

Common Name	Latin Name	Height	Width	Color	Jan/ Feb/ Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nodding Wild Onion	<u>Allium cernuum</u>	1'-2'	6"-1'	white, pink					X	X				
Butterfly Weed	<u>Asclepias tuberosa</u>	2'	1'-18"	yellow				X	X	X				
New England Aster	<u>Aster novae-angliae</u>	2'-3'	2'-3'	flourescent pink					X	X				
False indigo	<u>Baptisia australis (blue)</u>	3'-5'	1.5'	indigo blue				X	X					
White Wild Indigo	<u>Baptisia lactea</u>	3'-5'	3'	white				X	X					
Side-Oats Grama	<u>Bouteloua curtipendula</u>	2'-3'	1'	green, red, brown						X	X			
Sand Coreopsis	<u>Coreopsis lanceolata</u>	1'-2'	1'-2'	yellow			X	X	X					
Purple coneflower	<u>Echinacea purpurea</u>	3'-4'	12-18"	purple				X	X	X				
Pale Purple Coneflower	<u>Echinacea pallida</u>	3'-5'	1'	pinkpurple				X	X					
Brookside Geranium	<u>Gernaium 'Brookside'</u>	18"-24"	18-24"	blue purple				X	X	X	X	X		
Raspberry Wine' Bee balm	<u>Monarda didyma 'Raspberry Wine'</u>	1'-18"	1'-18"	red					X	X				
Common Ninebark	<u>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diabolo'</u>	4'-8'	4'-8'	white flowers			X	X						
Early wild rose	<u>Rosa blanda</u>	3-4'	3-4'	pink				X	X					
Illinois rose	<u>Rosa setigera</u>	6-8'	8-12'	pink				X						
Little Bluestem (Prarie Blue)	<u>Schizachyrium scoparium</u>	2'-4'	18"-2'	green, blue, copper-orange						X	X	X		
Wild Stonecrop	<u>Sedum ternatum</u>	3"-6"	6"-8"	pink					X	X	X			
Goldenrod 'Fireworks'	<u>Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'</u>	2-3'	2.5'	yellow						X	X			
Prairie Dropseed	<u>Sporobolus heterolepis</u>	2'-4'	2'	green, cream						X	X			
Golden Alexanders	<u>Zizia aurea</u>	2'-3'	18"	yellow		X	X	X						

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Common Name	Religious Meaning
Nodding Wild Onion	Our Lady's Cushion, or Lady's Bleeding Heart
Butterfly Weed	Christ's Back/Blood, Lady Tuft, Our Lady's Crown/Mary's Crown, or Our Lady's Cushion
New England Aster	Asters were called Mary's Flower of God, or Mary's Birthday Flower as they are in bloom in late summer during the nativity of Mary
False indigo	The Flight to Egypt
White Wild Indigo	Flower of the Holy Spirit, or Our Lady's Tears/Mary's Tears
Side-Oats Grama	Lady's Tresses, Lady's Bleeding Heart, or Christ's Blood Drops – NOTE, when in bloom, the flowers of Side-Oats Grama are red!
Sand Coreopsis	Crucifixion Drops or Christ's Eye
Purple coneflower	Mary's Flower of God
Pale Purple Coneflower	Mary's Flower of God
Brookside Geranium	Madonna's Pins (try the native plant Wild Geranium as an alternative to cultivar strains of geranium)
Raspberry Wine' Bee balm	Our Lady's Crown (try the native Wild Bergamot as an alternative to this cultivar)
Common Ninebark	Lady's Pincushion
Early wild rose	Heart of Mary, also Mary the Mystical Rose (Consider Our Lady of Guadalupe)
Illinois rose	Heart of Mary, also Mary the Mystical Rose (Consider Our Lady of Guadalupe)
Little Bluestem (Prairie Blue)	Mary's Tresses, they symbolize the submission to the will of God as they easily bend in the wind. Some references: Isaiah 40:6-8, Deut 32:2, Psalms 90:5, Matthew 12:20
Wild Stonecrop	Rosary Plant (because the strings of the fleshy leaves look like a strand of beads as they grow taller)
Goldenrod 'Fireworks'	Lady's Plant, or Heavenly Glory
Prairie Dropseed	Job's Tears, or St John's Head
Golden Alexanders	Mary's Gold

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