

Pennington Conservation District



Native Perennials

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	BLOOM	COLOR	SOIL	SUN
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	Aster, New England	aug-oct	purple	M-W	F
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	Aster, Smooth Blue	aug-sept	purple	D	F
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Bergamot, Wild	may-sept	purple	D-M	F/P
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	jun-oct	yellow	M	F/P
<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>	Blazing Star, Meadow	jul-sept	purple	D	F
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Blazing Star, Prairie	jul-sept	purple	M-W	F/P
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Columbine, American	apr-jun	red/orange	D-M	F/P
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower, Purple	jul-sept	purple	M	F/P
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Coneflower, Yellow	jul-sept	yellow	M-D	F/P
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Coreopsis, Prairie	jun-aug	yellow	D-M	F/P
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Hyssop, Anise	jun-sept	purple	D-M	F/P
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Indigo, Wild Blue	may-jul	purple	M-D	F
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Joe Pye Weed	Jul-sept	pink	M-W	F/P
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Milkweed, Butterfly	jun-aug	orange	M-D	F/P
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Milkweed, Swamp	jun-aug	pink	M-W	F/P
<i>Pulsatilla patens</i>	Pasque Flower, Native	apr-may	purple	M-D	F/P

Penstemon grandiflorus	Penstemon, Shell Leaf	may-jun	purple	D	F/P
Phlox pilosa	Phlox, Prairie	may-jul	pink	M-D	F/P
Dalea purpurea	Prairie Clover, Purple	jul-sept	purple	M-D	F/P
Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke	apr-jun	pink	M-D	F/P
Salvia azurea	Sage, Blue	aug-oct	blue	M-D	F/P
Verbena stricta	Vervain, Hoary	jul-sept	blue	M-D	F/P
Yucca glauca	Yucca/Soapweed	may-jun	white	M-D	F

Native Plant Care & Expectations

- Plant at the correct depth: Keep the crown level with the soil surface.
- Water during establishment: Regular watering the first season is key—try to mimic natural rainfall rather than frequent shallow watering.
- Mulch lightly: A thin layer helps retain moisture and suppress weeds without smothering plants.
- Be patient: Many natives follow the rule “First year they sleep, second year they creep, third year they leap.”
- Think long-term: Native plants prioritize deep roots and resilience over instant showiness, rewarding patience with lasting beauty and ecological benefits.

