

Bee Balm

Mnarda didyma
(mo-NAR-duh DID-ih-ma)
Cultivars: 'Mahogany,'
'Jacob Cline'
Zone 4-9;
Summer bloom on 2-4'
stems.
Flower color: red, purple, pink, white.
Site: full to part sun, moist soil.
Deadhead regularly to prolong bloom.



Gayfeather or Blazing Star

Liatris spicata
(ly-AY-tris spy-KAY-tah)
Zone 3-9;
Summer bloom, 2-3' tall. Flower
color: violet, purple or white
spikes.
Site: sun, well drained soil.
Drought tolerant.



Orange Coneflower

Rudbeckia fulgida
(rud-BEK-ee-uh FUL-gih-duh)
Cultivar: 'Goldsturm'
Zone 3-9;
Summer bloom, 18-30" tall.
Flower color: golden daisy-
type with dark center.
Site: sun, average soil.
Long bloom time, rhizoma-
tous (creeping) habit.



Queen of the Prairie

Filipendula rubra
(fil-ih-PEN-dyoo-luh ROO-
bruh)
Zone 3-9;
Summer bloom on 4-6'
stems.
Flower color: deep rose
pink.
Site: full sun, moist soil.



Threadleaf Coreopsis

Coreopsis verticillata
(ko-ree-OP-sis vur-tih-sih-LAY-tuh)
Cultivar; 'Moonbeam' 'Zagreb'
Zone 3-9;
Summer bloom, 2-3' tall.
Flower color: yellow.
ite: sun, well-drained soil.
Drought tolerant



Tall White Beardtongue

Penstemon digitalis
(pen-STEE-mon dih-jih-TAL-lis)
Cultivars: 'Husker's Red'
Zone 3-8;
Summer bloom; 12-36" tall.
Flower color: white.
Site: sun, average soil. Drought
tolerant.
'Husker's Red' has reddish foliage.



Blanket Flower

Gaillardia aristata
(gay-LAHR-dee-uh ar-riss-
TAYT-ah))
Zone 3-9;
Summer bloom, 15-36" tall.
Flower color: bright orange,
red or yellow, often bi-
color.
Site: sun, average soil.
Drought and heat tolerant



Border Phlox

Phlox paniculata
(FLOKS pan-ik-yoo-LAY-tuh)
Cultivars: 'David,' 'Laura,' 'Blue
Paradise'
Zone 4-8;
Summer bloom, 2-4' tall. Flow-
er color: white, pink, blue, red,
purple.
Site: sun, rich moist soil. Heavy
feeder, avoid wet soil and drought.



Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa
(ass-KLEE-pee-us too-bur-O-suh)
Zone 3-9;
Summer bloom; 2-3' tall.
Flower color: orange.
Site: sun, dry soil.
Great for attracting butterflies.
Slow to establish, late to emerge in
spring.



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!



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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Bee Balm or Oswego Tea

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