

Eastern Temperate Forests



Blue Wood Aster *(Symphyotrichum cordifolium)**



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-5 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This densely flowering plant is a stunning late season choice, providing nectar to butterflies and visual interest. This species is generally pest free and deer resistant.
 * not native to LA



Smooth Aster *(Symphyotrichum laeve)**



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-4 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 These small and densely blooming flowers are a striking blue to purple color with a golden-yellow center. This species has no serious pests or diseases.
 * rare in southern parts of ecoregion



Woodland Sunflower *(Helianthus divaricatus)*



LIGHT: Partial sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-6 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This sunflower produces a profusion of 2 inch across yellow flowers that are attractive to many species. This plant is deer resistant, relatively pest and disease free, and can be divided every few years.



Black-Eyed Susan *(Rudbeckia hirta)*



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-3 ft
DURATION: Short-lived perennial
 This short-lived perennial with 3 inch blooms self-seeds and can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.



Cutleaf Coneflower *(Rudbeckia laciniata)*



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Average to high
SEASON OF INTEREST: Mid summer through fall
HEIGHT: 3-9 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This 3-4 inch flower grows well in a large pot with support, and its attractive seedheads extend the season of interest into the winter. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.



Lanceleaf Coreopsis *(Coreopsis lanceolata)*



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late spring through mid summer
HEIGHT: 1-2 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 Relatively free of pests and naturally resistant to deer, this attractive yellow flower draws a wide array of native pollinators. In the right conditions this plant grows quickly and can self-seed.



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Orange Coneflower

*(Rudbeckia fulgida)**



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun

WATER: Average

SEASON OF INTEREST:
Mid summer through fall

HEIGHT: 2-4 ft

DURATION: Perennial

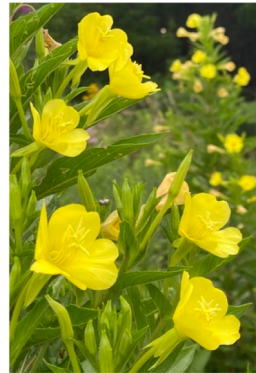
This bright flower blooms profusely in full sun but can tolerate some shade. It is low maintenance, highly disease tolerant, deer resistant, and attractive to butterflies.

** not native in LA or northern parts of ecoregion*



Common Evening Primrose

(Oenothera biennis)



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun

WATER: Low to average

SEASON OF INTEREST:
Summer through fall

HEIGHT: 3-5 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This fragrant flower produces a profusion of yellow flowers that open in the evening and close in the morning. This species blooms in its second year, and the whole plant is edible.



Blanketflower or Firewheel

*(Gaillardia pulchella)**



LIGHT: Full sun

WATER: Low

SEASON OF INTEREST:
Spring through fall

HEIGHT: 1-2 ft

DURATION: Short-lived Perennial

This showy flower has a striking red center up to 2 inches across and abundant nectar. This easy to grow plant has no serious pests or diseases, and readily self-seeds.

** not native to northern parts of ecoregion*



Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod

*(Solidago rugosa)**



LIGHT: Full sun

WATER: Average to high

SEASON OF INTEREST:
Late summer through fall

HEIGHT: 3-5 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This compact goldenrod has arching sprays of bright yellow flowers that support over 100 species of insects. This species is deer resistant with no serious pests or diseases.

** not native in MN*



Wreath Goldenrod

*(Solidago caesia)**



LIGHT: Full sun to partial sun

WATER: Low to average

SEASON OF INTEREST:
Late summer through fall

HEIGHT: 1-3 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This plant bears a profusion of flowers in late summer that are highly attractive to a variety of species. This less aggressive goldenrod is deer resistant with no serious pests or diseases.

** not native in MN*



Grass-Leaved Goldenrod

*(Euthamia graminifolia)**



LIGHT: Full sun

WATER: Low to average

SEASON OF INTEREST:
Summer through fall

HEIGHT: 3-6 ft

DURATION: Perennial

This bushy plant has dense yellow flowers that support a wide variety of insect species and songbirds. This species has no serious pests or diseases.

** not native to southwestern parts of ecoregion*