

A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY:

TOP 10 NATIVE PLANTS THAT GROW IN POORLY DRAINED CLAY SOIL

Tolerate poorly drained soils • Attract pollinators and other beneficial animals

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	LIGHT	UNIQUE QUALITY
1	Black chokeberry (<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>)	3–5'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Wht. flowering shrub. Berries for birds.
2	Cardinal flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>)	3'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Red flowers for hummingbirds.
3	Marsh milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	3–4'	Sun	Rain garden plant. Butterfly magnet.
4	Missouri willow (<i>Salix eriocephala</i>)	4–6'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Small shrub that attracts wildlife.
5	New England aster (<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>)	3–5'	Sun	Tall perennial. Fuels monarch migration.
6	Orange Coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>)	2–3'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Groundcover with large flower clusters.
7	Palm Sedge (<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>)	2'	Pt. Shade	Tropical foliage. Salt tolerant.
8	Shining Bluestar (<i>Amsonia illustris</i>)	3'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Blue fls. in spring. Hedge alternative.
9	Southern Blue flag Iris (<i>Iris virginica</i>)	2'	Sun	Spike-like foliage. Violet-blue fls. in spring.
10	Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	3–4'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Showy seed heads. Salt tolerant.

The native plants on this list were selected by Scott Woodbury, Curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve, and Grow Native! Technical Advisor, based on his observations and many years of native plant horticulture experience.

This list is not in ranked order.

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