

## Native Wildflowers and Prairie Grasses

Iowa wildflowers invite bees, songbirds, butterflies, and other “critters” to our gardens. Prairie wildflowers and grasses make excellent garden and landscaping plants. By planting Iowa native plants, you can help preserve these unique species, create wildlife habitat, and enjoy a self-sufficient garden.

Native prairie plants are perfectly suited to grow in Iowa because they are low maintenance, minimizing the need for pesticides, fertilizer, and watering, thus benefiting the environment.

Recent reports indicate the decline in the populations of songbirds, butterflies, and pollinators, and some game birds due to habitat destruction. While it is important to provide winter feeders for these creatures, it is even more critical to create native habitat which will greatly impact these populations by providing self-perpetuating, undisturbed nesting areas, natural food sources, and winter shelters.

A habitat can be as small or as large as your area and imagination allows. Start by using native plants in your existing beds, borders and ditches, or create a small “prairie plot” of Iowa wildflowers and grasses in your backyard.



## Planting Tips

Prepare the planting bed as you would for any garden. You may want to include some grasses in your planting. Grasses add texture, fall color and structure (support) to the flowers.

The flowers may need to be staked to encourage them to grow straight without the grasses to support them. Place plants approximately 12-18 inches apart, plant them just below the crown and water well. Mulching with 3-4 inches of straw or wood chips will decrease the need for weeding and watering. The first year your seedlings may need some watering if less than 1” of rain per week is received. All of the plants we sell are hearty, healthy, and grown from seed collected in Iowa.



### **Please note our new address!!**

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891 62nd Street  
Marion, IA 52302

Phone: 319-377-5960, Ext. 3

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## Linn Soil and Water Conservation District



## 2015 Native Wildflower & Prairie Grasses Order Form

All SWCD programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.



**ORDERS MUST  
BE RECEIVED BY  
March 23, 2015**

**Return order to:**

Linn SWCD, 891 62nd Street  
Marion, IA 52302

**Questions? Please contact Mary**

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All plants will be strictly top quality. Notify us as soon as possible of any shortage or if any stock is in poor condition. There is no survival guarantee on plants sold at these prices. Due to limited availability of some varieties, PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____, IA Zip _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

For office use only

ORDER NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* All plants are sold in 6-packs  
\$10.00 each \*\***

Forbes (Wildflowers)	Quantity
Bee Balm <i>Soil Type: wet-dry Height: 2-4' Color: Lavender Bloom: July-Aug</i>	
Black-Eyed Susan <i>Soil Type: med.-dry Height: 1-3' Color: Yellow Bloom: July-Aug</i>	
Butterfly Milkweed <i>Soil Type: med-dry Height: 2-3' Color: Orange Bloom: June-July</i>	
Cardinal Flower <i>Soil Type: wet-med. Height: 2-5' Color: Red Bloom: July-Sept</i>	
Great Blue Lobelia <i>Soil Type: wet-med Height: 1-4' Color: Blue Bloom: July-Oct</i>	
Pale Purple Coneflower <i>Soil Type: med-dry Height: 3' Color: Pink Bloom: May-June</i>	
Prairie Coreopsis <i>Soil Type: med. - dry Height: 1-3' Color: Yellow Bloom: June-July</i>	
Purple Coneflower <i>Soil Type: wet-dry Height: 4' Color: Purple Bloom: July-Sept</i>	
Showy Beardtongue <i>Soil Type: med. - dry Height: 12-30" Color: Purple Bloom: May-June</i>	
Smooth Aster <i>Soil Type: wet-dry Height: 3-5' Color: Blue Bloom: Aug-Sept</i>	
Wild Lupine <i>Soil Type: med-dry Height: 1-2' Color: Blue Bloom: May-July</i>	
Wild White Indigo <i>Soil Type: med.-dry Height: 3-6' Color: White Bloom: May-Aug</i>	



Grasses	Quantity
Big Bluestem <i>Soil Type: wet-dry Height: 3-8'</i>	
Indian Grass <i>Soil Type: medium-dry Height: 3-6'</i>	
Little Bluestem <i>Soil Type: dry-med. Height: 2-3'</i>	
Side-Oats Grama <i>Soil Type: wet-dry Height: 1-3'</i>	
Switch Grass <i>Soil Type: med.-dry Height: 3-5'</i>	
Quantity _____ X \$10.00 =	
<b>7% Sales Tax</b>	

This is a fundraiser for the Linn Soil and Water Conservation District. Funds raised are used to help educate individuals and the public on good water and soil conservation practices, offer scholarship opportunities to those pursuing careers in natural resource fields and much more.

**TERMS: Full payment is required at the time the order is placed. Plants will arrive in May and you will be contacted on the pickup time and location. Checks are payable to Linn SWCD.**