

LONG-BLOOMING, DROUGHT TOLERANT PERENNIALS in the ELLIPSE GARDEN, July 2009, Helen Hamilton

Common Name	Scientific Name	Flower Color	Light	Bloom Time	Habitat	Plant Height	Comments
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	red	SU-SH	ESM	rocky woods, slopes		shade, woodland gardens; butterflies and hummingbirds
Milkweeds	<i>Asclepias syriaca, tuberosa</i>	greenish, orange	SU	SM	fields,	1-3'	Deer Resistant, good for slopes; butterfly host plant
Wild indigo	<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	yellow	SU	SM	dry open places	1-3'	pea family
Blue mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> (aka <i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>)	blue, lavender	SU-SH	SM	thickets, wood edges, fields	1'-3'	
Lanceleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	yellow	SU	SM	dry sandy	1'-2'	Deer Resistant, poor soil, butterflies, finches
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	pink	SU	SM	all soils	3'	Deer resistant, poor soil, butterflies, hummingbirds
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	white	SU	SM	dry fields	3'	Dry soil, butterflies, hummingbirds
Joe pye weed	<i>Eupatorium dubium, fistulosum</i>	white-pink	SU	SM-F	moist open fields	6'	
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	greenish-white	SU	F	fields, prairies	2-5'	Clay soil, butterflies; dry stems with seeds
Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia</i> sp	gold-red	SU	SM-F	dry open places	1'	Deer resistant, drought and heat tolerant
Wandflower	<i>Gaura</i> sp	white	SU	SM-F	dry open places	2'	Deer resistant, drought, heat tolerant, poor soils, butterflies, hummingbirds
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	gold	SU	SM-F	moist open fields	2-3'	Drought tolerant, butterflies
Oxeye Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	yellow	SU-SH	SM	open woods, meadows	1'-5'	Deer, vole resistant, drought tolerant, butterflies
Sunflowers	<i>Helianthus</i> spp	yellow	SU	SM-F	moist open fields	2-3'	Drought tolerant, butterflies
Solider mallow	<i>Hibiscus militaris</i>	white	SU	SM-F	open woods	3'	Deer resistant, butterflies, hummingbirds
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis/siphilitica</i>	red/blue	SU	SM	wet places	2'	Deer resistant, clay soil, butterflies, hummingbirds
Grass-leaved blazing star	<i>Liatris graminifolia</i>	purple	SU	SM-F	dry soil	1-3'	
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	pink	SU-SH	SM-F	dry hillsides, wood edges	2-3'	
Sundrops	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	yellow	SU	SM-F	dry open places	1-3'	Deer resistant, hot sites, poor, dry soils, butterflies, can grow under walnut trees; flowers open during the day

Wild Quinine, American fever-few	Parthenium integrifolium	white	SU-SH	SM	open woods, meadows	1-3'	
Passionflower vine	Passiflora incarnata	white- purple	SU-SH	SM	fields, roadsides, open woods	vine	
Smooth beardtongue	Penstemon laevigatus	white	SU-SH	SPG- SM	rich woods, meadows	1-4'	
Obedient plant	Physostegia virginiana	white	SU-SH	SM	open rich woods	2'	Tolerates clay soil, butterflies, hummingbirds
Black-eyed Susan, orange coneflower	Rudbeckia hirta, fulgida, triloba	yellow	SU	SM	dry open places	1'-4'	Deer resistant
Lyre-leaved sage	Salvia lyrata	violet	SU-SH	SPG	dry open woods	1-2'	Deer resistant, butterflies, hummingbirds, needs moist, well-drained soil
Wild stonecrop	Sedum ternatum	white	SU-SH	SPG	rocks, banks	1'	
Whorled rosinweed	Silphium trifoliatum	yellow	SU-SH	SM-F	woods, borders	3-7'	
Sweet, gray, seaside, late, wrinkleleaf goldenrod	Solidago sp (nemoralis, odora, rugosa, sempervirens)	yellow	SU-SH	SM-F	fields, open woods	2-6'	Deer resistant; poor soil, dry or wet, dry shade, clay soil, does NOT cause hayfever, butterflies
Aster (blue wood, smooth)	Symphyotrichum (cordifolium, laeve, linariifolius, patens)	lavender, violet	SU-SH	SM-F	dry fields, open woods	1'-3'	good for slope; tolerates shade
Verbena	Verbena hastata/canadensis	purple	SU	SM-F	meadows	1-3'	butterflies, hummingbirds
	Grasses						
Big bluestem	Andropogon gerardii	reddish	SU	F	fields, meadows	6'	Deer Resistant, tall in fall
Split Bluestem	Andropogon ternarius	tan	SU	F	fields, meadows, roadsides	2-5'	
purple lovegrass	Eragrostis spectabilis	purple	SU	SM-F	fields, sandy soil	1-3'	
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah', 'Heavy Metal', 'Dallis Blue', 'Northwind'	red, purple	SU	SM-F	fields, meadows	4-6'	Deer Resistant
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	blue foliage, red fall foliage	SU	SM	fields, roadsides	3-5'	clumps