

2009 Annual Native Plant Sale

Midewin Tallgrass Prairie Alliance Fundraiser

Planting native shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses can be fun and rewarding. Native plants add color and character to your yard and attract a myriad of butterflies, birds, and other wildlife. They will last for years if planted in an appropriate location.

We sincerely hope that you will purchase native plants from the Midewin Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that serves as a "Friend of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie". If you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact Jerry Heinrich at (815) 476-6171 or g.heinrich@sbcglobal.net

Please place your order early to ensure availability, preferably before March 18th. Plants will be available for pickup on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie located on Route 53 approximately 12 miles south of Joliet or 2 miles north of Wilmington. See *Native Plant Sale Order Form* for pricing and additional information. Planting instructions will be mailed in mid to late April to all who place orders. It is anticipated that a wide variety of donated and extra plants will be available for sale on the day of plant pickup.

Photos of the plants can be viewed at: www.plants.usda.gov/gallery.html & www.illinoiswildflowers.info/index.htm

Native Plant Kit "Fun to Grow Prairie Garden" The plants in this special kit tend to be tough, quite beautiful, aggressive, and generally easier to grow. Kits will consist of 18 plants and will include 2 plants each of: New England Aster, Wild Bergamot, Obedient Plant, Yellow Coneflower, Rosin Weed, Purple Coneflower, Stiff Goldenrod, Foxglove Beardtongue, and Big Bluestem Grass.

The cost per "Fun to Grow Prairie Garden" plant kit (18 plants total) is \$40.00.

Native Forbs and Grasses (in pots or as plugs – approx. 2" in diameter)

Name Common (Botanical)	Habitat sun / ½ sun / shade wet / mesic / dry	Height in feet	Bloom color season	Descriptions
Nodding Wild Onion (<i>Allium cernuum</i>)	sun to ½ sun drymesic to wetmesic	1 - 2	white - pink July - Aug	A smooth, leafless, thin-stemmed plant. Stems bend at the top causing the cluster of flowers to nod downward.
Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	2 - 3	orange June - Aug	Brilliant orange flowers attract legions of Monarch butterflies. Does not like fertilizer or "wet feet".
Smooth Blue Aster (<i>Aster laevis</i>)	sun to ½ sun drymesic to wetmesic	2 - 4½	blue w/yellow Aug - Oct	Stems and leaves are an attractive bluish green. Numerous flowers are bluish purple with yellow centers.
White Wild Indigo (<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>)	sun to ½ sun wetmesic to dry	2 - 4	white June - July	Striking white spikes of flowers bloom in June with interesting large black seed pods that are held through fall.
Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	sun to ½ sun wetmesic to drymesic	3 - 4	reddish-purple July - Sept	A showy plant with branching stems and large 3-4" flower heads w/ 10-20 petals surrounding a cone-shaped central disk.
Pale Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea pallida</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	2 - 4	lavender June - July	A favorite of gardeners and butterflies. Seeds are enjoyed by birds and wildlife throughout winter.
Wild Geranium (<i>Geranium maculatum</i>)	sun-open woodland moist to drymesic	1 - 2	rose-lavender April - June	Showy 1½" flowers are in clusters at the top of hairy stems. Likes mesic to dry garden soil and moist woods.
Bottle Gentian (<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>)	woodland to prairie mesic to moist	1½ - 2½	blue Aug - Oct	Prefers moist to mesic habitat. Has deep blue, closed, 1½" flowers in clusters atop stems w/ whorled, stalkless leaves.
Prairie Blazing Star (<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>)	sun drymesic to moist	2 - 4	rosy lilac Jul - Sept	Spectacular spikes of bunched flowers that attract butterflies & humming birds.
Wild Quinine (<i>Parthenium interifolium</i>)	sun mesic to dry	2 - 3	white June - Sept	A plant that is long-blooming and has good form. Small white flowers cluster to form flat flower heads atop sturdy stems.
Purple Prairie Clover (<i>Dalea purpureum</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	1 - 3	purple July - Aug	Flowers are dense cylindrical spikes atop stems and branches. This plant attracts butterflies and is drought resistant.
White Prairie Clover (<i>Dalea candidum</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	1 - 3	white June - Sept.	Looks similar to its purple cousin but a little more delicate-looking and with white flowers.
Mountain Mint (<i>Pycnathemum virginianum</i>)	sun to ½ sun drymesic to moist	2 - 3	white June - Sept.	Flowers and narrow, pointed leaves are aromatic and minty. Small flowers are in dense clusters atop leafy branches.
Wild Petunia (<i>Ruellia humilis</i>)	sun mesic to dry	½ - 1	violet June - Aug	Flowers are petunia-like. Well-suited for rock gardens and drier, well drained areas.

Riddell's Goldenrod (<i>Solidago riddellii</i>)	sun mesic to wet	2 - 3	yellow Aug - Oct	Flowers in short, dense, domed clusters. Plants can be grouped for a more dramatic effect.
Culvers Root (<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>)	sun to ½ sun drymesic to wetmesic	3 - 5½	white June - Aug	Graceful with branching flower stems that resemble a candelabra. Flowers are on long, tapering spikes.
Prairie Dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	2 - 3	Aug - Sept	Has mounds of soft leaves with gossamer-like seed heads. This classic prairie grass likes well drained soil.
Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	2 - 3	Aug - Sept	A medium-height grass that prefers drier areas. Found in virtually all of the natural grasslands.
Sideoats Grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to dry	2 - 3	July - Oct	Has tiny purple/orange flowers and delicate seeds that dangle from one side of the stalk.
Prairie Oval Sedge (<i>Carex bicknellii</i>)	sun to ½ sun mesic to drymesic	1 - 3	May - July	An excellent species for prairie gardens. These grass-like, triangular-stemmed plants grow in tufts or bunches.

Native Shrubs (offered in 3 gallon containers)

New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Full Sun	2' h	2' w
A woody-stemmed plant of the prairie. It blooms in July with spectacular white flowers that attract butterflies. You can actually make tea from the dried leaves. Bunnies love New Jersey Tea, so be sure to provide fencing or other protection.				
Nannyberry Viburnum	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Full to ½ Sun	15'h	8-12'w
A vase-shaped shrub with beautiful white flowers in May and maroon-red color and blue-black fruit in fall. Birds love it. Not as shade tolerant as Blackhaw. Highly adaptable to all soils. Excellent for shrub borders. Lower growing shrubs or perennials can be planted in front of it.				
American Filbert	<i>Corylus americana</i>	Full to ½ Sun	8-10'h	8-10'w
Likes at least half-day of sun and good garden soil. In early spring, male catkins elongate 2-3" and release puffs of pollen. Fall color is excellent, ranging from red to yellow. Filbert produces an edible nut and is most productive with 3 or more plants.				
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Shade	6-12'h	6-12'w
Very shade-tolerant shrub typically found in mesic woods. Blooms with small yellow flowers in early April before the leaves come out. Leaf and stem have a very aromatic lemon fragrance. Fall color display is an unbelievable yellow with half-inch long scarlet fruit.				
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Full to ½ Sun	8-10'h	8-10'w
A durable shrub that blooms in June with pink to white flowers in umbel-like clusters. Great for borders. Exfoliating bark exposes cinnamon-brown inner bark.				
Maple Leaf Viburnum	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Shade	4-6'h	4-6'w
A beautiful viburnum that grows in moderately shaded woods and woodland edge. The flowers are creamy white corms that appear in mid-summer and produce nice black berries that are popular with woodland birds. The bright rose-red fall color is outstanding.				
Illinois Rose	<i>Rosa setigera</i>	Full to ½ Sun	6-8'h	6-8'w
This very hardy shrub prefers savannas or woodland edges where it gets at least a half day of sun. Pink flowers with yellow centers bloom in July. Fall color is red-orange with red rose hips. Renewal pruning can be done once every three years in the spring.				
Purple Flowering Raspberry	<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	Full to ½ Sun	3-6'h	2-3'w
Prefers good garden soil and full to half-day sun. Purple flowers are quite showy and fruit is edible and ripe in August. Outstanding brown exfoliating bark exposes a white inner bark. Tends to create thickets and is best used in shrub borders.				
Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Full to ½ Sun	15'h	8-12'h
Blooms with white flowers in May, followed by the dark-rose fruit that changes to blue-black in fall. Blackhaw makes an excellent specimen plant and is one of the more shade-tolerant viburnums.				
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Full Sun	5-8'h	4-6'w
Best in full-sun and drier sites. Tiny yellow flowers appear before the leaves do in very early spring. Orange-red fruit ripens in mid-summer. Orange to red-orange fall color. Great in front of taller shrubs because of its horizontal layering effect.				
Dwarf Honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Full to ½ Sun	2-2½'h	2'w
A native honeysuckle. This low, mounding shrub is great for drier, well-drained sites in partial shade. Makes nice mass plantings because of its short height and quick growth rate. Small, yellow, tube-shaped flowers appear in June. Has a red, yellow, and orange color display in the fall.				
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Full to ½ Sun	8-15'h	8-10'w
Can be grown in sand or clay and is tolerant of wet or dry soil. White flowers bloom in late April to early May, and birds are attracted to the seeds in August. Early fall color is a pleasant red-orange.				

Note: Many additional varieties of shrubs may be available upon request. Contact Jerry Heinrich at (815) 476-6171 or g.heinrich@sbcglobal.net

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2009 Native Plant Sale Order Form

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail (optional): _____

Item (Please print common name of plant.)	Quantity	Price	Total
Native Plant Kit - "Fun to Grow Prairie Garden" (18 plants per kit)		\$40 / kit	
Perennials: <u>Minimum of 3 plants of each species</u> (\$2.50 per each plant).			
		\$2.50 / plant	
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Shrubs: <u>Sold in 3 gallon containers</u> (\$21 each / No minimum order)			
		\$21 / shrub	
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<i>If you need more space, please copy this form.</i>			Subtotal
Illinois Retail Sales Tax (Multiply subtotal by 0.07)			
Optional Donation			
Make check payable to: <u>Midewin Alliance</u>			Total

Remit this form and check to: **Midewin Alliance**
Carol Ference
18646 Palmer Circle
Homewood, IL 60430

Please try to place your order before March 18, 2009. All orders will be filled subject to plant availability. Plant pickup will be at *Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie* on Saturday, May 30th.
 Details concerning pickup time, directions, and planting instructions will be mailed in late April to all who place orders. If you have questions or if you are interested in purchasing full flat(s) at a discount, please contact Jerry Heinrich at: g.heinrich@sbcglobal.net or (815) 476-6171