

Native Plants in a Nutshell

What is a native plant?

A species of plant that has a documented history of naturally occurring in Michigan for more than 150 years and co-evolved over time with Michigan natural communities.

6 BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY

Native plants require less water, less maintenance, and they need little to no fertilizer, pesticides, or herbicides.



NO NEED TO REPLACE

Since they are already adapted to Michigan's climate, they're easier to plant, maintain, and do not need to be replaced.

REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

Native plants absorb more stormwater runoff, mitigating climate change impacts, compared to nonnative ornamentals.



BUY LOCAL

With native plants coming from Michigan suppliers, buying them supports local businesses.

SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT

Native species provide food and shelter for wildlife and protect water quality.



CREATES BEAUTY

Michigan offers a wide variety of beautiful and unique native plants that are available at local native plant nurseries.

NATIVE PLANT SUGGESTIONS



Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa

Bloom: June-Aug.

Height: 2-3 ft



Wild Strawberry

Fragaria virginiana

Bloom: April-May

Height: 4-7 inches



Canada Anemone

Anemone canadensis

Bloom: April-June

Height: 18 inches



Blazing Star

Liatris spicata

Bloom: Aug.-Sept.

Height: 2-3 ft



Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans

Bloom: Aug.-Sept.

Height: 2-7 ft



Hazelnut

Corylus americana

Bloom: March

Height: 2-3 ft



Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida

Bloom: April-May

Height: 40 ft

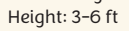


New England Aster

Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

Bloom: Aug.-Oct.

Height: 3-6 ft



Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium

Bloom: July-Oct.

Height: 2-3 ft



KEY



Full sun



Partial sun



Moist soil



Dry soil



Supports butterflies



Supports pollinators



Supports birds

