

Blue False Indigo

Baptisia australis

(bap-TIZ-ee-uh aws-TRAY-liss)

Zone 3-9

Blooms: May-June, very showy, like Lupines. 3-4' high, 3-4' wide.

Flower color: indigo blue.

Site: easily grown in well-drained soil, full sun or part shade.

Attracts butterflies.



Jacob's Ladder

Polemonium reptans

(po-le-MOH-nee-um REP-tanz)

Zone 3-9

Blooms: May-June. 1-1.5' tall, 1-1.25' wide.

Flower color: Blue-violet, dark green leaves look like rungs of a ladder

Site: full sun to shade, moist, rich soil. Will naturalize easily. Found in woods and meadows.



Soloman's Seal

Polygonatum commutatum

(po-lig-o-NAY-tum kom-MYOO-ta-tum)

Zone 3-8

Blooms: April-May. 1-3' tall, 1-1.5' wide.

Flower color: small, bell-shaped greenish-yellow flowers hang in pairs from arching stems.

Site: grows well in well-drained but moist soil. Part shade-shade. Low maintenance.



Canada Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis

(AH-kwi-lee-gee-ah can-ah-DEN-sis) Zone 3-8

Blooms: April-July 1-2' tall, .5-1' wide

Flower color: red and yellow flowers, extend from foliage, seem to dance in the breeze.

Site: easily grown in well drained soil in part shade to full sun, on open slope or wooded area. Self sows.

Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds



Large Merrybells

Uvularia grandiflora

(you-vyoo-LAY-ree-uh gran-di-FLOR-ia)

Zone 4-9

Blooms: April-May. 1.5-2' tall, 1-1.25' wide.

Flower color: yellow, bell-shaped flowers hang from bright green leaves.

Site: grows in well-drained, humusy soil. Prefers part shade-shade. Low maintenance, good for woodland setting sand shade gardens.



Trillium

Trillium grandiflorum

(TRIL-ee-um gran-dih-FLOR-um)

Zone 3-8

Blooms: April-June. 12-18" tall, 12-15" wide.

Flower color: 3 white petals on 3 green leaves.

Site: moist, rich, well-drained soil. Shade preferred but can tolerate sun. Good woodland plant. Has unpleasant odor.



Creeping Phlox

Phlox stolonifera

(FLOKS sto-lon-IF-era)

Zone 3-9 6" tall, 6-12" wide

Blooms: April-May.

Flower color: white, purple or pink.

Site: easily grown in average, well-drained soil. Sun to part shade, can be used as ground cover. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.



Sharp Lobed Hepatica

Hepatica acutiloba

(hee-PAT-ih-kuh uh-kyoa-tih-LOB-a)

Zone 4-8

Blooms: early spring 4-6" tall, 6-9" wide.

Flower color: pink to white flowers.

Site: easily grown in rich soil. Part shade to shade. Low maintenance, use to naturalize shady areas.



Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum

(jeh-RAY-nee-um mak-yoo-LAY-tum)

Zone 3-8

Blooms: April-May. 12-18" tall, 1-2' wide.

Flower color: Pink-lavender, cup-shaped.

Site: easily grown in well drained soil, but tolerates poor soil. Sun to part shade, Attracts butterflies.



What is a native plant? There are many definitions, however most botanists would probably agree that native means plants growing in North America prior to European settlement. Because a plant is native does not mean it is problem-free! Native plants grown in a non-native environment and lacking competitors/predators may become invasive.

We have identified plants that will grow well, are hardy for zones 3-4 and are low maintenance. As always, remember that careful site selection, planning and care will ensure success and are the key to minimal care and beautiful gardens. The principle of using the **Right Plant** in the **Right Place** applies here!

Gardens are ever changing and maturing. Choosing perennials for your garden helps ensure a continuity of color and style. Combining perennials for height, color, and foliage allows the gardener to define his/her space. Adding annuals, shrubs and trees can allow a garden to delight for the four seasons. There are many, many more perennials that can be grown in our area.

For a wonderful addition to your garden, check out perennials! Include some spring and fall perennials, along with annual flowers, for months of a beautiful, flowering garden. Enjoy your perennials, and share them with your friends!

We welcome all of your gardening questions! Please feel free to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension as noted on the back page and ... Happy Gardening!

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