

ODWNA Presentation on Native Plants

February 2021

Native Plants in presentation (hardy in zones 5b-6a)

Groundcovers for shade: Wild Ginger, *Epimedium*

No Mow Lawn:

Sun - Pennsylvania sedge, Buffalograss

Shade – Moss, *Epimedium*, *Ajuga*, *Pachysandra*, Sweet Woodruff

Ferns: Maidenhair, Lady fern

Perennials:

Sun - Bee balm (*Monarda*), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*),
Blanket flower (*Gaillardia*), Eastern Purple coneflower (*Echinacea*),
Prairie coneflower (*Ratibida*), *Senna*, Showy goldenrod (*Solidago*),
Sneezeweed (*Helenium*), Stokes Aster

Shade - Bleeding heart (*Dicentra*), Celandine poppy (*Styloforum*),
Columbine (*Aquilegia*), Foam flower (*Tiarella*), Coral bells (*Heuchera*),
Solomon seal (*Polygonatum*), Wild *Geranium*, Woodland *Phlox*

Wet – Goatsbeard (*Aruncus*), Joe-pye weed (*Eupatorium*), Swamp
milkweed, Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia*)

Vines - American *Wisteria*, *Clematis virginiana*

Shrubs:

Sun – Beautyberry (*Callicarpa*), Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus*),
Ninebark (*Physocarpus*), Smooth hydrangea, Witch hazel (*Hamamelis*)

Shade - Oakleaf hydrangea, Sweet pepperbush (*Clethra*)

Evergreen - American holly, Common juniper, *Mahonia*, *Rhododendron*

Trees:

Dogwood, Eastern redbud, Littleleaf Linden, Red maple, Birch (paper,
yellow, river), Oaks, Serviceberry

Evergreens – *Arborvitae*, Eastern white pine, White spruce

Local Rain Gardens to Visit:

- Riverview Launch, Kalamazoo County Land Bank, Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo
- Kalamazoo Valley Museum: <https://www.kalamazoomuseum.org/raingarden/>

Digging Deeper Online:

- Kalamazoo Wild Ones www.kalamazoowildones.org/
- MSU Native Plants https://www.canr.msu.edu/nativeplants/plant_facts/
- MSU bulletin showing blossom times for native plants
https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/attracting_beneficial_insects_with_native_flowering_plants_e2973
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - plant database
www.wildflower.org/plants/
- North American Native Plants Society – plant database
nanps.org/native-plant-database/
- Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) misin.msu.edu
- MSU Soil Test Kit <https://shop.msu.edu/products/bulletin-e3154>
Available at MSUE Kalamazoo – 383-8830
- Rain Garden Designs for Kalamazoo County:
https://www.kalcounty.com/drain/new_pdfs/Rain%20Gardens%20for%20Kalamazoo%20County.pdf
- Rain Garden Plant lists <http://raingardenalliance.org/planting/plantlist>

Sources for native plants locally:

- Hidden Savanna Nursery, Kalamazoo <https://www.hiddensavanna.com/>
- Native Plant Sale @ Food Coop May 29, 2021
- Native Plant Exchange, Wild Ones June 6, 2021
- Prudential Nursery Co., Vicksburg on facebook

Books:

- Using Native Plants to Restore Community by Nancy Cutbirth Small & Tom Small
- Armitage's Native Plants by Allan Armitage, Timber Press
- The Living Landscape by Rich Darke & Doug Tallamy

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