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Native Plants in the Shelter House Beds




This list, alphabetized by common name, includes the plants in beds on the west side of the shelter house. These are all native plants found in Ohio that attract pollinators and are easy to grow in home gardens. Once established, they are drought tolerant and will bloom year after year. Central Ohio Sources to purchase these plants are included at the end of the plant list.




Common Name	Genius and Species	Bloom time	Native Range
Anise hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	June to September 	Upper Midwest
Blue mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	September to October 	Eastern U.S.
Blue wood aster	<i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i>	August to September 	Eastern and Central U.S.




<p>Christmas fern</p>	<p><i>Postiche acrostichoides</i></p>		<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>
<p>Coral bells</p>	<p><i>Heuchera americana</i></p>	<p>June to August</p> 	<p>U.S.</p>
<p>Downy sunflower</p>	<p><i>Helianthus mollis</i></p>	<p>July to September</p> 	<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>
<p>Downy woodmint (Ohio horsemint)</p>	<p><i>Blephilia ciliate</i></p>	<p>May to August</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>

<p>Gray-headed coneflower</p>	<p><i>Ratibida pinnata</i></p>	<p>June to August</p> 	<p>Central U.S.</p>
<p>Early Meadow Rue</p>	<p><i>Thalictrum dioicum</i></p>	<p>April to May</p> 	<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>
<p>Golden Alexander</p>	<p><i>Zizia aurea</i></p>	<p>May to June</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>

<p>Native Ground Sedum (stonecrop)</p>	<p><i>Sedum ternatum</i></p>	<p>April to May</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>
<p>New England Aster</p>	<p><i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i></p>	<p>August to September</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>
<p>Ohio Spiderwort</p>	<p><i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i></p>	<p>May to July</p> 	<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>

<p>Pink bee balm (wild bergamot)</p>	<p><i>Monarda fistulosa</i></p>	<p>July to September</p>  A close-up photograph of a pink bee balm flower (Monarda fistulosa) with numerous tubular, two-lipped petals in shades of light pink and lavender, surrounded by green foliage.	<p>U.S.</p>
<p>Purple coneflower</p>	<p><i>Echinacea purpurea</i></p>	<p>June to September</p>  A photograph of purple coneflowers (Echinacea purpurea) in a field. The flowers have bright purple petals and prominent orange-brown central cones. A butterfly is visible on one of the flowers.	<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>
<p>Red bee balm</p>	<p><i>Monarda didyma</i></p>	<p>July to August</p>  A photograph of a large patch of red bee balm flowers (Monarda didyma) in a garden. The flowers are bright red with tubular, two-lipped petals, growing on green stems with large, opposite leaves.	<p>U.S.</p>

<p>Stiff goldenrod</p>	<p><i>Solidago rigida</i></p>	<p>August to September</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>
<p>Sweet goldenrod</p>	<p><i>Solidago odora</i></p>	<p>August to September</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>
<p>Tall bellflower</p>	<p><i>Campanula americana</i></p>	<p>June to August</p> 	<p>U.S.</p>

<p>Western sunflower</p>	<p><i>Helianthus occidentalis</i></p>	<p>August to September</p> 	<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>
<p>Wild geranium</p>	<p><i>Geranium maculatum</i></p>	<p>April to May</p> 	<p>Eastern U.S.</p>
<p>Wild petunia</p>	<p><i>Ruellia humilis</i></p>	<p>May to October</p> 	<p>Eastern and Central U.S.</p>

Wild quinine	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	May to August 	Eastern U.S.
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Information and pictures from Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder
<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder>

Ohio Sources of Native Plants

Native plant specialty stores:

City Folks Farm Shop (Clintonville) <http://www.cityfolksfarmshop.com/>

Sunny Glen Garden (North Linden) <https://www.sunnyglengarden.com/>

Scioto Gardens (Delaware) <https://sciotogardens.com/>

Leaves for Wildlife (Sunbury) <https://www.leavesforwildlife.com/shop>

Natives in Harmony (Marengo) <https://www.nativesinharmony.com/>

Riverside Native Trees (Delaware) <https://riversidenativetrees.com/>

Garden Centers:

Groovy Plants Ranch (Marengo)

<https://www.groovyplantsranch.com/collections/plants>

Oakland Nursery (Various locations) <https://www.oaklandnursery.com/>

Strader's Garden Center (Various locations) <https://straders.net/>

Organization:

Columbus Wild Ones plant sale each May. <https://columbus.wildones.org/>

Mail order:

Joyful Butterfly <https://www.joyfulbutterfly.com/region/oh/>

Prairie Moon Nursery <https://www.prairiemoon.com/>

Prairie Nursery <https://www.prairienursery.com/plants-seeds/native-plants/native-wildflowers.html>