



# Native Prairie Plant Sale — 2011 Information & Order Form

*Rock River Valley Chapter*

## Important Information Prairie Plant Sale

### Orders due

Saturday, April 30

### Pickup Time

Friday, May 13, 5 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 14, 9 AM – Noon

### Pick-up Location

7208 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, 61115

### Contact for order forms, questions and plant requests

Constance McCarthy, Coordinator

815-282-0316

kublaikhan@mac.com

### Payment Option



You can pay by check or through PayPal. If you choose PayPal, just send your completed order form and your email address to the Coordinator. A PayPal invoice will be emailed to you. Use PayPal to pay by credit card, or if you have a PayPal account, have the payment drawn from your bank account. A 3% fee is added.

## Woodland Plant Sale

### Orders due

Saturday, April 19

### Pickup time & location

Friday, April 29, 5 – 7:30 PM

Saturday April 30, 9 AM – Noon

15813 Anderson Rd., Durand

Barbara Flores, Coordinator

815-289-8602

bafheartland@yahoo.com

## Tree & Shrub Sale

### Coming in July/August/September

John Peterson, Coordinator

815-248-2110

tacmot@msn.com

## RRV Wild Ones Native Plant Sales

The Rock River Valley Wild Ones offers three plant sales. The woodland sale started in February and the prairie plants are offered here. Then there is the tree and shrub sale coming in late summer. Contact information for all three is listed on the left.

These sales are an important part of our chapter's fulfillment of the Wild Ones mission. Offering native plants at a reasonable cost increases the number of natives being put into the ground—our main goal. Money raised from our plant sales goes toward providing high quality speakers for our meetings, grants to schools and donations to like-minded organizations—also fulfilling the Wild Ones mission.

If you are new to landscaping with native plants, this sale is perfect for you. Most of the species offered here are easy to grow and will provide years of beauty—while helping the environment. We recommend incorporating natives into your existing flower beds—mixed right in with other perennials. To learn more about the natives listed here, refer to the list of resources on the back page.

## Why Only Natives?

The plants offered in this sale are all indigenous to Winnebago and surrounding counties. They evolved here over thousands of years to survive in our weather extremes and local soils, in harmony with other native flora and fauna. Once established, these natives require only occasional maintenance – no fertilizers, no pesticides or herbicides, no watering—plus they are beautiful and support wildlife. The native birds, bees, butterflies and mammals have evolved with them and depend on them for food and shelter. Non-native plants usually do not meet these needs. Even cultivars of native plants, having been bred to please humans, often lose their ability to sustain wildlife, and the resulting decrease in genetic diversity impairs their ability to adapt for future survival.



## Wild Ones Mission

*Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes* promotes environmentally sound landscape practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restorations and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental and advocacy organization.

## How to Choose Your Plants

In order for natives to survive without constant care and attention, it is important to match species requirements with your site's features—that is, soil type, light conditions, moisture, and drainage. Some species have very specific requirements; Butterfly Weed and Cardinal Flower are two popular species which are very particular. Others are much more adaptable, and might pop up where you aren't expecting them. Also, the needs for water and light can interact. For example, Wild Columbine is usually considered a shade plant and is offered on our Woodland Plant Sale, but it can also thrive in a sunny site if it has plenty of moisture.

All the plants offered here are prairie plants, enjoying a full day of sun (no more than 20% shade). Most are also adapted to a savanna (20% - 70% shade), though blooming may be less prolific in shadier sites. In the listing below, plants which only thrive with full sun are indicated by an F in the Code column.

As much information as space would allow is provided here, but remember it is just a guideline. Researching more detailed information and looking at pictures is highly recommended. A few suggested resources are listed on the back page.

In a naturalistic setting, having a large diversity of species will easily and naturally provide a full range of color and bloom times. Even in a smaller restricted setting, though, careful choices will result in the continuous color and harmony that is considered desirable in both natural and traditional landscaping. Just make sure the plant suits the site as well as your aesthetic preferences. Also, don't forget to include grasses and sedges with your planting. They are an integral part of the prairie system, without which you will never achieve its low-maintenance benefits. Besides, they provide their own structural beauty and color interest, especially in the fall and winter, as well as benefits for wildlife.

\* An asterisk next to the number indicates a species that was not offered last year.

Code: B=Attracts butterflies, H=Hummingbirds, C=Cut flowers, D=Dried flowers, seed pods, F=Full sun. S=Needs sand.

No.	Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	W —M —D	Size	Bloom Time	Bloom Color
1*		Allium cernuum	Nodding Pink Onion	— X X X —	18"	JA	PUR
2	B	Amorpha canescens	Leadplant	— — X X X	3'	JJA	PUR
3	BCDF	Asclepias incarnata	Red Milkweed	X X X — —	4'	JA	PNK
4	BCDS	Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milkweed	— — X X X	2	JJAS	ORG
5	B	Aster azureus	Sky Blue Aster	— — X X X	3'	SO	BLU
6	B	Aster laevis	Smooth Blue Aster	— X X X —	4'	SO	BLU
7	B	Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster	X X X X —	4'	ASO	PUR
8	B	Aster sericeus	Silky Aster	— — — X X	1'	SO	BLU
9*	BDF	Baptisia leucantha	White Wild Indigo	— X X X X	3-6'	JJ	WHIT
10	CD	Baptisia leucophaea	Cream Wild Indigo	— — X X X	1'	MJ	YEL
11	H	Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell	— X X X —	1'	JJAS	PUR
12	BHCDF	Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	— X X — —	5'	JAS	WHT
13	BCDF	Coreopsis lanceolata	Sand Coreopsis	— — — X X	2'	MJJ	YEL
14	BCD	Coreopsis palmata	Prairie Coreopsis	— — X X X	1-3'	June	YEL
15	F	Desmanthus illinoensis	Illinois Bundle Flower	— — X X X	5'	AS	YEL
16	BHCD	Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower	— — X X X	3'	JJ	PNK
17	BCDF	Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	— X X X —	4'	JA	WHIT
18	B	Eupatorium purpureum	Sweet Joe Pye Weed	— X X X —	7'	JAS	PNK
19		Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke	— X X X X	6-12"	AM	RED
20	H	Heuchera richardsonii	Alum Root	— X X X X	2'	MJ	GRN
21*	B	Hypericum pyramidatum	Great St. John's Wort	— X X — —	6'	JA	YEL
22	BCD	Liatris aspera	Rough Blazing Star	— — X X X	3'	AS	PUR
23	BCD	Liatris pycnostachya	Prairie Blazing Star	X X X — —	4'	JA	PUR

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24	HC	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	X X — — —	4'	JA	RED
25	BHC	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	X X X — —	3'	AS	BLU
26	H	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Monkey Flower	X X X — —	1-3'	JAS	BL-VLT
27	BHCD	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	— X X X X	4'	JA	VLT
28	HCDf	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	— — X X —	2-3'	MJ	WHT
29	HCD	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beard Tongue	— X X X X	4'	June	WHT
30*	B	<i>Petalostemum purpurea</i>	Purple Prairie Clover	— — X X X	2'	JAS	PUR
31	BH	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	— X X X X	2'	MJ	PNK
32	BHC	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	X X X — —	4'	AS	PNK
33	CD	<i>Potentilla arguta</i>	Prairie cinquefoil	— — X X X	3'	JA	WHT
34	BHCD	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower	— — X X —	5'	JA	YEL
35	BCD	<i>Rudbeckia submentosa</i>	Sweet Black-eyed Susan	— X X X —	5'	ASO	YEL
36	BCD	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Brown-eyed Susan	— X X X —	5'	AS	YEL
37	BHf	<i>Ruellia humillis</i>	Wild Petunia	— — X X X	1'	JJA	VLT
38	HC	<i>Silene regia</i> (can be short-lived)	Royal Catchfly	— — X X —	4'	July	RED
39	BC	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant	— X X X —	6-12'	JA	YEL
40	BC	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	Prairie Dock	— X X X —	9'	JAS	YEL
41	BC	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	Field Goldenrod	— — — X X	1-3'	SO	YEL
42	BC	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	— X X X —	3'	ASO	YEL
43	BC	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	— — X X X	4'	JASO	YEL
44	B	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Spiderwort	— — X X X	3'	MJJASO	BLU
45	B	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	X X X — —	5'	JAS	BLU
46	BCD	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	— X X X —	5'	JA	WHT
47		<i>Andropogon Gerardii</i> **	Big Blue Stem	— X X X X	7'	JAS	w-sod
48		<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side Oats Grama	— — X X X	2'	JA	w-sod
49	F	<i>Carex hystericina</i>	Bottlebrush Sedge	X X — — —	3'		c-bunch
50		<i>Koeleria cristata</i>	Prairie June Grass	— — X X X	1-2'		c-bunch
51		<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	— X X X X	4'		c-bunch
52		<i>Schizachyrium (Andropogon) scoparius</i>	Little Bluestem	— — X X X	3'	AS	w-bunch
53		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	— — X X X	6'	AS	w-bunch
54		<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	— X X X X	3'	AS	w-bunch

\*\* Best in larger or naturalized sites. Can become aggressive.

## W–M–D: Soil Moisture

Wet (W)	Soggy or marshy most of the year.
Wet mesic	Medium moist to soggy much of the year, but may dry out in summer (This is the ideal plant for raingardens).
Mesic (M)	Medium moist, typical garden soil.
Dry mesic	Medium dry. Well drained but retains some moisture.
Dry (D)	Excessively drained. Usually sandy or gravelly soil.

Size: Depends on the individual plant and conditions. Often prairie plants grown in a garden run taller than their normal size under natural conditions, where there is more competition.

Bloom Time: is a range of months within which the plant can be expected to bloom, depending on geographic area, seasonal conditions, and the individual plant.

Bloom Color: For many species in the pink/blue ranges, color can vary widely between individual plants.

Grasses: "c-" are cool season, "w-" are warm season.



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Machesney Park, IL 61115-3712

## Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes

Wild Ones is a national, non-profit organization which informs and teaches people how to use native plants in their home and business landscapes. To keep on top of events and news in the native plant world, members receive the Wild Ones Journal, a bi-monthly national magazine, as well as our local newsletter. Membership also includes the New Member Wild Ones Handbook, a great resource for native gardeners. Household membership is only \$30 a year, all tax deductible.

The Rock River Valley Chapter is one of the largest and most active chapters, with over 170 household memberships. We have regular speakers at programs open to the public, as well as special programming for members only. For more information about joining, contact our Membership chair, Marilyn Heneghan (815-389-9757 or [informationoptions@att.net](mailto:informationoptions@att.net)). You can also visit our national website at <http://www.wildones.org/>.

## Suggested Resources – General

*The Gallery of Illinois Plants* web site includes approximately 600 species, With photos and information on distribution and habitat.

[http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/cwe/illinois\\_plants/](http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/cwe/illinois_plants/)

The *Illinois Wildflowers* website contains detailed descriptions of many native (and non-native) Illinois plants.

<http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/index.htm>

The University of Wisconsin website – nice pictures and information.

<http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/VascularPlants.html>

Missouriplants.com – many species also native to Illinois, and features closeup pictures of stems, leaves and flowers, useful for identification.

<http://missouriplants.com>

*Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* – Lawrence Newcomb

*Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers: A Falcon Field Guide* – Ladd, Doug & Frank Oberle.

*Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest* – Merel R. Black & Emmet J. Judziewicz

*The New England Wildflower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers* – William Cullina

## Resources – Rain Garden Web Sites

Don't know what a rain garden is? Time to find out.

<http://www.raingardennetwork.com/overview.htm>

<http://www.geaugaswcd.com/publications.htm> Look for a link to a rain garden manual.

<http://www.raingardens.org/Index.php> A group in Western Michigan.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/> Links to good information.

# 2011 Native Prairie Plant Sale – Order Form



**Pick your own plants plan. Choose any species, in multiples of four, to make up your flat.**

Please follow this rule; otherwise it is too confusing for our hardworking volunteers to put together the orders. All plants are in half-pint pots (2.5" square). Prices are the same whether for one species or mixed:

Flats (32 plants): \$64

Half-flat (16 plants): \$40

Don't see the plant you want? If it's a species that prefers shade, check our Woodland Plant Sale (Barbara Flores, Coordinator, 815-289-8602, bafheartland@yahoo.com) first. If not offered, or if it is not a woodland plant, contact Prairie Plant Sale Coordinator Constance McCarthy at (815) 282-0316 or [kublaikhan@mac.com](mailto:kublaikhan@mac.com) to determine availability. Please allow extra time for special orders!

In the event of shortages, orders will be filled in the order they are received, and those shorted will have a choice of substitution or refund. If plants are back-ordered, orders will be filled at the discretion of the Plant Sale Coordinator.

**ORDER DEADLINE: SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

**PLANT PICKUP DAYS: FRIDAY, MAY 13 (5:00PM—7:30PM) AND SATURDAY, MAY 14 (9:00AM—NOON)**

*See flier for more details and general information.*

**(Please order in multiples of 4 only, as in the example in shaded area)**

		<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>#</b>
<b>FORBS (WILDFLOWERS)</b>	1	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Pink Onion		
	2	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	4	
	3	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Red Milkweed		
	4	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	4	
	5	<i>Aster azureus</i>	Sky Blue Aster		
	6	<i>Aster laevis</i>	Smooth Blue Aster		
	7	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	4	
	8	<i>Aster sericeus</i>	Silky Aster		
	9	<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>	White Wild Indigo		
	10	<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>	Cream Wild Indigo		
	11	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell		
	12	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	Turtlehead		
	13	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Sand Coreopsis		
	14	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis		
	15	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	Illinois Bundle Flower	8	
	16	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pale Purple Coneflower		
	17	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	4	
	18	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe Pye Weed		
	19	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Prairie Smoke		
	20	<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	Alum Root	12	
	21	<i>Hypericum pyramidatum</i>	Great St. John's Wort		
	22	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing Star		
	23	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prairie Blazing Star	8	
	24	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	4	
	25	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia		
	26	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Monkey Flower		
	27	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot		
<b>TOTAL ON THIS SIDE</b>				<b>48</b>	

	<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>#</b>	
<b>FORBS (CONTINUED)</b>	28	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	8		
	29	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beard Tongue	4		
	30	<i>Petalostemum purpurea</i>	Purple Prairie Clover	<b>SAMPLE</b>		
	31	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox			
	32	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant			
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	35	<i>Rudbeckia submentosa</i>	Sweet Black-eyed Susan			
	36	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Brown-eyed Susan		4	
	37	<i>Ruellia humillis</i>	Wild Petunia		4	
	38	<i>Silene regia</i>	Royal Catchfly			
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<b>Grasses</b>	47	<i>Andropogon Gerardii</i>	Big Blue Stem			
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	50	<i>Koeleria cristata</i>	Prairie June Grass	4		
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	53	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	8		
	54	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed			
<b>TOTAL THIS SIDE</b>				80		
<b>TOTAL FROM FIRST SIDE</b>				48		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				128		

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "Wild Ones" and remit with order. Send order form and check a box below to indicate how you are paying to:

Wild Ones, c/o Constance McCarthy  
7208 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Machesney Park, IL, 61115-3712

Check enclosed, payable to **Wild Ones**

Send me a PayPal invoice (3% fee added)

*Non-members*: Check here if you have *never* received our RRV Chapter newsletter and would like three complimentary issues.

# Flats	1	2	3	4	5
# Plants	32	64	96	128	160
Cost	\$64	\$128	\$192	\$256	\$320
# Flats	6	7	8	9	10
# Plants	192	224	256	288	320
Cost	\$384	\$448	\$512	\$576	\$640

# FULL FLATS		X \$64.00	\$
HALF FLAT (If applicable)		\$40.00	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed			\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Send me a PayPal invoice			