

### **35 Great Natives for Prairie Gardens**

<b>Binomial Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b><u>Forbs</u></b> (flowering plants, primarily broadleaf perennials)		
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly weed	
<i>Aster laevis</i>	smooth blue aster	
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England aster	
<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>	white wild indigo	
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	tall coreopsis	
<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	showy tick trefoil	
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	pale purple coneflower	
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple coneflower	
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	rattlesnake master	
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	prairie smoke	
<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	round-headed bush clover	
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	rough blazing star	
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	prairie blazing star	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot or bee balm	
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	foxglove beard tongue	
<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	purple prairie clover	
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	obedient plant	
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	yellow or gray-headed coneflower	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	black-eyed susan	
<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	rosin weed	
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	compass plant	
<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	prairie dock	
<i>Solidago rigida</i>	stiff goldenrod	
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	spiderwort	
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's root	
<i>Zizia aptera</i>	heart-leaved meadow parsnip	

### **Grasses** (compose 70-80% of the vegetative cover in natural prairies, but generally smaller % in gardens)

<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	big bluestem
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	side oats grama
<i>Bromus kalmii</i>	prairie brome
<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>	buffalo grass
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switchgrass
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	little bluestem
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian grass
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	prairie dropseed