

Native Plant Selection

Bottom Zone - Usually Wet

Wetland Species (Sun)

Moist Woodland Species (Shade)

Upland Shelf Zone - Well drained

Dry or Mesic Prairie Species (Sun)

Wet Meadow Species (Sun/Part Shade)

Bottom Zone - Occasionally Wet

Dry or Mesic Prairie Species (Sun)

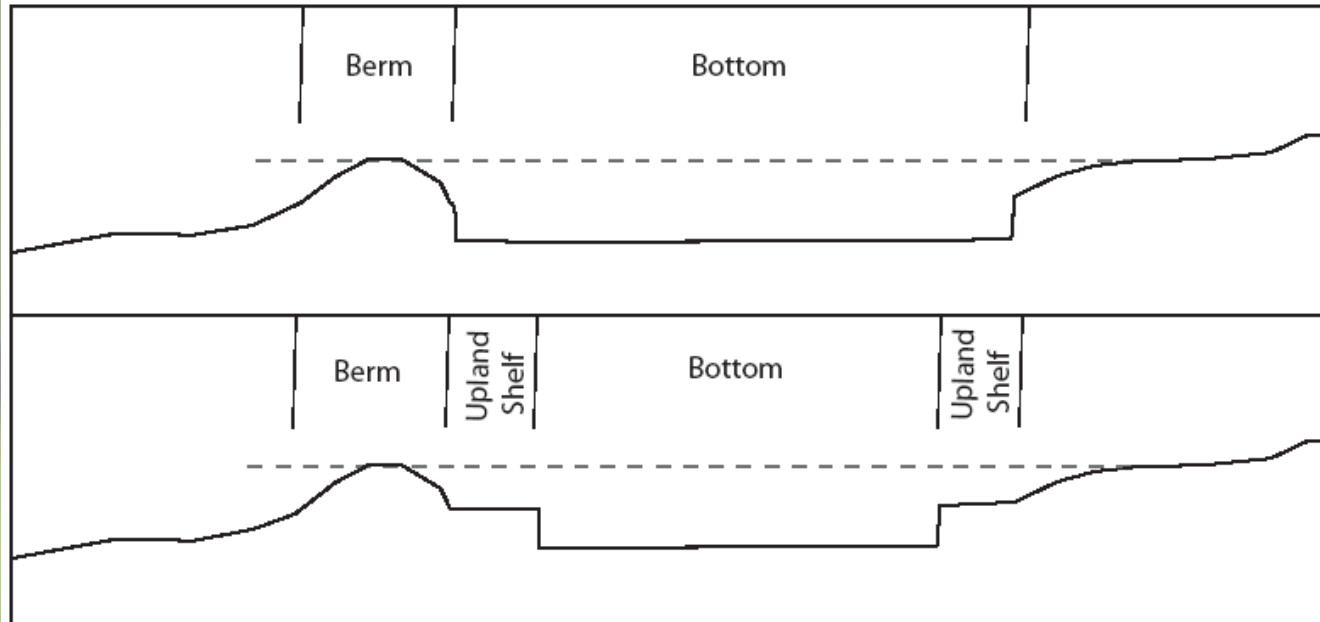
Wet Meadow Species (Sun/Part Shade)

Mesic Woodland Species (Shade)

Upland Berm - Dry

Dry Prairie Species (Sun)

Wet Meadow Species (Sun/Part Shade)



The water availability on your site will dictate whether your bottom zone is usually or occasionally wet.

To bring more variety to your garden you may choose to include an upland shelf zone.

Grasses



Big bluestem
(*Andropogon gerardii*)

Sun
> 1.2m

Indian grass
(*Sorghastrum nutans*)



Canada wild rye
(*Elymus canadensis*)



Canada blue-joint
(*Calamagrostis canadensis*)



Switch grass
(*Panicum virgatum*)



Grasses

Sun

< 1.2m

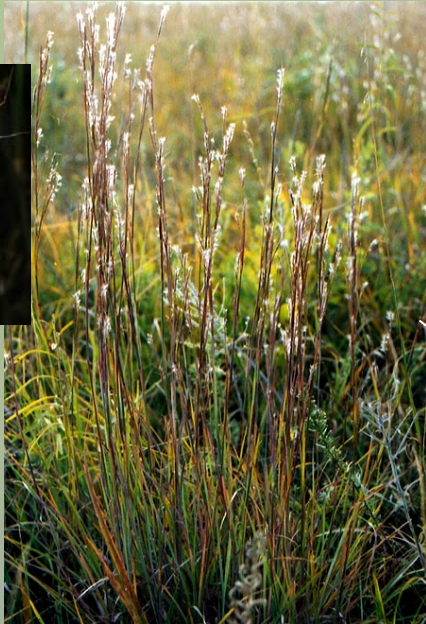
Little bluestem
(*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

Sand dropseed
(*Sporobolus cryptandrus*)

Side-oats grama
(*Bouteloua curtipendula*)

Rice cut-grass
(*Leersia oryzoides*)

Sweet grass
(*Hierochloa odorata*)



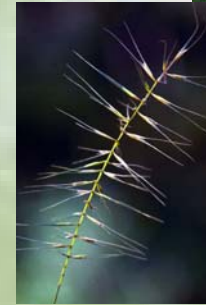
Grasses

Partial Sun – Shade
< 1.2m



Virginia wild rye
(*Elymus virginicus*)

Riverbank wild rye
(*Elymus riparius*)



Bottlebrush grass
(*Hystrix patula*)



Fringed brome
(*Bromus ciliatus*)

Sedges

Sun

Bebb's sedge
(*Carex bebbii*)



Fox sedge
(*Carex vulpinoidea*)



Yellow nut sedge
(*Cyperus esculentus*)



Partial Sun - Shade

Fringed sedge
(*Carex crinita*)



Drooping wood sedge
(*Carex arctata*)

Stellate sedge
(*Carex rosea*)



Others:

Awl-fruited sedge (*Carex stipata*)

Plantain-leaved sedge (*Carex plantaginea*)

Rushes

Sun



Blunt spike-rush (*Eleocharis obtusa*)



Soft rush (*Juncus effusus*)



Rushes like full sun and moist soils – so you may or may not be able to use them in your garden.
Both of these will tolerate moderately moist soils and are clump forming.
Many others spread quickly, so research them before planting them in your garden.

Ferns

Sun



Sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*)



Lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*)

Partial Sun - Shade



Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)



Ostrich fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)

Flowers

Sun

Ironweed (*Vernonia missurica*)

Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)

Tall coreopsis (*Coreopsis tripteris*)

Rough blazing star (*Liatris aspera*)

Dense blazing star (*Liatris spicata*)

Pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)

Obedient plant (*Physostegia virginiana*)

Virginia mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*)

Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

Cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)

Stiff goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*)



Flowers

Sun

New England aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)

Foxglove beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)

Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)

Joe-pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*)

Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)

Bottle gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*)

Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)

Monkey flower (*Mimulus ringens*)

Ohio goldenrod (*Solidago ohioensis*)

Blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*)

Blue-flag iris (*Iris versicolor*)

Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

Great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)



Flowers

Partial Sun - Shade

Canada anemone
(*Anemone canadensis*)

Jack-in-the-pulpit
(*Arisaema triphyllum*)

Spring beauty
(*Claytonia caroliniana*)

Dutchman's breeches
(*Dicentra cucullaria*)

Wild geranium
(*Geranium maculatum*)

Tall meadow-rue
(*Thalictrum pubescens*)

Golden Alexander
(*Zizia aurea*)

Turtlehead
(*Chelone glabra*)



Shrubs

Sun

Silky dogwood
(*Cornus amomum*)

Grey dogwood
(*Cornus racemosa*)

Red-osier dogwood
(*Cornus stolonifera*)

Black chokeberry
(*Aronia melanocarpa*)

Pussy willow
(*Salix discolor*)

Nannyberry
(*Viburnum lentago*)

Meadowsweet
(*Spirea alba*)



Shrubs

Partial Sun - Shade

Witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)

Maple-leaved viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)

Round-leaved dogwood (*Cornus rugosa*)

Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)

Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

Choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)

Smooth rose (*Rosa blanda*)

Swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*)

Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)



Trees



Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

White birch (*Betula papyrifera*)

Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)

Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)

