

SEEDS FOR SALE

Limited quantities.

Establishing a native plant community from seed can take 3 years or more.

These planting tips are from Prairie Moon Nursery.

YEAR 1: SITE PREPARATION AND SEEDING YEAR

Many areas will need 1 growing season (spring-fall) for site preparation. An exception may be an area with lawn grass, recent agricultural or garden plot, or new construction area. Remove existing grass/weeds and the weed seed bank that may be in the soil during the growing season (April-September) by smothering, repeated shallow tiling, using herbicides or other methods you determine to be best. Sowing the seed: Fall or frost plantings (mid-Oct to early-March). Spring plantings (April-June) are an acceptable second choice. You should not plant in the summer.

YEAR 2: FIRST GROWING SEASON

Most sites need maintenance mowings to keep weeds from going to seed and to allow light to penetrate the ground encouraging growth of the majority of the slow-growing natives. You may get some blooms this year; most likely annuals like Black-eyed Susan or Partridge Pea, but you must sacrifice these native flowers if you want the other species to establish. Keep the area cut to 4-6" this year. Don't pull the weeds! This will disturb the root systems of the nearby natives trying to establish.

YEAR 3: SECOND GROWING SEASON

This may or may not be the year you start enjoying the fruits of your labor. You may need to mow once yet this year. Be patient - although some species may reach flowering stages in year 3, some could take 4 years or more.

Natives Haven prairie was planted in the fall of 2010. After our final cut in the spring of 2013, we started to see many flowers appear.

Quick-to-Establish Seed Mix

For Medium-Wet to Medium-Dry Soils & Full to Partial Sun

This mix includes quick-to-establish prairie flowers and grasses to provide more immediate color and a naturalized look. For full-sun to partial-shade sites with medium soils. The maximum height of any single grass or flower included here is no more than 4-5 feet.

There are 26 wildflower species along with 3 Grasses, 2 Sedges and 1 Rush in this mix.

Listed below are a few Native flowers that are included in this packet:

Mid-summer bloomers : Purple Coneflower, Wild Bergamot, Black-eyed Susan, Hoary Vervain, Yellow Coneflower, Early Sunflower, Mountain Mint, Canada Wild Rye, Rattlesnake Master, Purple Prairie Clover. **Early summer:** Foxglove Beardtongue, Early Sunflower and Little Bluestem.

Fall: Showy Goldenrod, Sky Blue Aster and Little Bluestem.

1,000 sq. ft. seed mix \$42.00

Mixed Height Prairie Seed Mix

For Dry Mesic Soils

Short, medium, and tall wildflowers and grasses are included in this native seed mix for a site a little on the dry side.

There are 28 wildflower species along with 5 different Grasses, 1 Sedge and 1 Rush.

Listed below are a few Native flowers that you will see:

Pale Purple Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, Early Sunflower, Ohio Spiderwort, Butterfly Weed, Purple Prairie Clover, and Foxglove Beardtongue.

1,000 sq. ft. seed mix \$59.00

A Showy Short Seed Mix

For Medium-Dry Soils & Full to Partial Sun

A very showy mix with a heavy concentration of the Echinacea (Coneflower) species, native to various areas of the U.S. Does best on slightly drier soils.

There are 28 wildflower species along with 3 different Grasses, 1 Sedge and 1 Rush.

Listed below are a few Native flowers that you will see:

Royal Catchfly, Black-eyed Susan, Rattlesnake Master, Nodding Onion, Purple Coneflower, Pale Purple Coneflower, and Purple Prairie Clover.

500 sq. ft. seed mix \$54.00

Diversity Mixed-Height Prairie Seed Mix

For Medium-Wet to Medium-Dry Soils & Full to Partial Sun

High diversity and a heavy seeding rate make this a strong, very showy mix. A variety of flowers blooming continuously late spring through fall. Includes most of our bird and butterfly favorites.

There are 88 wildflower species along with 9 different Grasses, 3 Sedges and 1 Rush.

This mix was used for Natives Haven Prairie.

Listed below are a few Native flowers that you will find in this mix:

Blooming early-June: Purple Meadow Rue, White Wild Indigo, Ohio Spiderwort, Golden Alexanders and Foxglove Beardtongue.

Blooming in late-July are: Rose Milkweed, Prairie Blazing Star, Mountain Mint, Obedient Plant, Sweet Black-eyed Susan, Compass Plant, Prairie Dock and Big Bluestem.

1/8 acre. Seed mix \$347.00

Asclepias incarnata (Rose Milkweed)

Rose Milkweed also is commonly called Swamp Milkweed. It is a larval host for Monarch butterflies and its large rose-pink flowers with a lovely vanilla fragrance will attract bees and butterflies of all kinds. This deer-resistant plant grows in full to part sun in moist to medium soils.

4 feet in height

Color: Pink

Bloom time: June, July and August

1/4 oz. \$18.00

Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed)

Great milkweed for a sunny location in a dry area. Mature plants in ideal locations can make as many as 20 stems at an average height of 2'. The vivid orange color, low mounded profile, and ability to attract and sustain butterflies make this plant a well-known favorite.

2 feet in height

Color: Orange

Bloom time: June, July and August

1/4 oz. \$24.00

Gentiana andrewsii (Bottle Gentian)

Bottle Gentian are slow-growing, long-lived and require little care once established. Bumblebees are the main pollinators because they are the only insects strong enough to pry open the closed flowers. A late-season color to mostly sunny sites in medium-wet to medium-dry soils.

2 feet in height

Color: Blue

Bloom time: August, September and October

1/8 oz. \$25.00 Packet \$4.00

Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)

Scarlet red flowers which are an important nectar source for hummingbirds and swallowtail butterflies. The flowering spikes open from the bottom to the top and bloom for several weeks. They grow best in moist, rich soils in full sun to partial shade. Cardinal flower is a showy plant great for the garden or wetland planting. Its blossoms also make excellent cut flowers.

4 feet in height

Color: Red

Bloom time: July, August and Sept

1/8 oz. \$21.00