

# Bundle Sticks Farm Native Plant List 2025

For more information about a plant, click on the common name.

## FORBS (Grasses and Trees/larger shrubs are on the next page.)

Common Name	Genus	Species	Perennial, Annual, Biennial	Bloom Time	Flower Color + Notes
<a href="#"><u>Black-eyed Susan</u></a>	Rudbeckia	hirta	A,B,P	June-Oct	Yellow. Can flower in first year. Seeds itself well. Might perennialize.
<a href="#"><u>Butterfly Milkweed</u></a>	Asclepias	tuberosa	P	May-Sept	Orange. Also called "Pleurisy Root".
<a href="#"><u>Culver's Root</u></a>	Veronicastrum	virginicum	P	July-Sept	White, candle-shaped flowers. Long-lived perennial.
<a href="#"><u>Cup Plant</u></a>	Silphium	perfoliatum	P	July-Sept	Yellow. Large plants.
<a href="#"><u>Downy Sunflower</u></a>	Helianthus	mollis	P	July-Sept	Yellow. Bird magnet. Edible seeds (small).
<a href="#"><u>Evening Primrose</u></a>	Oenothera	biennis	B	July-Spet	Yellow. Flowers open at night and close during the day.
<a href="#"><u>Fringed Loosestrife</u></a>	Lysimachia	ciliata	P	June-Sept	Yellow. Wetland plant.
<a href="#"><u>Great Blue Lobelia</u></a>	Lobelia	siphilitica	P	July-Oct	Blue/Purple.
<a href="#"><u>Illinois Bundleflower</u></a>	Desmanthus	illinoensis	P	May-Sept	Yellow. Legume. Shrub. Fun seed capsules.
<a href="#"><u>New England Aster</u></a>	Symphytotrichum	novae-angliae	P	Aug-Oct	Purple.
<a href="#"><u>Partridge Pea</u></a>	Chamaecrista	fasciculata	A	June-Oct	Yellow. Also called "Sensitive Plant". Can respond to touch by closing leaves.
<a href="#"><u>Prairie Coneflower</u></a>	Ratibida	columnifera	P	May-Oct	Maroon + Yellow.
<a href="#"><u>Purple Coneflower</u></a>	Echinacea	purpurea	P	April-Sept	Pink. Highly medicinal root.
<a href="#"><u>Rattlesnake Master</u></a>	Eryngium	yuccifolium	P	May-Aug	White. Fun globe-shaped flowers.
<a href="#"><u>Roundhead Lespedeza</u></a>	Lespedeza	capitata	P	July-Sept	White. Legume.
<a href="#"><u>Short's Aster</u></a>	Symphytotrichum	shortii	P	Sept-Oct	Purple. Woodland plant (tolerates shade).
<a href="#"><u>Showy Tick Trefoil</u></a>	Desmodium	canadense	P	June-Sept	Pink. Legume.
<a href="#"><u>Slender Mountain Mint</u></a>	Pycnanthemum	tenuifolium	P	June-Sept	White. Tea herb.
<a href="#"><u>Smooth Beardtongue</u></a>	Penstemon	digitalis	P	May-July	White. Tall.
<a href="#"><u>Spiked Blazing Star</u></a>	Liatris	spicata	P	July-Sept	Pink. Tall stalks with very showy flowers
<a href="#"><u>Tall Coreopsis</u></a>	Coreopsis	tripteris	P	July-Sept	Yellow. Aster. Can become 6+ ft tall.
<a href="#"><u>White Prairie Clover</u></a>	Dalea	candida	P	May-Sept	Legume.
<a href="#"><u>Wild Bergamot</u></a>	Monarda	fistulosa	P	May-Sept	Pink. Tea/culinary herb. "Wild Oregano".
<a href="#"><u>Wild Quinine</u></a>	Parthenium	integrifolium	P	June-July	White. Tea herb. Also called "American Feverfew"

### Additional Notes:

**Legume:** Members of this family (the pea family) of plants make associations with soil bacteria that fix nitrogen from the air into the soil, enriching the soil for future/nearby plants. These plants are also high in proteins, and we are experimenting with establishing native perennials around the farm for the sheep to graze.

**Seed sources:** We strive to use seeds of local plants. Most seeds were originally obtained from [Roundstone Native Seed Company](#). Some were wild collected from our farm or neighbors' farms. A couple species' seeds were obtained from [Prairie Moon Nursery](#). Most Forbs in our nursery were chosen by regional NRCS/[Pheasants Forever](#) experts for a wildlife and monarch butterfly planting we seeded in 2023 using [NRCS EQIP](#).

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## GRASSES

Common Name	Genus	Species	Perennial, Annual, Biennial	Color + Notes
<u>Canada Wild Rye</u>	Elymus	canadensis	P	Cool season bunch grass.
<u>Purple Top</u>	Tridens	flavus	P	Warm season bunch grass.
<u>Sideoats Grama</u>	Bouteloua	curtipendula	P	Warm season grass. Rhizomous (will spread).
<u>Sweetgrass</u>	Hierochloe	odorata	P	Cool season grass. Rhizomous (will spread). Ceremonial plant (dried, braided and burned). Basketry plant.
<u>Switchgrass</u>	Panicum	virgatum	P	Warm season grass. Rhizomous (will spread).

## TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS

Common Name	Genus	Species	Color + Notes
<u>Blue Wild Indigo</u>	Baptisia	australis	Legume. Shrub. Dye herb.
<u>Buttonbush</u>	Cephalanthus	occidentalis	Shrub. Good dried cut flower.
<u>Elderberry</u>	Sambucus	nigra	Shrub. Medicinal fruits.
<u>False Indigo</u>	Amorpha	fruticosa	Legume. Shrub. Dye herb.
<u>Redbud</u>	Cercis	canadensis	Legume. Tree. Edible flowers.
<u>Red Osier Dogwood</u>	Cornus	sericea	Twigs used in basketry and many traditional crafts. Ceremonial plant (dried inner bark in smoking blends).

Bundle Sticks Farm grows materials for craftwork (basketry willow, broomcorn, dried flowers), hosts educational events and workshops, and is dedicated to building biodiversity on our farm and in the region. Our farm-based non-profit, Farm Craft Connect, hosts groups and field trips. If you have a group or class that might want to visit the farm, learn about materials for craftwork, and practice crafting with us, please reach out.



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