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A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY:

TOP PERFORMING NATIVE PLANTS

Attractive • Durable • Long Lived • Compact • Attract Pollinators

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	UNIQUE QUALITY
1	American beautyberry (<i>Callicarpa americana</i>)	3–5'	Purple berries in fall, pink flowers in summer.
2	Aromatic aster (<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>)	2–3'	Lavender flowers in fall. Hedge alternative.
3	Blue wild indigo (<i>Baptisia australis</i>)	2–3'	Blue flower spikes spring. Peony alternative.
4	Copper iris (<i>Iris fulva</i>)	18–24"	Rain garden plant with red flowers.
5	Indian pink (<i>Spigelia marylandica</i>)	2'	Woodland plant with bright-red flowers.
6	Little-flower alumroot (<i>Heuchera parviflora</i>)	1'	Compact for small gardens. Fall-blooming.
7	Oak sedge (<i>Carex albicans</i>)	8–12"	Mini version of prairie dropseed.
8	Orange coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> var. <i>umbrosa</i>)	1–2'	Rain garden groundcover.
9	Prairie Dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolopis</i>)	18–24"	Fine-textured clump-forming grass.
10	Wild hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>)	3–5'	Compact shrub for sun or part shade.

Note: 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. The plants on this list are not in ranked order. This list is intended as initial guidance; there are many other native plants that can be used for this purpose. For more information on growing conditions of natives, consult the Native Plant Database at www.grownative.org.

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