yellow	4'-6'	August - October	Butterfly/Pollinator/Songbird	full sun	12-18"	The stately plant grows up to 10' tall and has numerous yellow heads. Flowers on separate stalks with 5" flowers. Produces abundant seeds and is a favorite of songbirds.	Tolerates dry conditions and needs little water.
Roundhead Bushclover	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	White	2'-4'	August - September	Songbirds/Pollinators	full to partial sun	12"	Type of bush clover commonly found in prairies. Has small cream colored, pea-like flowers with magenta spots on rounded heads.	Easily grown in dry to medium, well-drained soil. Tolerates drought and may self-seed.
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Mauve/Pink	3'-5'	July-August	Butterfly/Songbird	full - part sun,moist	6-12"	Bold purple flower spikes on clump forming plant. Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and songbirds.	Prefers moist, well-drained soil.

Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Pale pink/purple	2'-5'	July - September	Butterfly/Songbird/Hummingbird	full to partial sun	24"	Intricate lavender flowers are a magnet for pollinators, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Forms masses and is impressive planted in groups. Fresh leaves can be used to brew tea.	Best grown in dry to medium moisture in well-drained soils. Plants need good air circulation. Deadhead to prolong blooms.
Dotted Mint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Lavender	1'-2'	July-September	Butterfly	full sun	12"	The bright lavender "flowers" are actually leafy bracts that surround the true flower. Legions of butterflies, native bees, and other pollinators flock to this plant. Long lasting flowers make this plant a star of the garden especially when planted in a group. Tolerates dry, sandy soil.	Prefers dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Tolerates dry, sandy soil. Deadhead to prolong blooms.
Coastal Panic Grass	<i>Panicum amarum</i>	White/Tan	6'-8'	August - October	Songbirds/ Wind Break/Wildlife Cover	full sun	24"	Native to coastal regions of the East and Gulf Coast, this perennial grass grows to 8' tall and has long, thick leaves. Leaves are bluish in color.	Commonly used for dune stabilization, it has been included in the meadow to help as a wind barrier.
Foxglove Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	White	2'-3'	June - July	Butterfly/Songbird/Hummingbird	full to partial sun	12"	Trumpet-shaped white flowers are arranged in terminal clusters on multiple stems. Attractive dark green foliage. Hummingbird and butterfly magnet.	Grows in dry to medium moisture in well-drained soils in full sun. Avoid poorly drained soils.

Short Toothed Mountain Mint	<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Pink	1'-3'	July - September	Butterflies/Pollinators	full sun to part shade	12"	This densely leaved mountain mint has dark green leaves which have a strong spearmint aroma when crushed. Forms clumps and when flowering silvery bracts give the entire planting the appearance of being dusted by a white powdery snow. Flowers are attractive to butterflies and bees.	Typically grows in grassy, open places and meadows. Prefers moist to medium soils. Vigorous grower that can spread by rhizomes but is not invasive.
Yellow Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow	3'-6'	July - September	Butterfly/Songbird	full sun	12"	Produces an abundance of bright yellow flowers in the middle of summer. Very hardy plant that is drought and flood resistant. Songbirds enjoy the seeds after butterflies enjoy the blooms.	Grow in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils. Likes clay or sandy soil. Tolerates poor, dry soils.
Brown-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Yellow/Black	2'-3'	July - October	Butterfly/Pollinator/Songbird	full to partial sun	12"	Brilliant yellow flowers with black centers blooms from late summer through hard frost. Provides great fall color.	Grows well in most soils in full sun to partial shade. It's a short-lived perennial but self sows in open soil.
Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	Violet	1'-2'	June - August	Butterfly/Hummingbird	full sun	12"	Lovely violet flower trumpets are a hummingbird favorite. A rare plant that rarely grows more than a foot tall and is perfect for dry, hot locations. Deer resistant.	Grows well in average, medium - dry, well-drained soil. Drought and dry soil tolerant.

Little Blue Stem	<i>Schizocyrium scoparium</i>	Crimson-Red	2'-3'	August - October	Wildlife Cover	full sun	12"	Blue-green foliage of this clump-forming grass is a striking addition. In the fall, stems turn crimson red for added interest. Provides cover for wildlife and a winter seed source for birds.	Prefers dry, sandy soils and provides a great backdrop for wildflowers. Doesn't grow well in clay or damp soils.
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Yellow	3'-10'	July - September	Butterfly/Songbird/Hummingbird	full to partial sun	24"	Very tall, striking sunflower-like plant. It has leaves that clasp the stem creating a cup to catch rainwater. Attracts songbirds, butterflies and hummingbirds for water as well as nectar. In fall, attracts Goldfinches for the seeds.	Does well in medium soils but tolerates wet areas as well. Can grow very large and spreads by seeds.
Seaside Goldenrod	<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	Yellow	2'-4'	September-October	Butterfly/Pollinator	full sun to partial sun	12-18"	Bright yellow flower heads are clustered on beautiful spikes. Important food source for migrating monarchs.	Does best in dry sites with sandy soil and is salt tolerant. Makes great addition to naturalized gardens, backyard habitats and wildflower gardens. Will produce foliage and few flowers if overfertilized.
Smooth Aster	<i>Symphotrochum laeve</i>	Deep blue	2'-4'	August - Oct	Butterfly/songbird	full sun	12"	Late season bloomer loved by songbirds and butterflies. A profusion of deep blue star-like flowers cover the plant in late autumn when other plants have faded. Very hardy and often blooms into November.	Grows well in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils. Self seeds.

New England Aster	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	Blue-purple	3'-6'	August-October	Butterfly/Songbird	full to partial sun	12"	Showy and abundant violet-purple flower heads that are 1-2" wide. Forms large clumps and is an important late summer nectar and pollen source.	Prefers average, medium, well-drained soil but tolerates drier conditions. Can pinch back before mid-July to control plant height. May self sow under optimal conditions.
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Blue - violet	2'-4'	July - September	Butterfly	full sun	12"	Deep purple, tubular flowers in spikes on 2-3' tall plants, easy and hardy, summer bloomer attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.	Easily grown in average, medium to dry soils in full sun. May thrive in dry, sandy soils. Good drought tolerance.
Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Yellow	1'-2'	May-July	Butterfly	full sun to shade	12"	Brilliant golden yellow flowers form broad umbrella-shaped clusters atop dark green foliage. An important food source for Black Swallowtail butterfly caterpillars.	Grow in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. May be evergreen in mild winters. Deer resistant.