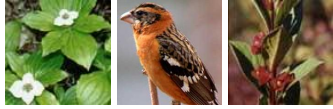


NATIVE PLANT LIST for Michigan, Wisconsin, & Eastern Minnesota



This is a "starter" list of native plants for Michigan, Wisconsin, and eastern Minnesota. It is intended for residential or commercial landscapers who want to create attractive and varied native landscapes.

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Trees

Common Name	Scientific Name	Sun	Moist.	Ht.	Comments
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	F	W-D	50-75'	Buds and young twigs are red; great fall color
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	F-P	A	50-75'	Excellent fall color; beautiful large shade tree
Apple Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier grandiflora</i>	F-P	W-D	12-15'	White, star-shaped flwrs (Apr-May); Green-red fall color
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	F	A-W	40-70'	Modest yellow fall color; seed attracts birds
American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	P-S	W-A	20-30'	Good street tree; yellow, orange and scarlet fall color
Pignut Hickory	<i>Carya glabra</i>	P-S	D	50-60'	Golden yellow fall color; rapid growth rate
Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>	F-P	A	70-90'	Yellow to gold brown fall color; squirrels eat nuts
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	F-P	W-D	50-75'	Mild yellow fall color; warty projections on trunk-winter
Pagoda Dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	P-S	W-D	15-25'	White flower clusters to black berries; maroon fall color
Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	F-S	D-A	25-30'	White flowers in spring become bird-attracting berries
Grey Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	F-S	W-D	8-15'	2" Hemispherical inflorescences for week in May/June
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus spp.</i>	F-S	A	15-20'	Beautiful pink flowers turn into dusky red berries in fall
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	F-P	A-D	40-50'	Offers nesting and cover to birds
Tamarack	<i>Larix laricina</i>	F	A-W	50-75'	Decid. conifer; needles yellow before falling, pink flwrs
Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	F	A	70-90'	Tulip-like flowers of yellow, green, orange (May-June)
White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>	F-P	A	40-60'	Evergreen tree; tolerates somewhat wet or dry soil
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	F-P	A-W	70-100'	Leaves drop all summer; white mottled bark
Quaking Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	F-P	A	20-30'	Light-colored undersided leaves shimmer in wind
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	F-P	W-D	15-20'	White flowers in spring; 1" red or yellow fruit in summer
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	F-P	A-W	50-80'	Prized hardwood; edible fruit; poisonous leaves, twigs
Common Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	F-P	A	20-30'	White flowers become barely edible fruit birds will eat
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	P-S	W	50-60'	Yellow to red-purple fall color
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	F	W-D	60-75'	Mild yellow-brown fall color
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	F-P	D-A	60-75'	Russet to bright red fall color; grows rapidly
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>	F-P	A-W	50+'	Host plant for butterflies
Arborvitae	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	F	A-W	20-40'	Evergreen heavily browsed by deer
Nannyberry Viburnum	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	F-P	A-D	18'	Creamy, white, flat-topped 5" dia. inflorescences in May

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Shrubs

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Downy Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	F-P	A-D	15-25'	Yellow-orange-red fall color; white flowers in April
Indigo Bush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	F	A-D	6-15"	Narrow 8-20" racemes of deep-purple gold stamen flwrs
New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	F-P	A	3'	Short spikes of tiny, white flowers in June
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanth. occidentalis</i>	F-P	W-A	5-12'	Spherical white blossom heads
Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	P-S	A-W	6-15'	Flat white flower head mid-spring; not fragrant
Roughleaf Dogwood	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>	F-S	A-D	15-25'	Beautiful flowers and fall color; attracts 40+ bird spec.
Hazelnut	<i>Corylus americana</i>	F-S	A	12-15'	Edible nuts; suckering
Common Witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	P-S	D-A	15-30'	Fragrant, creamy to bright yellow flowers in fall
Kalm's St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum kalmianum</i>	F	D-A	2-3'	Yellow flowers Jul-Sep; doesn't respond well to pruning
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	F	W-A	6-12'	Red berries feed birds through cold season; holly-like
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	P-S	A	6-12'	Tiny fragrant yellow flowers; berries for birds

Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	P-S	W-D	5-10'	White flowers May-June; berries for birds; yellow in fall
Shrubby Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	F-P	A-W	1-3'	Bright yellow flowers June-August
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	F-P	D	2-6'	Showy orange to reddish-purple fall color
Illinois Rose	<i>Rosa setigera</i>	F	D	5-6'	Soft pink flowers with yellow centers bloom in July
Shining Willow	<i>Salix lucida</i>	F	A-W	20'	Attractive glossy-leaved shrub with yellowish stems
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	F-S	A-W	5-12'	Showy white flowers in July; edible fruit in September
Meadowsweet	<i>Spiraea alba</i>	F	A-W	4'	White flowers in June, July
Stepplebush	<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	F-P	A-W	2-4'	Pink blooms July through September
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpus albus</i>	F-S	A	4-6'	White to pink bell-shaped flwrs May-Jun; white berries
Wolfberry	<i>Symphoric. occidentalis</i>	F-P	A	3'	Flowers May-Jun; seeds ripen Sep-Nov; attracts wildlife
Arowwood Viburnum	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	F-P	D-A	5-9'	Flowers May-Jun; small blue-black berries in fall
Amer. Cranberrybush	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	F-P	A-W	8-12'	White flowers; edible bright-red bird-attracting fruit

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Flowering Perennials

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Doll's Eyes	<i>Actea pacypoda</i>	P-S	A	1-2.5'	Sm. white flwrs Apr-May; Poison white berries Aug-Sep
Canada Anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	F-P	A	12-18"	Strong growing plant produces single white blooms
Wild Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	P-S	A-D	1-2.5'	Unique red and yellow flowers attract hummingbirds
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	P-S	A	12+"	Spathe appears Apr-May; Red berries late summer, fall
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	P-S	A	6"	Evergreen groundcover with heart-shaped glossy leaves
Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	F-P	A-W	3-4'	Clusters of upturned pink flowers draw butterflies
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	F	D	1-2'	Clusters of brilliant orange flowers June-August
Heath Aster	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	F	A-D	1-3'	Explodes into profusion of tiny white flowers in fall
Smooth Aster	<i>Aster laevis</i>	F	A-D	2-4'	Blue flowers appear in unbridled profusion in autumn
New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	F	A	3-7'	Bright lavender flowers with yellow centers late sum-fall
Arrow-leaved Aster	<i>Aster sagittifolius</i>	F-P	A-D	3-5'	Flowers range from pale blue to lavender to white (fall)
Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	F	W	1-2'	1-1.5" bright yellow flowers in spring and summer
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	F-P	A-D	1-2'	Deep blue bell-shaped flowers June-July
Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	F-P	A	1-3'	White to pink 1-1.5" flowers summer into fall
Prairie Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	F-P	D	18-30"	Soft yellow daisy-like flowers late spring to mid-summer
Prairie Larkspur	<i>Delphinium virescens</i>	F-P	D	2-4'	Interesting white flowers June-July
Showy Tick-trefoil	<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	F	A-D	2-5'	Branches with bright pink/purple pea-like flowers (sum)
Dutchman's Breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	S	A	1'	White and yellow flwrs resembling pantaloons (spring)
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	F	D	2-5'	Yucca-like foliage; flowers in spherical thistle-like heads
Purple Joe-Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	F-S	A	60"	Purple-tinted foliage; large clusters of fluffy red flowers
Flowering Spurge	<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	F-P	D	36"	Bursts with sm. white flwrs with green-yellow centers
Bottle Gentian	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	F-P	A-W	1-2'	Blue flowers in Aug-Oct with bottle-like appearance
Wild Geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	F-S	A	1-2'	1" lavender-purple flowers in spring and summer
Prairie Smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	F	A-D	6"	Feathery pink seedheads are beautiful in the spring
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	F	A	3-5'	Daisy-like flowers with red and yellow petals, late sum.
False Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	F	A	48-60"	Sunflower-like flowers bloom on much-branched plant
Alumroot	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	P-S	A-D	2'	Attractive light-green foliage with bronzy veining, edges
Wild Blue Flag	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	F-P	A	2-3'	3-4" blue flowers with yellow and white markings
Rough Blazing Star	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	F	A-D	2-5'	Bright pink-purple stalks of interesting flwrs (Aug-Sep)
Marsh Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	F	A	3'	Tall purple spikes bloom after 2-3 years
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	F-P	W	3-5'	Terminal clusters of 1.5" bright red flowers in fall
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	P-S	W	1-3'	Elongated cluster of pale-dark blue flwrs late sum-fall
Wild Lupine	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	F-P	D	2-3'	Spikes of lavender flowers in early summer
Monkey Flower	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	F	W	2-5'	1" violet flowers in summer and fall
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	F-P	A-D	2-5'	Intricate lavender flowers attract butterflies (Jul-Sep)
Foxglove	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	F-P	A	2-3'	Long-blooming pure white flowers June into midsummer
Sweet William	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	F-P	A	10-20"	1.5" rosy-lavender to soft pale flowers cover in spring
Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	F	A-D	2-3'	2-4" flwr heads with 10-20 yellow petals in sum and fall
Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	F	A	5-9'	Sunflower-like flowers; basal leaves orient north-south
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	F-P	A-W	36"-5'	Sunflower-like flowers; pairs of cup-forming leaves
False Spikenard	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	F-P	A	1-3'	Plumes of white flowers in late spring; bright red berries
Stiff Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	F	D	30-48"	Loved by birds, butterflies; Yellow flat-topped flowers
Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	F	A-D	1-3'	Foot-long wands of blazing yellow in early autumn
Common Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	F-P	A-D	2-4'	Deep-blue flowers bloom late spring and early summer

Trillium	<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>	S	A	.5-2'	2-3.5" white-pink flwr on erect stalk with 3 broad petals
Blue Vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	F-P	A-W	.5"	Small blue flwrs crowded into terminal spikes (Jun-Oct)
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	F	D	36"	Green pipe cleaner-like flwr spikes with ring of lav flwrs
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastr. virginicum</i>	F-S	A	3-6'	White spire-like flwrstalks above green leaves (Jul-Aug)
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	F-S	A-W	1-2'	Bright yellow color can brighten shady spot

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Perennial Ferns

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Maindenhair Fern	<i>Adiantum pendatum</i>	S	M	18-36"	Airy, fan-shaped blue-green fronds on del. black stems
Lady Fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	S	A-W	18-24"	Delicate, lacy arching fronds; dk-red stems at maturity
Sensitive Fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	F-P	A-W	12-24"	Deeply pinnate leaves; poisonous to livestock
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda connamomea</i>	F-P	A-W	24-48"	Circ. clust. of arching fronds; reddish-colored when fert.
Interrupted Fern	<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	S	W-D	3-4'	When fertile, middle shrivels for 2-6" (fertile part)
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	P	A-W	2-6'	Bi-pinnate blade; pinnae resemble locust tree leaves

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1. While the plants listed above are native to and appropriate for their indicated regions, please recognize that, in some instances, human development alters the characteristics of a site such that it may be advisable to use plants from a neighboring region. For example, plantings in urban and suburban areas may receive reflected heat from streets, sidewalks and/or walls or be in media that receives less moisture than normal (e.g., next to a paved area – the pavement blocks rain from entering soil). Accordingly, using plants from a neighboring region that support higher temperatures and/or drier conditions may be more appropriate.

2. While a plant is native to a region, that does not mean that it will grow everywhere in that region. The characteristics of any site will typically vary from place to place and some plants may do better than others at various places within a site. In other words, a little experimentation might be required.

3. The above list is a starter list. Though adequate for most residential and commercial landscapes, there are many more native plants and should you want to consider them, please inquire at a [listed nursery](#), [community service organization](#), [reference book](#) or other resources.

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