

A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY:

TOP 10 NATIVE PLANTS THAT CONNECT CHILDREN TO NATURE

Native Plants for Children • High Wildlife Value

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	LIGHT	UNIQUE QUALITY
1	Common milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	3'	Sun	Favorite of monarch butterfly.
2	Marsh milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	3-4'	Sun	Butterfly magnet for many species.
3	New England aster (<i>Symphyotricum novae-angliae</i>)	3-4'	Sun	Late summer fls. fuel monarch migration.
4	Blue wild indigo (<i>Baptisia australis</i>)	3'	Sun	Bumblebees pollinate in spring.
5	Purple coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	3'	Pt. Shade	Gold finches eat seeds in summer.
6	Spring daisy (<i>Erigeron pulchellus</i>)	12"	Pt. Shade	Pollinated by digger bees and other insects.
7	Eastern blazingstar (<i>Liatris scariosa</i>)	3'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Butterfly magnet, esp. large butterfly species.
8	Marsh blazingstar (<i>Liatris spicata</i>)	2-3'	Sun	Emerald moth caterpillars hide in flowers.
9	Missouri willow (<i>Salix eriocephala</i>)	4-6'	Sun/ Pt. Shade	Attracts many insect herbivores.
10	Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	2'	Sun	Easy to grow from seed. Bee magnet.

This list was created by Scott Woodbury, based on his many years of experience and observations as the Curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve.

This list is not in ranked order.

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