



Plant Descriptions

Shade Kit

Zig Zag Goldenrod Solidago flexicaulis Part Shade to Shade Medium Wet - Medium Dry 3' tall, space 1-2'
Bloom time Aug-Sept Zone 3-8

Named for the way the plant stems zig zag from leaf to leaf, it has bold yellow flowers that are popular with insects for late season nectar. It spreads rapidly to create a patch. Goldenrods do not cause hay fever as it is not spread by wind; that is caused by Ragweed.

Canada Anemone Anemone canadensis Full Sun to Part Shade Medium Wet - Medium 1'-2' tall, space 1'
Bloom time May-July Zone 3-8

Hardy groundcover with pretty white spring flowers and attractive foliage the entire season. It will quickly spread and fill in an area and may overwhelm smaller plants, but it can be controlled by removing new seedlings.

Columbine Aquilegia canadensis Full Sun to Shade Medium - Dry 1-3' tall, space 1' Bloom time May-June
Zone 3-8

The decorative red and yellow flowers support bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. It grows in a wide range of soils but doesn't like poor drainage and will be short lived and have weak stems if the soil is rich. It prefers a leaner drier soil. A deer resistant plant that is a lovely spring bloomer.

Plains Oval Sedge Carex brevoir Full Sun to Shade Medium Wet - Dry 1' tall, space 1' Zone 3-8

A hardy plant with brown spiky seed heads in fall, this plant is adaptable to disturbed sites and seasonal flooding. It is also deer and rabbit resistant. A great compact plant for edging a bed or filling empty spots between other plants.

Rose Milkweed Asclepias incarnata Full Sun to Part Shade Medium Wet - Medium 4' tall, space 1.5 to 3'
apart Bloom time June to August Zone 3-9

Many insects visit this great pollinator plant with rose red flowers which is also called Swamp Milkweed. It is an especially important food source for Monarch butterflies. The vanilla fragrance is lovely in the landscape and it is deer resistant.

Cardinal Flower Lobelia cardinalis Full Sun to Part Shade Medium Wet - Wet 2-4' tall, space 6" to 1' apart
Bloom time July to September Zone 3-9

Cardinal Flower is a brilliant red hummingbird favorite. It needs moisture to thrive, so it is good in a spot that retains moisture in the landscape or near a water feature. Even though it is a short-lived species, it returns by self seeding itself in good growing conditions. Always a favorite native plant.

Great Blue Lobelia Lobelia siphilitica Full Sun to Part Shade Medium to Wet 3-4' tall, space 1' apart Bloom
time July to October Zone 3-9

A beautiful blue flower spike that pairs well with Cardinal Flower needing the same site conditions; moist soils and a little shade. Another hummingbird and pollinator plant that is deer resistant.