

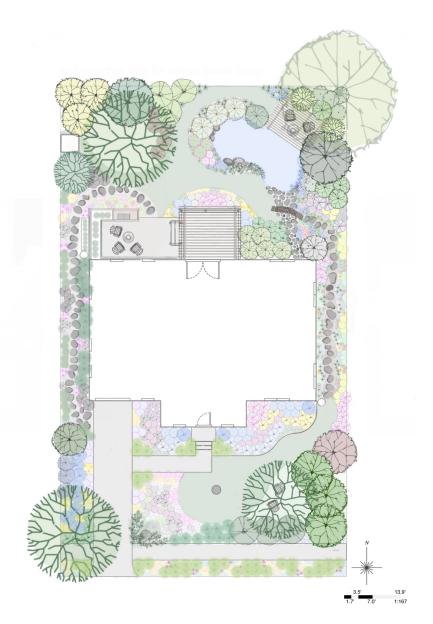
Wild Ones Native Garden Design :

Indianapolis Design by Sarah Gray & Coralie Palmer, Indiana Native Plant Society, Spring 2024

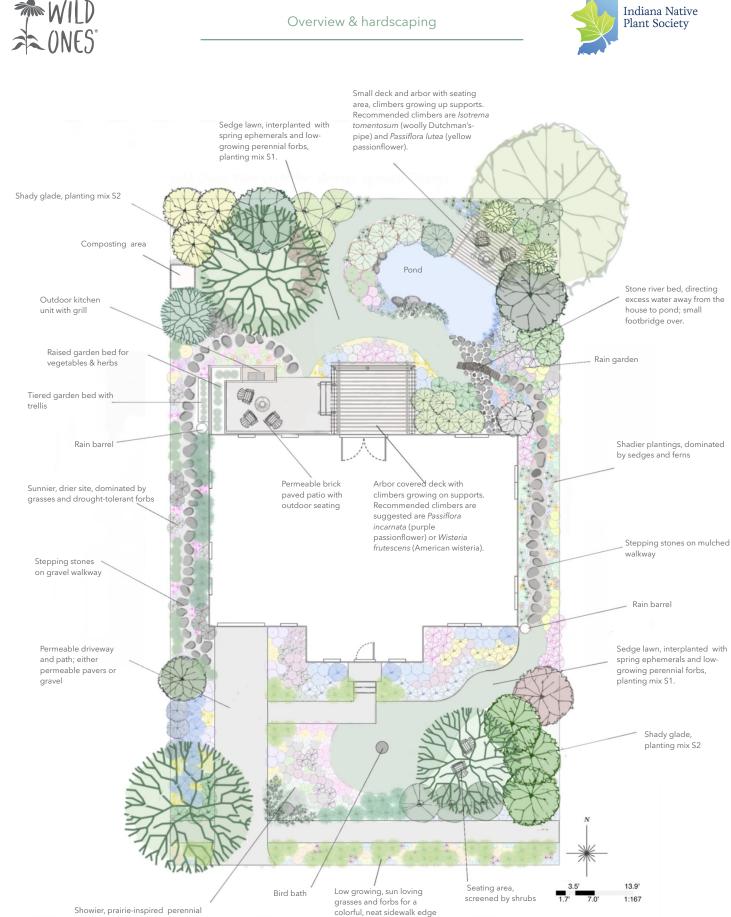


Designer Statement

The designers envisioned this site as being typical of many sub-divisions in Indiana, built on a partially cleared wooded lot and corn fields. The soil is therefore a mixture of heavy poorly drained clay to the north of the property and loamy soil to the south of the property and surrounding the house. It is anticipated that with the increase in temperatures due to climate change the winter and spring months will be wetter in Indiana, with the likelihood of increased flooding, and that summer and fall will be hotter and drier. An assessment of how water, wind and sun affect every aspect of the site, as well as existing features and how the site will be used by the homeowners are important considerations for us in developing a landscape plan. We have selected plants that are both appropriate to the conditions on the site and may be resilient to future challenges caused by climate change. All of the species used in the design are native to Indiana. The design is intended to be both ecologically valuable and a plant-lover's garden, with a high abundance of plants and high diversity at species, genus and family taxon levels, providing both habitat and enjoyment through the year.



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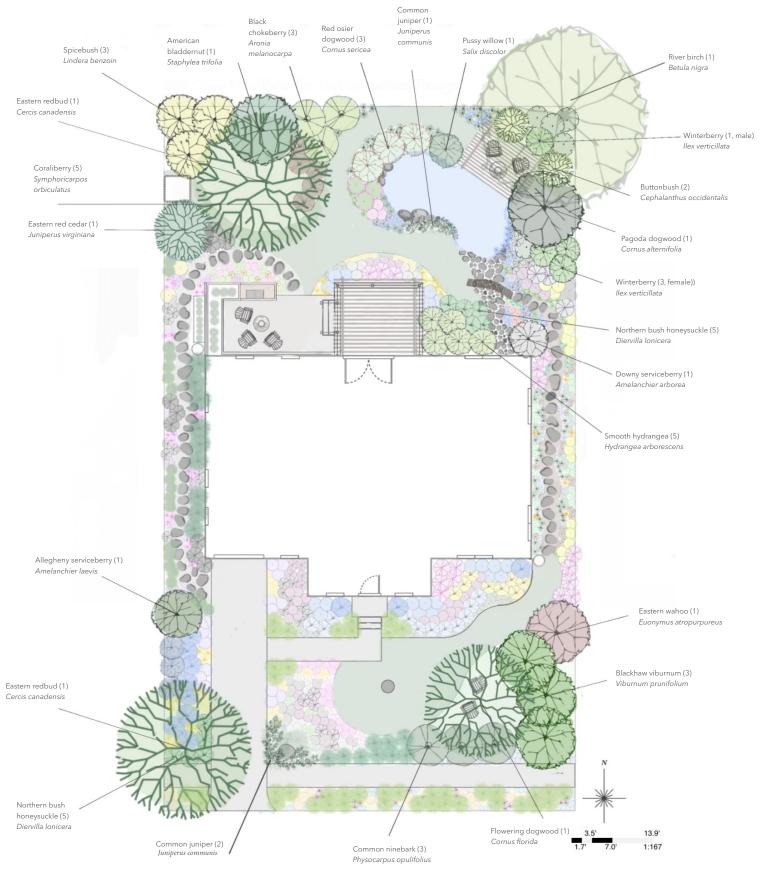
borders at the front of the property, bordered by large drifts of grasses and shrubs to border the sidewalk.

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Structural trees & shrubs





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·	Prairie phlox	Phlox pilosa	(20)		Downy skullcap	Scuttelaria incana	(6)
·	Prairie onion	Allium stellatum	(8)		Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	(5)
·	Hoary vervain	Verbena stricta	(6)	$\overline{\mathbf{\cdot}}$	Hairy penstemon	Penstemon hirsutus	(16)
·	Prairie dock	Silphium terebinthinaceum	(2)		Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	(11)
	Calico beardtongue	Penstemon calycosus	(9)	R	Rattlesnake master	Eryngium yuccifolium	(3)
S	Clustered poppy mallow	Callirhoe triangulata	(5)		Bradbury's Monarda	Monarda bradburiana	(9)
*	Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	(8)	R	False aloe	Manfreda virginica	(3)
*	Maidenhair fern	Adiantum pedatum	(4)		Purple love grass	Eragrostis spectabilis	(2)
B	Sweet Joe Pye Weed	Eutrochium purpureum	(3)	*	Northern blazing star	Liatris scariosa var. nieuwlandii	(6)
	Hairy mountain mint	Pycnanthemum verticillatum var. pilosum	(6)	X	Wild columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	(5)

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Graminoid & forb detail; north east - pond and rain garden



	Goat's beard	Aruncus dioicus	(5)
	Obedient plant	Physostegia virginiana	(3)
*	Bur sedge	Carex grayi	(6)
S	Great blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	(12)
X	White turtlehead	Chelone glabra	(5)
·	Rose (or swamp) milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	(5)
	Cardinal flower	Lobelia cardinalis	(6)
B	Joe Pye Weed	Eutrochium maculatum	(3)
•	Common sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	(3)
•	Culver's root	Veronicastrum virginicum	(3)
*	Eastern star sedge	Carex radiata	(19)
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Wild iris

	Sweet coneflower	Rudbeckia subtomentosa	(5)
\ast	Sensitive fern	Onoclea sensibilis	(8)
\bigcirc	Halberd-leaved rose mallow	Hibiscus laevis	(3)
\ast	Maidenhair fern	Adiantum pedatum	26
S	Wild hyacinth &	Camassia scilloides &	(45)
(D)	Blue mist flower	Conoclinium coelestinum	(12)

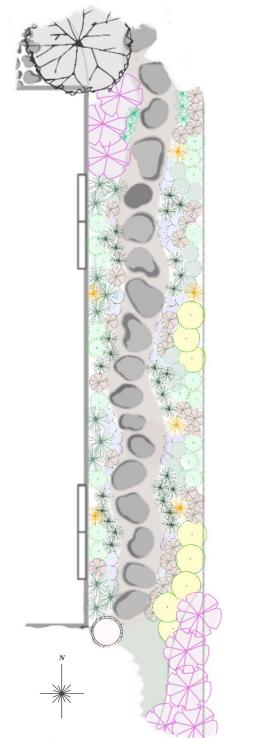
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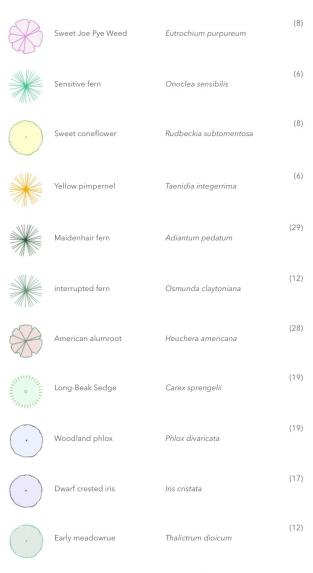
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Graminoid & forb detail; east side shady fern and sedge walkway

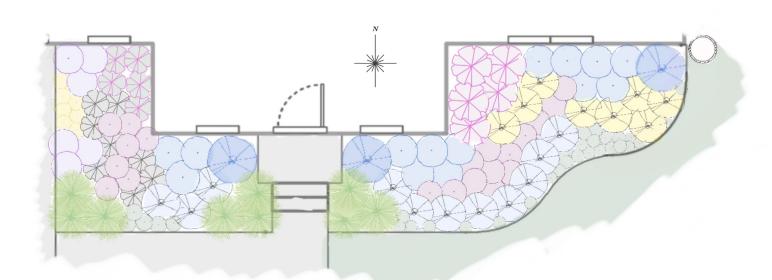












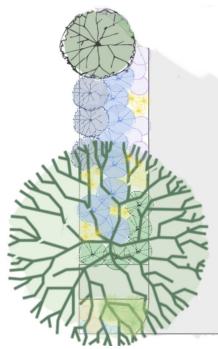
Common bluestar	Amsonia tabernaemontana	(3)
Shrubby St. John's-Wort	Hypericum prolificum	(8)
 Downy skullcap	Scuttelaria incana	(14)
 Hairy penstemon	Penstemon hirsutus	(32)
 Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	(20)
New Jersey tea	Ceanothus americanus	(11)

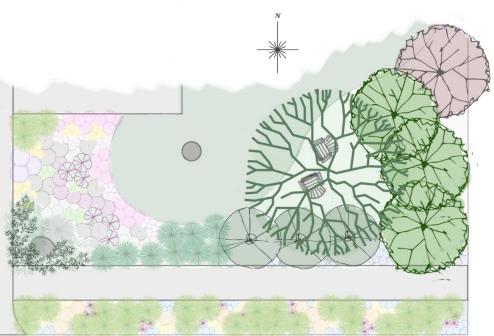
	Prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	(9)
R	Sweet Joe Pye Weed	Eutrochium purpureum	(5)
R	Rattlesnake master	Eryngium yuccifolium	(8)
R	Wild bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	(5)
·	Aromatic aster	Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	(6)
	Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	(7)



Graminoid & forb detail; south - sidewalk and driveway edges, pocket prairie







	Wild blue indigo	Baptisia australis	(3)		Pale purple coneflower	Echinacea pallida	(12)
	Common bluestar	Amsonia tabernaemontana	(8)	·	Prairie phlox	Phlox pilosa	(16)
	Aromatic aster	Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	(9)		Nodding onion	Allium cernuum	(34)
	Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	(14)	*	Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	(9)
	Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	(19)	\ast	Rough blazingstar	Liatris aspera	(17)
	Prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	(33)		Butterflyweed	Asclepias tuberosa	(11)
	Bradbury's Monarda	Monarda bradburiana	(19)		Stiff coreopsis	Coreopsis palmata	(22)
\cdot	Clustered mountain mint	Pycnanthemum muticum	(11)		Woodland phlox	Phlox divaricata	(17)
B	Lead plant	Amorpha canescens	(6)		Sand phlox	Phlox bifida	(42)
	Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	(7)		Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	(1)

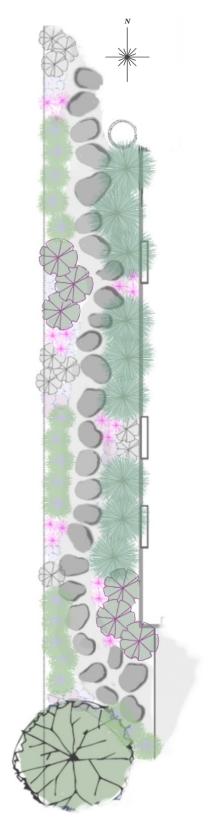
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Graminoid & forb detail; west side sunny gravel walkway



R	Rattlesnake master	Eryngium yuccifolium	(9)
	False aloe	Manfreda virginica	(6)
	Northern blazing star	Liatris scariosa var. nieuwlandii	(18)
	Purple love grass	Eragrostis spectabilis	(18)
	Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	(9)
	Prairie onion	Allium stellatum	(25)
	Hoary vervain	Verbena stricta	(8)



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Common name



Bloom time / Botanical name fruit / interest Notes

Maidenhair fern	Adiantum pedatum	Foliage	Spreads slowly to form colonies. Lovely foliage as background for showier flowering plants. Deer resistant.
Bur sedge	Carex grayi	Foliage	Thrives in wetlands and woodlands, with a beautiful and distinctive star-like flower and seed head. The foliage supports larvae of the Eyed Brown Butterfly and the Appalachian Brown Butterfly, while the seeds are a food source for mammals, game birds and song birds.
Eastern star sedge	Carex radiata	Foliage	Native to mesic lowlands; small star-like flower clusters in late spring.
Long-Beak Sedge	Carex sprengelii	Foliage	Dense, clump forming sedge, very adaptable to conditions.
Common juniper	Juniperus communis	Foliage	A dioecious, needled, evergreen conifer that grows in a variety of different shapes and forms; typically found as a multi-stemmed shrub.
Sensitive fern	Onoclea sensibilis	Foliage	Attractive, distinctly lobed leaves; ideal for wetter areas but will do well on most clay soils.
Interrupted fern	Osmunda claytoniana	Foliage	Silvery-white fiddleheads in spring; thrives in damp soils.
Purple love grass	Eragrostis spectabilis	Foliage / Summer	The seed heads bloom mid-summer in shades of purple, giving a lovely overall purple haze effect.
Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	Foliage / winter color	Blue-ish color in summer, beautiful copper color through the winter. Host plant for skippers.
Prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	Foliage / winter interest	Beautiful landscaping grass with a haze of delicate seedheads.
Allegheny Serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis	Early spring	White flowers in early spring; one of the first plants to fruit in early summer with edible fruit that are also very high value for birds; fall color.
Sand phlox	Phlox bifida	Early spring	Beautiful pale purple, star-like flowers in spring adorn this low-spreading native that grows in dry areas with shade or sun
Woodland phlox	Phlox divaricata	Early spring	Carpets of pale blue flowers in the spring; easy to grow in any medium soil, part to full shade. Beautiful with wild ginger and wild geranium; a woodland garden must-have.
Downy serviceberry	Amelanchier arborea	Spring	Masses of white flowers occur in drooping racemes, appearing before the leaves. Young leaves are covered with soft, woolly hairs that disappear as the leaf mature.
Woolly Dutchman's pipe	Aristolochia tomentosa	Spring	Deciduous, woody, climbing and twining vine with large heart shaped leaves and pipe shaped blooms. Host plant for the pipeline swallowtail butterfly.
Black chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	Spring	Clusters of white blooms in spring; bitter fruits can be used for jams and jellies.
River birch	Betula nigra	Spring	Happy in low elevations and clay soils, a vigorous and fast-growing tree. Papery bark and yellow fall foliage. Catkins in the spring.
Eastern redbud	Cercis canadensis	Spring	Excellent for native bumble bees ; beautiful pink blossom early spring.
Dwarf crested iris	lris cristata	Spring	Petite blue spring flowering iris; plant at 6 inch spacing for a lovely colony in a few years.
Eastern red cedar	Juniperus virginiana	Spring	Fragrant evergreen, turning brown in winter. Pale blue fruits on females.
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin	Spring	Yellow blossoms in early spring, red berries in fall on female plants - high fat content makes them a great food resource for birds. A tea can be made from the aromatic leaves and twigs. Host plant for Spicebush Swallowtail caterpillars.
Pussy willow	Salix discolor	Spring	One of the top host plants for Lepidotera plus a first nectar and pollen source in spring; important for bumble bee gynes and early spring solitary bees.
American bladdernut	Staphylea trifolia	Spring	Clusters of white flowers in spring, unusual seedpods persist into winter.
American wisteria	Wisteria frutescens	Spring	A lovely, aromatic native Wisteria. Can be trained on arbors, walls, and columns.





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Wild columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	Spring / early summer	Red/yellow intricate flowers. Blooms just as hummingbirds are arriving in spring.
Wild blue indigo	Baptisia australis	Spring / early summer	Blue, legume so nitrogen fixing. Very long lived and easy to keep; a beautiful addition to any landscape. Good with Golden Alexanders and common bluestar.
Wild hyacinth	Camassia scilloides	Spring / early summer	Spires of pale blue flowers in spring and early summer for a striking vertical accent; early season floral resources for pollinators.
Hairy penstemon	Penstemon hirsutus	Spring / early summer	Attracts bumblebees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Larval host plants of several Checkerspot butterflies.
Prairie phlox	Phlox pilosa	Spring / early summer	Multiple slightly fragrant pink blooms for long periods; host plant for the rare "phlox moth" Schinia indiana.
Common ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius	Spring / early summer	Dense clusters of flowers in the spring with abundant nectar for native bees. Hosts numerous moth species, including the Io moth, Bluish Spring Moth and Glorious Habrosyne among others.
Early meadowrue	Thalictrum dioicum	Spring / early summer	Distinctive lacy blue-green foliage and delicate flower tassels in spring and early summer. Male and female flowers occur on separate plants. Male flowers are greenish-white with yellowish stamens. Female flowers are greenish-white with purplish pistils.
Blackhaw viburnum	Viburnum prunifolium	Spring / early summer	Upright shrub or small tree; flat-topped white blooms give way to blue-black drupes in autumn.
Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	Spring / early summer	A top pick for native bees. Shallow yellow flowers provide nectar for wide variety of visitors (bees, wasps, flies, beetles); pollen for sweat bees and mining bees; larval host plant for black swallowtail butterfly.
Purple passionflower	Passiflora incarnata	Spring / summer / autumn	Herbaceous vine with intricate, large, beautiful lavender flowers and a large, orange-yellow fruit.
Yellow passionflower	Passiflora lutea	Spring / summer / autumn	The pollen of this species is the only known larval foodstuff of the oligolectic (and possibly monolectic) Passionflower Bee, <i>Anthemurgus passiflorae</i>
Common bluestar	Amsonia tabernaemontana	Spring / autumn	Groups of delicate, star-like blue flowers provide a highlight in spring, while seedpods and foliage provide multi-season interest.
Red osier dogwood	Cornus sericea	Spring / winter	White flower clusters in spring, white berries in summer, red autumn foliage and striking red stems through winter.
Flowering dogwood	Cornus florida	Late spring	Beautiful large white blooms; wonderful planted with redbuds.
Goat's beard	Aruncus dioicus	Late spring / early summer	Spreads by rhizomes but not aggressively. Thrives in moist areas, with the 4-6' white showy blooms creating a wonderful display. Host plant for the Dusky azure butterfly. Not usually browsed by deer or rabbits.
Pagoda dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	Late spring / early summer	Distinctive layered horizontal branching; small, fragrant blooms in late spring.
Pale purple coneflower	Echinacea pallida	Early summer	Delicate in appearance, this early summer blooming coneflower provides an important nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies and is drought-tolerant when established.
Bradbury's Monarda	Monarda bradburiana	Early summer	Beautiful, unusual blooms, more compact and less rambunctious than other Monardas! One of the first summer blooms and attracts a wide range of pollinators.
Nodding onion	Allium cernuum	Summer	A small perennial with tiny bell-shaped pink flowers in nodding clusters.
Prairie onion	Allium stellatum	Summer	Delicate pink / purple umbels give a burst of color in the middle of summer.
lead plant	Amorpha canescens	Summer	Long-lived and drought tolerant with a deep tap root; lavender flower spikes, purple flowers and silvery foliage.
Rose (or swamp) milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	Summer	Host for Monarch butterflies. Less agressive than common milkweed and wonderful in borders; happy on moist clay soil.
Butterflyweed			
	Asclepias tuberosa	Summer	Masses of vivid orange blooms and a low mounded profile; larval host plant for the monarch butterfly
Clustered poppy	Asclepias tuberosa Callirhoe triangulata	Summer	Masses of vivid orange blooms and a low mounded profile; larval nost plant for the monarch butterfly Beautiful 'wine cup' blooms through the driest summers.
Clustered poppy mallow New Jersey tea	·		





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Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Summer	Easily grown in moist or wet soils. Long-lasting, distinctive blossoms are white or pale-pink, one-inch globes, and subsequent rounded masses of nutlets persist through the winter. Ducks and shorebirds eat the seeds; host plant for several silkmoths and the Beautiful Wood-nymph.
Stiff coreopsis	Coreopsis palmata	Summer	Bright yellow flowers through summer; important resource for many native bee species.
Northern bush honeysuckle	Diervilla lonicera	Summer	Dark green foliage turning purple in the autumn; yellow flowers in summer that mature to red and are a pollinator favourite, and fruit capsules loved by birds in the autumn and winter. Host plant for the Laurel Sphinx moth and the Snowberry Clearwing
American alumroot	Heuchera americana	Summer	Small evergreen mounds of attractive foliage. Its lobed leaves are often highlighted with variegations of purple, bronze, or cream.
Smooth hydrangea	Hydrangea arborescens	Summer	Loosely branched deciduous shrub with white blooms through summer months.
Wild iris	lris shrevei	Summer	Tall blue spires in June and July, this lovely wetland native can grow in water up to a foot deep and will spread to form attractive clumps along pond and stream edges.
Calico beardtongue	Penstemon calycosus	Summer	Similar in habit to the foxglove beardtongue but more shade tolerant; pink tubular blooms are visited by native bees and hummingbirds.
clustered mountain mint	Pycnanthemum muticum	Summer	Incredible for native bees and wasps; soft silvery leaves and lovely minty scent.
Yellow pimpernel	Taenidia integerrima	Summer	Delicate umbels of soft yellow flowers through the summer, and host plant for the Black swallowtail butterfly.
Hoary vervain	Verbena stricta	Summer	Spikes of blue-purple flowers; spreads happily from seed.
Wild bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	Summer / Late summer	Pink to purple blooms. Historical medicinal applications among indigenous peoples. A favorite of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Deer resistant. Seeds easily.
Joe Pye Weed	Eutrochium maculatum	Summer / early autumn	Important larval host plant plus excellent nectar source.
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	Summer / early autumn	Numerous bright yellow blooms through summer and early autumn; biennial but easily self seeds for consistent stand.
Blue mist flower	Conoclinium coelestinum	Summer / autumn	Creeping. Lavender / purple / blue blooms. Wonderful late season color. Can spread quite aggressively in sunnier areas; wonderful late season blooms in woods edge.
Eastern wahoo	Euonymus atropurpureus	Summer / autumn	Small dark purple flowers in summer, attractive red fruits and brilliant red fall color.
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	Summer / autumn	Purple seed heads and attractive fall golds; good winter cover for wildlife.
Hairy mountain mint	Pycnanthemum verticillatum var. pilosum	Summer / autumn	Attracts many insects to its flowers, including various bees, wasps, flies, small butterflies, and beetles. The leaves are very fragrant. Spreads quickly.
Downy skullcap	Scuttelaria incana	Summer / autumn	Beautiful height and blue color when in groups. Loved by hummingbirds, generally not browsed by deer.
Cardinal flower	Lobelia cardinalis	Late summer	Spikes of vivid red flowers, beloved by hummingbirds.
Prairie dock	Silphium terebinthinaceum	Late summer	Broad basal leaves with tall flowering stems; drought-tolerant and long-lived once established.
White turtlehead	Chelone glabra	Late summer / early autumn	Happiest in wet to moist soils in full sun, the interesting white blooms are pollinated mainly by bumble bees. Host plant for the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly.
Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	Late summer / early autumn	Supports native bees. Pink/purple blooms. Drought-tolerant and deer resistant. Indigenous Americans used the root to treat rattlesnake bites, bee stings, headaches, toothaches, sore throats, and distemper in horses; still widely used today. May release a slight fragrance in strong sunlight. They are much-loved by butterflies and bees and is a host plant for the Ottoe Skipper.
Rattlesnake master	Eryngium yuccifolium	Late summer / early autumn	Black Swallowtail host; larval host plant for Eryngium Stem borer Moth; flowers attract native moths.
Common sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	Late summer / early autumn	Multiple large, yellow composite flowers in late summer and autumn. Sneezeweed is one of the host plants of the Dainty sulphur.





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Halberd-leaved rose mallow	Hibiscus laevis	Late summer / early autumn	Huge pink flowers on this lovely wetland native
Shrubby St. John's- Wort	Hypericum prolificum	Late summer / early autumn	Bee magnet and an important host plant for Lepidoptera; bright yellow blooms with numerous yellow stamens.
Great blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	Late summer / early autumn	Deep blue flower spikes loved by hummingbirds. Forms stunning colonies in damp, clay soil.
Culver's root	Veronicastrum virginicum	Late summer / early autumn	Lovely vertical accent, with delicate candles of small white flowers; up to 5'.
Sweet Joe Pye Weed	Eutrochium purpureum	Late summer / autumn	Important larval host plant plus excellent nectar source. Will tolerate more shade than E. maculatum.
Rough blazingstar	Liatris aspera	Late summer / autumn	Covered with lavender pink blooms in later summer and early autumn; beloved by butterflies
Northern blazing star	Liatris scariosa var. nieuwlandii	Late summer / autumn	Numerous pink / purple blooms in late summer and early autumn; very attractive to bees and butterflies, especially bumblebees and Monarch butterflies.
Obedient plant	Physostegia virginiana	Late summer, autumn	The showy pink late summer blooms offer floral resources for pollinators, including hummingbirds.
Sweet coneflower	Rudbeckia subtomentosa	Late summer / autumn	Long-lived, with multiple composite flowers and sweet smelling leaves.
Aromatic aster	Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	Late autumn	One of the best asters for borders and as it is so late to flower an important floral resource for specialist bees and other pollinators. State threatened in Indiana so wonderful to increase the population.
Winterberry	llex verticillata	Winter	Showy red berries (if there is pollination) give lovely winter color; good for a wetter site.
Coralberry	Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	Winter	Small mounded shrub with showy pink / red fruit, providing lovely winter color

Planting mix S1: Sedge lawn, interplanted with spring ephemerals and low growing perennial forbs

Common name	Botanical name	Bloom time / fruit / interest	Notes
White tinged sedge	Carex albicans	Foliage	Delicate mounting structure; excellent for dry shade
Plains oval sedge	Carex brevior	foliage	Short and mounding, a lovely adaptable sedge that will thrive in a wide variety of conditions; drought tolerant. Little prickly seed heads become golden brown in the fall.
James' sedge	Carex jamesii	Foliage	Small, adaptable perennial sedge; a host plant for the Eyed Brown butterfly and seeds an important food source to many species of birds
Pennsylvania sedge	Carex pensylvanica	Foliage	Fine textured delicate sedge for a fresh green look.
Eastern star sedge	Carex radiata	Foliage	Native to mesic lowlands; small star-like flower clusters in late spring
Rosy sedge / Curly wood sedge	Carex rosea	Foliage	Small bright green tufts with delicate star-like clusters
Cut-leaf toothwort	Cardamine concatenata	Spring	Provides important floral resources as one of the first plants to bloom in spring.
Spring beauty	Claytonia virginica	Spring	One f the first blooms in early spring, an excellent early season resource for bees.
Shooting star	Dodecatheon meadia	Spring	Primarily pollinated by bumble bees through 'buzz pollination'; a beautiful true spring ephemeral.
Wild stonecrop	Sedum ternatum	Spring	Excellent year-round groundcover
Common blue violet	Viola sororia	Spring	Wonderful groundcover and early nectar source for bees, and host plant for a number of Fritillary butterfly species





Planting mix S2: Shady glade

Common name	Botanical name	Bloom time / fruit / interest	Notes
White tinged sedge	Carex albicans	Foliage	Delicate mounting structure; excellent for dry shade
Common wood sedge	Carex blanda	Foliage	Compact mounded sedge found in upland woodland
Rosy sedge / Curly wood sedge	Carex rosea	Foliage	Small bright green tufts with delicate star-like clusters
Lowland Fragile Fern	Cystopteris protrusa	Foliage	Delicate, airy, deciduous fern.
Marginal wood fern	Dryopteris marginalis	Foliage	Lovely adaptable medium size fern whose leathery leaves stay green through the winter, providing year- round interest. Drought tolerant and hardy.
Yellow trout lily	Erythronium americanum	Early spring	A beautiful colony forming little perennial with distinctive mottled green and brown leaves
Woodland phlox	Phlox divaricata	Early spring	Carpets of pale blue flowers in the spring; easy to grow in any medium soil, part to full shade. Beautiful with wild ginger and wild geranium; a woodland garden must-have.
Jacob's Ladder	Polemonium reptans	Early spring	Wonderful in woodlands and easy to grow in any medium soil in part shade and shade; found naturally in wetter areas. Blue flowers in spring provide important early season resources.
Bloodroot	Sanguinaria canadensis	Early spring	A top pick for supporting native bees. White flowers very early in the spring. Partial to full shade; medium-wet to medium-dry soil. Seed dispersal by ants.
Cut-leaf toothwort	Cardamine concatenata	Spring	Provides important floral resources as one of the first plants to bloom in spring.
Spring beauty	Claytonia virginica	Spring	One of the first blooms in early spring, an excellent early season resource for bees.
Mayapple	Podophyllum peltatum	Spring	A woodland native; large, palmate leaves unfurl in spring and shelter a single, fragrant white flower located in the 'Y' of the stem. The flowers are beneficial for a variety of early season pollinators.
Drooping trillium	Trillium flexipes	Spring	Beautiful woodland species. Delicate, drooping white flower.
Toadshade	Trillium sessile	spring	Beautiful woodland species; dark green mottled leaves and purple / maroon flowers.
Great merrybells	Uvularia grandiflora	Spring	Yellow bellflowers; food source for Bumblebees, Mason bees, Halictid bees, and Andrenid bees
Wild columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	Spring / early summer	Red/yellow intricate flowers. Blooms just as hummingbirds are arriving in spring.
Virginia Strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Spring / early summer	One of the most important host plants for Lepidoptera, plus delicious berries for people and wildlife! Will happily grow and spread in great variety of soil and light conditions.
Lyre-leaved Sage	Salvia lyrata	Spring / early summer	Blue tubular flowers. Robust and self-seeding; loves damper soil. Wonderful early bloom for bees.
Early meadowrue	Thalictrum dioicum	Spring / early summer	Distinctive lacy blue-green foliage and delicate flower tassels in spring and early summer. Male and female flowers occur on separate plants. Male flowers are greenish-white with yellowish stamens. Female flowers are greenish-white with purplish pistils.
Wild ginger	Asarum canadense	Spring / foliage	Low growing ground cover with lovely large, heart-shaped leaves. A dark red flower appears under the leaves in early spring.





Common name	Botanical name	Bloom time / fruit / interest	Notes
Wild geranium	Geranium maculatum	Spring / summer	Nectar for bumble bees and solitary bees; pollen for mason bees and specialist mining bees (<i>Andrena distans</i>). Full sun to full shade; medium soil, very easy to grow, wonderful with ferns in woodland setting.
Common blue violet	Viola sororia	Spring	Wonderful groundcover and early nectar source for bees, and host plant for a number of Fritillary butterfly species.
Wild leek	Allium tricoccum	Early summer	Wide green basal foliage followed by white umbelliferous blooms on this edible spring ephemeral.
Yellow jewelweed	Impatiens pallida	Summer	Yellow jewel-like flower; annual though requires double dormancy to germinate.
Blue stemmed goldenrod	Solidago caesia	Late summer / autumn	A top pick for native bees and lepidoptera. Delicate yellow arches of flowers; part to full shade, most soil conditions. Less aggressive and smaller stature than many other goldenrods and well suited to shade garden.
Zigzag Goldenrod	Solidago flexicaulis	Late summer / autumn	Lovely late season color and floral resources for insects.
White woodland aster	Aster divaricatus	Autumn	One of the first asters to bloom, with numerous white blooms and deep green foliage. Important floral resources for late season pollinators and seeds for songbirds.
Heart-leaved aster	Symphyotrichum cordifolium	Autumn	A top pick for native wasps; important autumn resource for bees and other pollinators. Numerous pale blue flowers in the autumn; partial to full shade, medium soil.