

2025 Quarry Hill Plant Cultural Guide

Plants are pre-order only - \$5 per plant

Flowers for Sunny Areas

Aromatic Aster 🦋🐝 24" tall purple crowns of flowers; Aug-Oct; favorite of butterflies & bees; stiff stems will branch out slowly to create a bush-like appearance; med-dry soil

Butterfly Milkweed 🦋🐝 24" tall, orange flowers in mid-summer; attracts butterflies; widely used in gardens

Cardinal Flower 🦋🐝🐦 30" flower stalk, brilliant red in late summer; attracts hummingbirds and swallowtail butterflies; likes moist rich soil

Dotted Blazing Star 🦋🐝🐦 24" tall purple flowers July-Sep; med-dry; tolerates sandy/gravelly/poor soil; attracts bees, butterflies & birds; deer resistant

Golden Alexander 🦋🐝 36" tall, yellow flower Apr-June, med soil, full-part sun. Easy to grow, great show of color spring to early summer, beneficial to short-tongued insects, black swallowtail caterpillars feed on its leaves.

Northern Blue Flag 🐦🦋 30" tall, lt. blue flower in late spring/early summer, prefers wet soil; attracts hummingbirds; deer resistant

Prairie Blazing Star 🦋🐦🐝 48" tall purple blooms in summer; an excellent species to plant in wet to med. soil; butterflies, bees, & hummingbirds are attracted to it all summer

Prairie Phlox 🐦🦋 24" tall with showy white/pink/lavender flowers bloom early summer, med-dry soil; favorite of butterflies and pollinators.

Rose Milkweed 🦋🐝 48" large heads of rose-pink blossoms in early fall; host plant for monarch caterpillars; moist to med. soil; Deer resistant; also called Swamp Milkweed

Slender Beardtongue 🦋🐝🐦 24" tall pale violet flowers in May-July; med-dry soils; drought tolerant; tubular flowers is loved by bees and hummingbirds

Spotted Bee Balm 🦋🐝 24" tall purple flowers in-July-Sept; med-dry soils; will tolerate sandy soil; fragrant & colorful; attracts many pollinators; good nectar source for Karner Blue butterflies

Sunny Strawberry 🦋🐦🐝 6" white flowers in April-June; med-dry soils; will grow in sun or light shade; edible fruit early summer; berries are smaller than commercial ones; spreads by runners; also known as Wild Strawberry or Virginia Strawberry

Wild Bergamot 🦋🐦🐝 36" tall violet crowns of flowers July-Sep; distinctively aromatic foliage; favorite of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds; med-dry soil; deer resistant

Wild Lupine 🦋🐝🐦 24" tall, purple blooms May to July, prefers well drained soils, will tolerate sandy soil; this legume is essential to the life cycle of the Karner Blue butterfly, a federally-endangered species native to the Great Lakes region.

Yellow Coneflower 🦋🐝 60" tall yellow flowers July-Sep; med-dry soil; attracts butterflies and bees; grows and transplants very easily, is drought-tolerant, and makes an excellent cut flower; deer resistant

Native Grasses

Little Bluestem 2' tall, fine leaves with beautiful seed heads & bronze fall color; med-dry soil, widely used in gardens

Side Oats Grama 16' tall, a rare native grasses that sports tiny attractive flowers during its summer bloom time; forms small to medium bunches; med-dry soil;

June Grass 2' tall, clump-forming, tufted, perennial bunch grass, prefers med-dry well drained soils; one of the first grasses to bloom in summer

Flowers & Ferns for Shady Area

Bellwort 🐦 12" tall, yellow blooms Apr-May; med soil; spreads slowly to form colonies; nectar & pollen source for a variety of native bees

Columbine 🐦🦋🐝 24" tall, red blooms in spring, also grows in sun, med-dry soil, great hummingbird feeder

Jack-in-the-Pulpit 12" tall, excellent woodland garden plant; requires very little care once established; thrives under a variety of conditions, but grows most vigorously in moist, shady, seasonally wet locations; deer resistant

Virginia Bluebells 18" tall, blue flowers, early in damp areas. Virginia Bluebells dies back in mid-summer making it a true spring ephemeral

Wild Blue Phlox 🦋 12" tall, blue flowers in May, med. to dry soils, deer resistant

Wild Ginger 12" tall, heart-shaped velvety green leaves, small flower near the ground. Good ground cover, deer resistant; prefers moist soils

Lady Fern 12" tall; classic fern for any shade garden, will tolerate full sun to full shade; prefers med- med wet soil; will spread slowly; deer/rabbit resistant

Symbol Key

🦋 indicates a plant that is especially liked by butterflies

🐦 indicates a plant that is especially liked by birds

🐝 indicates a plant that is especially liked by bees