

# *Native Plants, Natural Landscapes*

## *Lexington KY Chapter*

Some of our favorite native wild flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees:

### **Wild Flowers**

- Asters:** Aromatic Aster (*Aster oblongifolius*) – blooms in October  
Smooth Aster ‘Bluebird’ (*Aster laevis* ‘Bluebird’) – no mold, no staking  
New England Aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*, was *Aster novae-angliae*)
- Beardtongue** (especially Foxglove Beardtongue-*Penstemon digitalis*) – June bloom
- Bee Balm** (*Monarda didyma*) – red bloom and Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) – lavender bloom and Bradbury’s Bee Balm (*Monarda bradburiana*\_ - lavender bloom)
- Black-eyed Susan** (especially *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *fulgida*, aka orange coneflower)
- Blazing Star** (*Liatris spicata*)
- Bluestar**, aka Eastern Bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
- Butterfly Weed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*) – much prefers dry areas
- Celandine Poppy** (*Stylophorum diphyllum*)
- Columbine** (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Coneflower** (*Echinacea purpurea*) – special mention made of Pale Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)
- False Blue Indigo**, or Blue Wild Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)
- Goldenrod** ‘Fireworks’ (*Solidago rugosa* ‘Fireworks’) – noted that showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*) tends to flop over and gray goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*) may spread aggressively
- Heuchera** or Alumroot (many species native to Kentucky, per USDA plants database: *Heuchera villosa*, *Heuchera parviflora*, *Heuchera pulescens*, *Heuchera longiflora*, *Heuchera Americana*)
- Indian Pink** (*Spigelia marilandica*)
- Joe-Pye Weed** (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
- Lobelia:** Blue Lobelia, or Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*) – blue bloom  
Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) – red bloom
- Maidenhair fern** (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- Mist Flower** or Hardy Ageratum (*Eupatorium coelestinum*)
- Ox-eye Sunflower** (*Heliopsis helianthoides*) – self seeds abundantly
- Pachysandra** or **Allegheny Spurge** (*Pachysandra procumbens*)
- Phacelia** (*Phacelia bipinnatifida*)- can be difficult, moves around a lot
- Rattlesnake Master** (*Eryngium yuccafolium*)
- Royal Catchfly** (*Silene regia*) –late June bloom
- Sensitive Fern** (*Onoclea sensibilis*)

A vine was also noted: **Trumpet Honeysuckle** (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

**Please see over for grasses, shrubs and trees....**

## GRASSES

**Little Bluestem** (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) – coppery winter color

**Prairie Dropseed** (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)

**Switchgrass** ‘Northwind’ (*Panicum virgatum* ‘Northwind’) – this cultivar stays upright!

## SHRUBS

**Blueberry** (*Vaccinium*)

**Bottlebrush Buckeye** (*Aesculus parviflora*)

**Buttonbush** (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

**Carolina Buckthorn** (*Frangula caroliniana*)

**Chokeberry** (Black chokeberry, *Aronia melanocarpa* & Red chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*)

**Ninebark** (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

**Spicebush** (*Lindera benzoin*)

**St. John’s Wort** (*Hypericum frondosum*)

**Sweetpire** (*Itea virginica*)

**Viburnum** – some favorites notes were Rusty Blackhaw and Arrowwood viburnums

**Witchhazel** (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

## TREES

**Blackgum** (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

**Dwarf Red Buckeye** (*Aesculus pavia*)

**Pawpaw** (*Asimina triloba*) – full sun to dense shade

**Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*)

**Serviceberry** (*Amelanchier*)

**Sourwood** (*Oxydendron arboreum*) – hard to grow in this part of Kentucky, better for E. Ky soils)

**Tulip Poplar** (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

**Yellowwood** (*Cladrastis kentukea*)