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PLANTS FOR TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPE

FORBS

NAME: Riddell's goldenrod (solidago riddellii)

GROWTH HABITAT: clump forming 3ft tall x 2ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun

SOIL: medium moist to wet

DESCRIPTION: well behaved attractive yellow flowering summer blooming

BENEFITS: keystone plant, host plant loved by pollinators

NAME: Purple coneflower (echinacea purpurea)

GROWTH HABITAT: clump forming 3ft tall x 2ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: medium dry to medium moist

DESCRIPTION: Beautiful hardy plant with large pink summer blooms

BENEFITS: caterpillar host plant and loved by pollinators

NAME: Anise scented goldenrod (solidago odora)

GROWTH HABITAT: 3ft tall x 2ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: part shade

SOIL: dry soils

DESCRIPTION: attractive yellow summer blooms, great for small gardens

BENEFITS: keystone plant, host plant loved by pollinators

NAME: Blue False Indigo (baptista australis)

GROWTH HABITAT: bush like perennial 3ft-5ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium moisture

DESCRIPTION: excellent specimen plant for formal designs

BENEFITS: host plant loved by hummingbirds and pollinators

NAME: Black/brown-eyed susan (rudbeckia)

GROWTH HABITAT: clump forming 1ft to 3ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium moisture

DESCRIPTION: very showy bright summer flowers

BENEFITS: host plant loved by pollinators

NAME: Hibiscus rosemallow (malvales) crimsoneyed, halberdleaf

GROWTH HABITAT: clump forming 3ft tall x 2ft wide3ft to 6ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun

SOIL: moist well drained

DESCRIPTION: attractive large purple/pink flowers

BENEFITS: host plant liked by hummingbirds, butterflies and bees

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NAME: Butterfly weed (asclepias tuberosa)

GROWTH HABITAT: 2ft to 3ft tall---1ft to 2ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun

SOIL: dry or average soil

DESCRIPTION: well formed clumping plant with very attractive orange flowers

BENEFITS: monarch butterfly host plant liked by pollinators

NAME: Wild bergamot (monarda fistulosa)

GROWTH HABITAT: clump forming 2ft to 5ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: dry to moist soil

DESCRIPTION: prolific purple blooms

BENEFITS: host plant loved by pollinators and hummingbirds

NAME: Woodland phlox (phlox divaricata)

GROWTH HABITAT: groundcover 1ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: part shade/ shade

SOIL: moist well drained

DESCRIPTION: spring lavender blooms

BENEFITS: host plant liked by birds, hummingbirds and butterflies

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NAME: Smooth blue aster (symphyotrichum laeve)

GROWTH HABITAT: non aggressive aster 4ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium soil

DESCRIPTION: abundant purple blue late season flowers

BENEFITS: host plant loved by pollinators

NAME: Anise hyssop (agastache foeniculum)

GROWTH HABITAT: well behaved clump 2-3ft tall 1-2ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium soil

DESCRIPTION: attractive upright purple flowers, long summer bloom season

BENEFITS: pollinator magnet liked by hummingbirds

NAME: Wild ginger (asarum canadense)

GROWTH HABITAT: Groundcover

LIGHT REQUIRED: Shade

SOIL: medium to dry won't grow well in clay

DESCRIPTION: attractive heart shaped leaves

BENEFITS: host plant attractive to butterflies

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Grasses

NAME: Prairie dropseed (sporobolus heterolepis)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 2ft to 3ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: dry to medium moist

DESCRIPTION: colorful

BENEFITS: loved by birds, adds landscape texture

NAME: Little bluestem (schizachyrium scoparium)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 3ft tall x 1ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun

SOIL: well drained

DESCRIPTION: blue-gray-green leaves turn reddish bronze in autumn

BENEFITS: caterpillar host plant, attractive to birds

NAME: Switchgrass (panicum virgatum)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows up to 5ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: average soil

DESCRIPTION: hazy attractive summer blooms and great fall color

BENEFITS: adds texture to landscape

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Shrubs

NAME: Prairie willow (salix humilis)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 4ft to 6ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: moist to medium soil

DESCRIPTION: very early flowers are important for spring pollinators

BENEFITS: the small size of this keystone willow makes it suitable anywhere

NAME: Red-twig dogwood (cornus sericea)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 6ft to 8ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: part shade

SOIL: moist

DESCRIPTION: early flowers and beautiful red twigs through winter

BENEFITS: host plant and liked by pollinators

NAME: Winterberry (ilex verticillata)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 5ft to 10 ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: sun, part sun, part shade, shade

SOIL: moist

DESCRIPTION: beautiful red berries in winter 1 male within 50ft of females

BENEFITS: host plant, pollinator plant, loved by birds

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NAME: New jersey tea (ceanothus)

GROWTH HABITAT: 2ft to 3ft tall with dense foliage

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium to dry soil

DESCRIPTION: beautiful white mid summer blooms on compact shrub

BENEFITS: host plant, liked by pollinators and hummingbirds

NAME: Common ninebark (physocarpus)

GROWTH HABITAT: 5ft to 10ft tall with full mounded shape

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: all soil conditions

DESCRIPTION: attractive spring flowers with year round interest

BENEFITS: host plant liked by pollinators and birds

NAME: Arrowwood viburnum (viburnum denatum)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 6ft to 8ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun, part sun, shade

SOIL: dry to moist soil

DESCRIPTION: white flowers in May and June

BENEFITS: host plant loved by pollinators and birds

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NAME: Maple leaf viburnum (viburnum acerifolium)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 4ft tall by 4ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun, part sun, shade

SOIL: dry to moist soil

DESCRIPTION: white flowers in spring and beautiful red color in fall

BENEFITS: host plant loved by birds and pollinators

NAME: Elderberry (sambucus nigra)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 8ft tall by 6ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun, part sun, shade

SOIL: all soil conditions

DESCRIPTION: beautiful white flowers in spring followed by berries

BENEFITS: pollinator hotspot and berries are loved by birds

NAME: Vernal witch hazel (hamamelis vernalis)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 6ft tall and 6ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: medium moist

DESCRIPTION: early spring yellow flowers

BENEFITS: loved by early venturing pollinators

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NAME: Smooth hydrangea (hydrangea arborescens)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 3ft high and 3ft wide

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to full shade

SOIL: medium to moist soil

DESCRIPTION: attractive late spring blooms

BENEFITS: loved by pollinators

Landscape Trees

NAME: Dwarf chinkapin oak (quercus prinoides)

GROWTH HABITAT:: small tree or shrub 3-12 feet tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: dry to medium soil

DESCRIPTION: oak is #1 keystone host plant in our area… great small option

Eastern redbud (cercis canadensis)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows 12ft to 30ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: part shade to shade

SOIL: moist well drained

DESCRIPTION: understory tree with beautiful spring pink flowers

BENEFITS: loved by early spring pollinators and nesting native bees

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NAME: Juneberry (amelanchier)

GROWTH HABITAT: grows to 15ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: medium soil

DESCRIPTION: beautiful spring white blooming small landscape tree

BENEFITS: pollinator plant, berries are loved by birds

Shade Trees

NAME: Oak (quercus)

GROWTH HABITAT: varied

LIGHT REQUIRED: full sun to part shade

SOIL: medium soil

DESCRIPTION: beautiful adaptable trees

BENEFITS: number 1 keystone plant, best host plant

NAME: Birch

GROWTH HABITAT: 30-50 feet

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium to moist well drained

DESCRIPTION: beautiful light filtering shade tree with four season interest

BENEFITS: host plant loved by birds and pollinators

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NAME: Red maple (acer rubrum)

GROWTH HABITAT: 40ft to 60ft

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: moist to medium not drought tolerant

DESCRIPTION: beautiful fall color

BENEFITS: host plant

NAME: Pine (pinus) eastern white or jack pine)

GROWTH HABITAT: 50ft to 70ft tall

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: all soil conditions

DESCRIPTION: evergreen

BENEFITS: host plant loved by birds and pollinators

NAME: Honeylocust (gleditsia)

GROWTH HABITAT: 30ft to 70ft

LIGHT REQUIRED: full to part sun

SOIL: medium moist

DESCRIPTION: light filtering shade with leaves that don't have to be raked

BENEFITS: host plant

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