

Native Perennials

Gardening with native perennials is a very low maintenance process. Natives are already adapted to grow in the area so they don't need as many fertilizers, insecticides, and other chemicals as non-native species. In the lists below, "native species" means perennials native to North America and "native cultivars" refers to cultivated varieties derived from native species. Each perennial has a niche it is perfectly adapted to and for easy perennial gardening it's just a matter of discerning which areas of your garden are meant for which perennials.

Native Species

- *Asclepias tuberosa*
- *Baptisia australis*
- *Dicentra eximia*
- *Dicentra spectabilis*
- fern *Matteuccia struthiopteris*
- grass *Chasmanthium latifolium*
- *Lobelia cardinalis*
- *Yucca filamentosa*

Native Cultivars

- *Aster novi-belgii* 'Alert'
- *Baptisia* 'Purple Smoke'
- *Coreopsis grandiflora* 'Presto'
- *Coreopsis* 'Jethro Tull'
- *Coreopsis lanceolata* 'Sterntaler'
- *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Golden Showers'
- *Dicentra eximia* 'Snowdrift'
- *Dicentra* 'King of Hearts'
- *Dicentra* 'Luxuriant'
- *Dicentra spectabilis* 'Alba'
- *Echinacea* spp.
- fern - *Athyrium felix-forma* 'Lady in Red'
- *Helenium* 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'
- *Heliopsis helianthoides* 'Summer Sun'
- *Heuchera villosa* hybrid 'Encore'
- *Heuchera* 'Hercules'
- *Hibiscus* cultivars
- *Liatris spicata* 'Floristan White'
- *Liatris spicata* 'Kobold'
- *Lupinus* Russell Hybrids
- *Monarda didyma* Grand Marshall
- *Monarda* 'Gardenview Scarlet'
- *Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red'

- *Phlox paniculata* cultivars
- *Phlox subulata* cultivars
- *Polemonium reptans* 'Stairway to Heaven'
- *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm'
- *Tradescantia* 'Bilberry Ice'
- *Tradescantia* 'Red Cloud'
- *Yucca filamentosa* 'Color Guard'