

# NATIVE VEGETATION



## What are Native Plants?

Native plants are species that are originally from this area. Wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees that originally grew here can be very beneficial to your backyard.

## Why Plant Natives?

There are many benefits to planting native species in your backyard. A wide variety of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers can add a beautiful array of color and shape to your landscaping all year long. Because they are originally from this area, they are well adapted to the soil, water, and climate conditions. This makes them very low maintenance, giving you more time to enjoy them. In addition, native pests keep the plants under control so they do not spread too prolifically or take over entire areas, which further reduces maintenance, increases plant diversity, and improves environmental quality. Because wildlife have evolved and adapted to the native species here, planting them will provide critical food and shelter for a variety of animals. Native plants also have extensive root systems that stabilize soil, reduce erosion, absorb runoff water, reduce flooding, and absorb pollutants.



## How Do I Landscape with Natives?

Natives may be planted and cared for much like any other vegetation. There are many nurseries that offer native plants in seed or container form (see the reverse side of this sheet). The plants can be installed in mulched flowerbeds for a more manicured look or clustered or planted randomly for a more natural look. Either way they are planted, native species will provide a beautiful and beneficial landscape that will benefit the homeowner and environment at the same time.

## Recommended Native Plants for Hamilton County:

Wetland Species	Shade Gardens	For Birds & Butterflies	Prairie Species
• Sweet Flag	• Wild Columbine	• Purple Coneflower	• New England Aster
• Marsh Marigold	• Wild Geranium	• Spotted Joe-Pye Weed	• Rough Blazing Star
• Swamp Rose Mallow	• Bottlebrush Grass	• Prairie Dock	• Yellow Coneflower
• Cardinal Flower	• Celadine Poppy	• Stiff Goldenrod	• Prairie Dropseed
• Woolgrass	• Side-Flowering Aster	• Sky Blue Aster	• Compass Plant
• Swamp Milkweed	• Virginia Bluebells	• Hoary Vervain	• Wild Bergamot
• Obedient Plant	• Fire Pink	• Cup Plant	• Little Bluestem
• Nodding Bur Marigold	• Culver's Root	• Wild Bergamot	• Side-Oats Gramma
• Spotted Joe-Pye Weed	• Golden Alexanders	• Sweet Black-Eyed Susan	• Canada Wild Rye

## Trees, Shrubs, Plants:

*Designs on Nature*  
202 Lincoln Way East  
Mishawaka, IN 46544  
(219) 256-2242

*Enviroscape*  
710 S. Marr Rd.  
Columbus, IN 47201  
(800) 373-8598  
www.e-scape.com

*Heartland Restoration Services*  
14921 Hand Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46818  
(260) 489-8511  
www.earthsourceinc.net

*Hensler Nursery*  
P.O. Box 58  
5715 N. 750 E.  
Hamlet, IN 46532  
(574) 867-4192

*Hild & Associates Native Plants*  
326 Glover Rd. South  
River Falls, WI 54022  
(715) 426-5131  
www.hildnatives.com

*JF New, Inc.*  
128 Sunset Dr.  
Walkerton, IN 46574  
www.jfnewnursery.com

*Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources*  
(219) 843-4827  
www.in.gov/dnr/forestry

*Indiana Wildlife Federation*  
(800) 347-3445  
www.indianawildlife.org

*Mark M. Holeman, Inc.*  
7871 Hague Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46256  
(317) 849-3120

*Native Plants Unlimited*  
George Peregrin  
13600 Conner Knoll Pkwy.  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 842-1145

*Spence Restoration Nursery*  
2220 E. Fuson Rd.  
P.O. Box 546  
Muncie, IN 47308  
(765) 286-7154  
www.spencenursery.com

*Woody Warehouse*  
Box 259  
Lizton, IN 46149  
(866) 766-8367



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## Seed:

*Ag Venture Seeds*  
402 W. Wilson St.  
Kentland, IN 47951  
(800) 933-0259  
avdm@earthlink.com

*FDC Enterprises, Inc.*  
Grasslands Services  
2948 Brookdown Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43235  
(614) 286-8988  
fcircle@columbus.rr.com

*Hoham and Smith Company*  
104 Walnut St.  
Auburn, IN 46706  
(260) 925-3400

*Peter Schramm Prairie Restorations*  
766 Bateman St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
(309) 343-2608  
prairie1@galesburg.net

*Pheasants Forever*  
7404 W. 1400 N.  
Silver Lake, IN 46982  
(765) 734-6342  
www.pfcic.org

*Sharp Bros. Seed Co.*  
396 SW Davis-Ladue  
Clinton, MO 64735  
(660) 885-7551  
www.sharpseed.com

*Stock Seed Farms*  
28008 Mill Rd.  
Murdock, NE 68407  
(800) 759-1520  
www.stockseed.com

