

Flowering Plant Identification

Brown-eyed susan

Rudbeckia triloba

Flowers summer into fall.

Height: 2-5 feet

1 to 1 1/2 inch wide flowers have yellow petals with a dark brown center.



White snakeroot

Ageratina altissima

Flowers late summer into fall.

Height: 1-4 feet

Branching clusters of 'hairy' white flowers.



Joe-pye weed

Eutrochium maculatum

Flowers late summer into fall.

Height: 3-5 feet

Tall plant topped with clusters of 'hairy' pink or purple flowers.



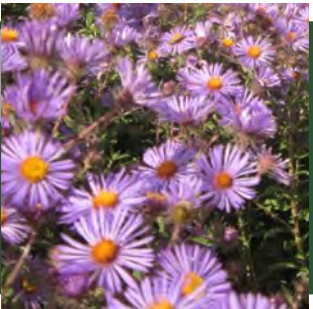
Aster

Symphotrichum sp., etc.

Flowers fall.

Height: 1/2-5 feet

Flowers may be white, purple, pink and vary in size.



Witchhazel

Hamamelis virginiana

Flowers fall.

Height: 15-20 feet

Flowering tree. Produces flowers with long, slender yellow petals after leaves fall.



Plants in Winter

Long after their flowers are gone, many plants can still be recognized in the winter.



Milkweed

Asclepias sp.

Height: 1-5 feet

Large, horn-shaped seed pods split open, spreading seeds with numerous fluffy filaments.

Bee balm

Monarda sp.

Height: 1-4 feet

Rounded brown seed heads look like a cluster of tightly packed tubes.



Beardstongue

Penstemon sp.

Height: 1-4 feet

Clusters of round seed heads with pointed tops remain through winter.



Switchgrass

Panicum virgatum

Height: 3-6 feet

Tall grass with seed heads that resemble clouds or fireworks.



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Common blue violet

Viola sororia

Flowers early spring.

Height: 1/2 foot or less

Flowers are 3/4 inch wide and may be light to dark purple.



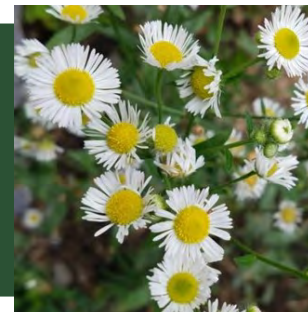
Common milkweed

Asclepias syriaca

Flowers summer.

Height: 3-5 feet, may be taller

Hanging clusters of pale pink flowers along stem.



Fleabane

Erigeron sp.

Flowers summer into fall.

Height: 1-3 feet

Numerous white or pale purple petals surround yellow centers.

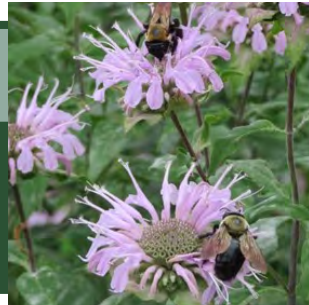
Canada anemone
Anemone canadensis
Flowers spring into early summer.
Height: 1-2 feet
Flowers are about 1 1/2 inches wide.



Butterfly weed
Asclepias tuberosa
Flowers summer.
Height: 1-3 feet
Clusters of upward-facing bright orange flowers.



Bee balm
Monarda sp.
Flowers summer.
Height: 1-4 feet
Common species may be pink or red. Topped with clusters of pronged flowers.



Golden alexander

Zizia sp.

Flowers spring into early summer.

Height: 1-3 feet

Flat-topped clusters of tiny yellow flowers.



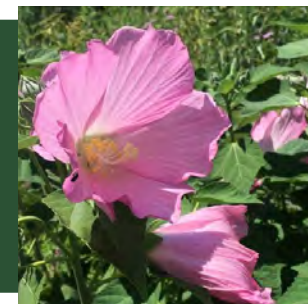
Swamp milkweed

Asclepias incarnata

Flowers summer.

Height: 3-5 feet

Clusters of upward-facing bright pink flowers.



Swamp rose mallow

Hibiscus moscheutos

Flowers summer.

Height: 3-7 feet

Largest flower native to New York. Flowers may be 4-6 inches across.

Ohio spiderwort
Tradescantia ohioensis
Flowers early summer.
Height: 1-3 feet
1 inch wide purple flowers top clumps of narrow leaves.



Mountain mint
Pycnanthemum sp.
Flowers summer into fall.
Height: 2-3 feet
Light green leaves may be broad or narrow. Topped with tiny white flowers.



Shrubby St. John's wort
Hypericum prolificum
Flowers summer.
Height: 1-4 feet
1 inch wide yellow flowers have numerous hairy filaments.



Beardstongue

Penstemon sp.

Flowers early summer.

Height: 1-4 feet

1 inch long tubular flowers on an upright stalk may be white or purple.



Oxeye sunflower

Heliopsis helianthoides

Flowers summer into fall.

Height: 3-6 feet

Flower petals and flower centers are yellow. Flowers are 2 or 3 inches across.



Flowering spurge

Euphorbia corollata

Flowers spring into early fall.

Height: 1/2 –3 feet

Numerous small white flowers may have a round green seed pod attached.