

Barb's Favorites from Planting a Seed presentation ~ February 15, 2021  
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Foxglove beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)

Medium height plant with a wonderful throaty flower.

Great to watch bees work the bloom.

Leaves turn deep red in fall.

Plant for bees and butterflies.

FS to PS, dry to wet soils, 2-4 ft.



Grey-headed coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)

Medium-tall plant; conical flower shape and leaves add great design element. Quintessential prairie plant for me!

Seeds eaten by birds in fall.

Survives in severe drought.

FS to PS, dry to wet soils, 3-6 ft.



Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)

Medium-tall plant; blooms are very fragrant!

A must if want to attract monarch butterflies.

Nectar enjoyed by a variety of other pollinators.

Milkweed beetles also feed on this plant.

FS, medium to wet soils, 3-5 ft.



Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Shorter than other native milkweeds; vibrant flower color adds pop to garden palette.

A must if want to attract monarch butterflies.

Cut leaves do not exude milky sap like other milkweeds.

FS, dry to medium soils, 2-4 ft.



Monkey flower (*Mimulus ringens*)

Medium height plant; lovely lavender bloom with yellow throat. A beauty for wet areas!

FS, medium to wet soils, 2-4 ft.



Ohio spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohioensis*)

Medium height plant; blooms and blooms and blooms early in growing season.

A monocot so offers grass or spear-like leaves as design element.

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Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
Medium to tall clump grass; blue stems in growing season turning to red in fall. Loved by birds for seed and nesting. Larval host for a variety of skippers.  
FS, dry to medium soils, 3-5 ft.



Cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)  
Very tall plant; makes a big statement in your yardscape! Goldfinches flock to seeds held high in air. Pollinators cover wide yellow blooms. Leave cut-back thick stems for overwintering solitary bees.  
FS to PS, dry to wet soils, 3-8 ft.



Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)  
Medium height plant; choose this native over western yucca to offer landscape design interest. Spherical head made up of individual flowers. Love the smell of the seed.  
FS, medium to wet soils, 3-5 ft.



Ironweed (*Vernonia altissima*)  
Very tall plant; stunning mass of purple blooms paired with yellow flowering plants cannot be beat. Butterflies flock to this aster. Thick, hearty stems speak to its name.  
FS to PS, medium to wet soils, 4-7 ft.



Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)  
Short-medium height clump grass; makes for great grass border. Grows up then cascades over. Seeds heads shoot up about 2 ft. high above clump. Tan/bronze in fall.  
FS, dry to medium soils, 2-3 ft.



Ox-eye sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)  
Medium height plant; your typical but welcome large-flowered yellow aster. Feels like a good friend! Fall migrating birds use seeds as food source.  
FS, dry to wet soils, 2-5 ft.

