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Bloom Periods	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	Height
(1) Golden Alexander								3 ft
(2) Wild Bergamont								4 ft
(3) Stiff Tickseed								3 ft
(4) Spiderwort								12 in
(5) Foxglove Beardstongue								5 ft
(6) Black-eyed Susan								2 ft
(7) Lance Leaf								
(8) Lead Plant								3 ft
(9) Purple Coneflower								4 ft
(10) Ox eye Sunflower								5 ft
(11) White Prairie Clover								2 ft
(12) Purple Prairie Clover								2 ft
(13) Prairie Cinquefoil								2 ft
(14) Pale Purple Coneflower								
(15) Grey Headed Coneflower								5 ft
(16) Compass Plant								8 ft
(17) Rattlesnake Master								4 ft
(18) Partridge Pea								2 ft
(19) New England Aster								5 ft
(20) Prairie Dock								
(21) Cup Plant								
(22) Obedient Plant								4 ft
(23) Spike Blazing Star								5 ft
(24) Smooth Aster								4 ft

Native Illinois Plant Guide

Mason State Tree Nursery produces a variety native Illinois eco-type plants, specializing in bareroot tree seedlings, pollinator seed mix and native potted plants. Using native Illinois plants to build a pollinator garden in your backyard is a great way to help out your local pollinators. Use this as a guide to help you take the first steps in beginning your native plant garden.

Soil

Loose, well drained loam soil is preferred for this garden, but native plants will grow in almost any soil and moisture levels. A flat or slightly sloped location that is protected from wind and that is suitable for native plant growth is best.

Moisture

Great news! Native plants have deep roots systems, meaning that once they are established, no additional watering should be needed. Native plants are well adapted to Illinois local climate, and can withstand flooding and drought, coming back year after year.

Sunlight

Six or more hours per day of full sun should be provided, although some butterflies will visit certain shade or partial shade plants.

Bloom Time

Native plants bloom at different times in the season. Choosing plants with different bloom periods provides a bright and colorful garden that will provide shelter and nutrients to pollinators all summer long! See the chart to the left to find out when your favorite native plants bloom.

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