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| Sunnyside Up Pocket Prairie <sup>SM</sup> Gardens  |   |   |           |   |  |  |   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>SL<br>CA<br>MP   |    | <b>Wild Geranium<sup>^</sup></b> ( <i>Geranium maculatum</i> )  | 12"       | - Self seeds<br>- Easily divided<br>- Rhizomatous                 | - Host: Geranium Bud-worm & Whitemarked Tussock Moth<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds                                  | <br>     | -Purple<br>- Red fall foliage                   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>C<br>               |    | <b>Lanceleaf(leaved) Coreopsis<sup>^</sup> or Tickseed</b> ( <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> )<br>Note: Vigorous spread<br>-Critter resistant | 24"       | Perennial   | - Host: Wavy-lined Emerald moth<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds   | <br>     | Yellow  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>MP<br>              |    | <b>Butterfly Weed<sup>^</sup></b> ( <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> )<br>- Best in full sun<br>- Loved by many adult butterflies & gold finches | 24" - 36" | - Slow self-seeding (lacks the "milk" of other <i>Asclepias</i> ) | - Host: Monarch butterfly & Milkweed Tussock moth<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds                                     | <br>     | Orange/Red                                      |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>AC<br>              |   | <b>Sullivant's Milkweed<sup>^</sup> a/k/a Prairie Milkweed</b> ( <i>Asclepias sullivantii</i> )<br>- Taller than target plants            | 36" - 60" | - Rhizomatous<br>- Less aggressive than common milkweed           | - Host: Monarch butterfly & Milkweed Tussock m<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds<br>- Favorite of humming-birds, & bees | <br>     | - Fragrant Pink<br>- Red central vein on leaves |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>AC<br>MP   |  | <b>Swamp or Rose Milkweed<sup>^</sup></b> ( <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> )<br>- Taller than target plants<br>- Rain garden plant            | 48"       | - Reseeds   | - Host: Monarch & Swallowtail butterflies<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds   | <br> | Pink to Rose<br>- vanilla fragrance             |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>C<br>MP<br> |  | <b>Purple Cone Flower<sup>^</sup></b> ( <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> )<br>- Deer resistant<br>- Favorite of Goldfinches                      | 24" - 36" | - Perennial<br>- Self-seeds<br>- Easily divided                   | - Host: Silvery Checkerspot butterfly<br>- Caterpillars overwinter at base<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds            | <br> | Golden Red-Purple                               |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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| SU<br>HH<br>C<br>   |    | <b>Dotted Blazing Star ^</b><br><i>(Liatris punctata)</i><br>- Threatened   | 24"          | - Perennial<br>- Self-seeds<br>- Easily divided         | - Host: Rare Glorious<br>Flower Moth<br>- Attracts hummingbirds<br>& Hummingbird moths<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds | <br>     | - Rose to<br>lavender<br>- Speckled<br>leaves |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>              |    | <b>Dwarf Blazing Star^</b><br><i>(Liatris cylindracea)</i><br>- True Illinois native<br>- Threatened                                    | 12"-<br>18"  | - Perennial<br>- Self-seeds<br>- Easily divided         | - Host: Rare Glorious<br>Flower Moth<br>- Attracts hummingbirds<br>& Hummingbird moths<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds | <br>     | Rose/Purple<br>- Speckled<br>leaves           |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>SL<br>  |    | <b>Aromatic Aster^</b><br><i>(Aster oblongifolius)</i><br>- Foliage is aromatic<br>- Avoid hybrids - they tend<br>to be taller          | 12" -<br>24" | - Perennial<br>(Native of<br>Illinois)<br>- Rhizomatous | - Host: Silvery Checker-<br>spot butterfly & moth<br>species<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds                           | <br>     | Blue/<br>Purple                               |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>MP<br> |   | <b>Showy Goldenrod^</b><br><i>(Solidago speciosa )</i><br>- Not a source of hay fever<br>- Aggressive with watering<br>- Deer resistant | 24"-<br>36"  | - Perennial<br>- Rhizomatous<br>- Easily divided        | - Host: Goldenrod Flower<br>moth<br>- Attracts goldfinches &<br>some woodpeckers<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds       | <br>     | Yellow  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Half & Half Pocket Prairie <sup>SM</sup> Gardens   |   |   |              |   |   |  |   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>SL<br>MP<br>EB   |  | <b>Virginia Bluebells</b><br><i>(Mertensia virginica)</i><br>- Spring ephemeral<br>- Threatened species                                 | 12"-<br>24"  | - Self seeds<br>- Easily divided                        | - Early Nectar/pollen<br>- Early visual interest  | <br> | Blue  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>SL<br>EB   |  | <b>Celandine Poppy</b><br><i>(Stylophorum diphyllum)</i><br>- Mostly dormant by<br>summer<br>- Critter Resistant                        | 12"          | - Self seeds<br>(ants assist)                           | - Early Nectar/pollen/<br>seeds<br>- Early visual interest<br>- Threatened species                              | <br> | Yellow  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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| HH<br>MP<br>   |    | <b>Golden Alexanders<sup>^</sup></b><br>( <i>Zizia aurea</i> )<br>- Critter Resistnant                            | 18"-<br>36"  | -Slow self-<br>seeding                          | - Host: Ozark Woodland<br>& Black Swallowtail<br>butterflies<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds  | <br>     | Yellow                                       |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>EB   |    | <b>Midland Shooting Star</b><br>( <i>Dodecatheon meadia</i> )<br>- Spring Ephemeral<br>- Threatened species       | 12"          | - Self seeds<br>- Easily divided                | - Early pollen<br>- Early visual interest<br>- Attractive seed heads                   | <br>     | Pink, white,<br>lavender                     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>         |    | <b>Prairie Phlox<sup>^</sup>, Downy Phlox<sup>^</sup></b><br>( <i>Phlox pilosa</i> )                              | 12" -<br>24" | - Perennial                                     | - Host: Sphinx, Phlox &<br>Hummingbird Hawk<br>moths<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds          | <br>     | Eye Popping<br>Pink<br>- Red fall<br>foliage |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>         |   | <b>Bradbury's Bee Balm or<br/>Monarda<sup>^</sup></b><br>( <i>Monarda bradburiana</i> )<br>- Deer resistant       | 12" -<br>24" | - Self seeds<br>- Easily divided                | - Host: Gray Hairstreak<br>butterfly & Hermit<br>Sphinx moth<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds  | <br>     | - Eye-popping<br>Pink<br>- Purple<br>foliage |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>       |  | <b>Orange Cone Flower<sup>^</sup></b><br>( <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> )<br>- Do not confuse w. Black-<br>eyed Susan | 36"          | - Perennial<br>- Self-seeds<br>- Easily divided | - Host: Pearl Crescent<br>butterfly<br>- Attract gold finches<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds | <br> | Yellow-<br>Orange                            |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>MP<br> |  | <b>Blackeyed Susan<sup>^</sup></b><br>( <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> )<br>- Can be a bit aggressive                     | 18"-<br>24"  | - Biennial<br>- Self-seeds                      | - Host: Pearl Crescent,<br>Silvery Checkerspot<br>butterflies<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds | <br> | Yellow                                       |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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| HH<br>C<br> |    | <b>Blue Stem Goldenrod<sup>^</sup></b><br><i>(Solidago caesia)</i><br>- Well behaved woodland species<br>- Does not cause hay fever   | 36"       | - Loose clump forming  | - Nectar/pollen/seeds at key time of year<br>- Attracts woodpeckers<br>- Winter interest from bluish stems | <br>     | Yellow                                    |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Shady Lady Pocket Prairie <sup>SM</sup> Gardens  |   |   |           |  |  |  |   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SL<br>      |    | <b>Woodland Phlox a/k/a Wild Blue Phlox<sup>^</sup></b><br><i>(Phlox divaricata)</i><br>- Deer but not rabbit resistant               | 12" - 15" | - Rhizomatous  | - Host: Sphinx, Phlox & Hummingbird Hawk moths<br>- Attracts hummingbirds<br>- Nectar/seeds                | <br>     | Deep Blue                                 |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SL<br>      |    | <b>Bride's Feathers/ Goatsbeard</b><br><i>(Aruncus dioicus)</i><br>- Can become tall<br><i>Courtesy Missouri Botanical Garden)</i>    | 24" - 60" | - Self seeds<br>- Easily divided                                   | - Host: Dusky Azure Butterfly<br>- Early Nectar/pollen<br>- Early visual interest                          | <br>     | Pink, white, lavender                     |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SL   |   | <b>Solomon's Seal</b><br><i>(Polygonatum biflorum)</i>  | 12" - 36" | - Self seeds<br>- Easily divided                                   | - Early Pollen/nectar/ black berries in fall<br>- Early visual interest                                    | <br>     | Greenish White                            |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SL   |  | <b>Canadian Wild Ginger</b><br><i>(Asarum canadense)</i>  | 6" - 12"  | - Perennial<br>- Easily divided<br>- Rhizomatous                   | Alternative to hosta in shady areas  | <br> | Dark red/ brown (hidden under its leaves) |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Sunny Container Pocket Prairie <sup>SM</sup> Gardens   |   |   |           |  |  |  |   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| C<br>     |  | <b>Purple Poppymallow</b><br><i>(Callirhoe involucrata)</i><br>'- Nectar for foliage protecting insects, like ants & ladybird beetles | 6" - 12"  | - Self-seeding<br>- Long tap root makes it difficult to transplant | - Host: Gray Hairstreak butterfly<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds   | <br> | Showy pink or deep magenta                |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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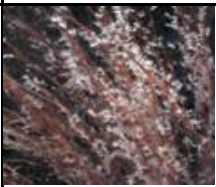


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| C   |    | <b>Prairie Alumroot</b><br><i>(Heuchera richardsonii)</i>  | 24"     | - Perennial   | - Nectar/pollen/seeds<br>- Attracts butterflies & bees   | <br>     | - Cream to Green<br>- Tall flower stalk (3') - orange tip |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Native Grasses  |   |  |         |   |  |  |   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>C   |    | <b>Prairie Drop Seed</b><br><i>(Sporobolus heterolepis)</i><br>- Native Americans ground its seeds for flour           | 36"     | - Tussock-forming<br>- Slow to establish & reseed       | - Seeds<br>- Warm weather grass<br>- Winter interest - golden hued                                     | <br>     | Green<br>-Coppery pink in winter                          |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>          |    | <b>Switch Grass</b><br><i>(Panicum virgatum)</i><br>- Rain garden friendly<br>- Black Walnut tolerant                  | 36"-48" | - Clump forming<br>- Aggressive reseeder in sunny spots | - Several species of Skipper butterflies<br>- Warm weather grass<br>- Winter interest/seeds            | <br>     | Purple tinged<br>-Coppery pink in winter                  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| -HH<br>- SL<br> |   | <b>Bottlebrush Grass</b><br><i>(Elymus hystrix)</i><br>-Can be planted under Black Walnut trees<br>- Cool season grass | 30"-48" | Clump forming   | - Host: Northern pearly - eye butterfly<br>- Winter interest<br>- Seeds                                | <br>     | Pale Green<br>-Golden Brown in fall                       |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>MP<br>  |  | <b>River Oats</b><br><i>(Chasmanthium or Uniola latifolium[a])</i><br>- Attractive in floral displays                  | 24"-36" | - Clump forming<br>- Can be aggressive when happy       | - Host: Northern pearly - eye & Skipper butterflies<br>- Warm weather grass<br>- Winter interest/Seeds | <br> | Pale Green<br>-Golden Brown in fall                       |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| HH<br>C   |  | <b>Little Bluestem Grass</b><br><i>(Schizachyrium scoparium)</i>   | 36"     | Reseeds in sunny spots                                  | - Winter interest<br>- Warm weather grass<br>- Seeds   | <br> | Green<br>-Coppery pink in winter                          |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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












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| The Alley Cats Pocket Prairie <sup>SM</sup> Gardens  |   |  |             |  |  |  |  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>C<br>MP<br> |    | <b>Blue Wild Indigo</b><br><i>(Baptisia australis)</i><br>- Member of pea family<br>- Self fertilizing                                   | 48"         | - Forms small shrub shape<br>- Clump forming w. deep roots | - Host: Marine Blue Butterfly and more<br>- Nectar for dozens of butterfly species<br>- Winter interest - pods | <br>     | Deep Blue                                      |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>            |    | <b>Common Milkweed<sup>^</sup></b><br><i>(Asclepias syriaca)</i><br>- Very fragrant<br>- Vigorous spreader<br>- Emerges late - mark site | 36"-<br>60" | - Hard to transplant<br>- Rhizomatous & reseeds            | - Host: Monarch butterfly<br>- Nectar for dozens of butterfly species<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds                 | <br>     | Dusty Rose/<br>Lavender                        |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>MP<br>      |    | <b>Sweet Joe Pye Weed<sup>^</sup></b><br><i>(Eupatorium purpureum)</i><br>- Vigorous spreader<br>- Aromatic<br>- Name: Native Am. Healer | 36"-<br>78" | - Clump forming<br>- Reseeds                               | - Host: 36 butterfly species & nectar for even more butterflies<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds<br>- Winter interest  | <br>     | Dusty Rose<br>Pink                             |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>MP<br>     |   | <b>New England Aster<sup>^</sup></b><br><i>(Aster novae-angliae)</i><br>- Deer resistant<br>- Cut back in spring for compact plants      | 48"-<br>60" | - Aggressive reseeder                                      | - Host: Silvery Checkerspot butterfly<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds   | <br>     | Deep purple<br>- Lower leaves naturally dry up |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>MP<br>    |  | <b>Big Bluestem</b><br><i>(Andropogon gerardii)</i><br>- Provides sense of place   | 36"-<br>84" | - Aggressive reseeder                                      | Host: Skipper Butterfly<br>- Pollen/seeds<br>- Warm weather grass<br>- Winter interest<br>- Screening          | <br> | Bronze to<br>Brown                             |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>          |  | <b>Indian Grass</b><br><i>(Sorghastrum nutans)</i>   | 60"-<br>72" | - Aggressive reseeder                                      | Host: Skipper Butterfly<br>- Pollen/seeds<br>- Warm weather grass<br>- Winter interest<br>- Screening          | <br> | Bronze to<br>Brown                             |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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| AC<br>       |  | <b>Compass Plant</b><br>( <i>Silphium laciniatum</i> )<br>- Leaves tend to orient themselves on a north-south axis                  | 60" - 96"  | - Aggressive reseeder<br>- Choose spot well; hard to remove | Host: Gorgone checker-spot & some moths<br>- Nectar/Pollen/seeds<br>- Winter interest<br>- Screening | <br> | Yellow       |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>       |  | <b>Cup Plant</b><br>( <i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> )<br>- It's leaves form a cup<br>- Nature's combo of bird feeder and water source | 36" - 96"  | - Tendency to form dense colonies                           | Host: Gorgone checker-spot & some moths<br>- Nectar/Pollen/seeds<br>- Winter interest<br>- Screening | <br> | Yellow       |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| AC<br>MP<br> |  | <b>Prairie Dock</b><br>( <i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i> )<br>- Rabbit resistant   | 36" - 108" | - Aggressive reseeder<br>- Choose spot well; hard to remove | Host: Gorgone checker-spot & some moths<br>- Nectar/Pollen/seeds<br>- Winter interest<br>- Screening | <br> | Yellow       |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**The Mudpuppy Pocket Prairie<sup>SM</sup> Garden - A Water Detention Garden\*\***

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|---|---|--|-----|--|---|--|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SU<br>MP<br>        |   | <b>Ohio Goldenrod<sup>^</sup></b><br>( <i>Solidago ohioensis</i> )<br>- Does not cause hay fever                             | 36" | - Self-seeds<br>- Divide root ball                               | - Host: 115 butterfly/moth species: nectar for more insects<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds<br>- Winter interest | <br>     | Yellow      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>MP<br> |  | <b>Great Blue Lobelia</b><br>( <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> )<br>- Deer resistant  | 36" | - Self-seeds w. help<br>- Divide basal rosette in spring         | Host: 4 butterfly/moth species<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds   | <br> | Blue        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>MP<br> |  | <b>Cardinal Flower</b><br>( <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> )<br>- Deer resistant<br>- Well suited for pollination by hummingbirds | 48" | - Self-seeds w. help<br>- Divide basal rosette in spring or fall | Host: 4 butterfly/moth species<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds   | <br> | Scarlet Red |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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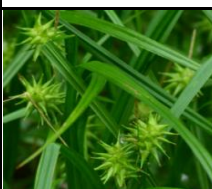













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|  |   |  |             |  |  |  |  | A                  | M | J | J | A | S | O |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>SH<br>MP<br>  |    | <b>Calico Aster<sup>^</sup></b><br><i>(Aster lateriflorus)</i><br>- Named after the variety of<br>colors of its blossoms | 24"         | - Self-seeds<br>- Rhizomatous<br>- May form<br>colonies                      | Host: 112 butterfly/<br>moth species<br>- Nectar/pollen/seeds  | <br>     | White  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>MP<br>        |    | <b>Common Bur Sedge</b><br><i>(Carex grayi)</i><br>- Attractive in fresh and dried<br>flower arrangements                | 36"         | - May self-seed<br>in fall or can<br>be divided in<br>spring                 | Host: 36 butterfly/<br>moth species, incl.<br>Skipper Butterflies<br>- Seeds & winter interest<br>- Cool season grower | <br>     | Green, spiked<br>seed heads;<br>semi-<br>evergreen<br>leaves |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>MP<br>EB   |    | <b>Prairie or Wild Hyacinth</b><br><i>(Camassia scilloides)</i><br>- Spring ephemeral<br>- Fragrant                      | 12"-<br>24" | - Self-seeds<br>- Bulbs  | - Early Nectar/Pollen<br>- Early visual interest   | <br>     | Pale blue-<br>violet   |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>HH<br>MP<br>EB<br> |   | <b>Blue Flag Iris</b><br><i>(Iris versicolor)</i>  | 24"-<br>36" | - Divide shortly<br>after flowering<br>every 2-3 years<br>- Rhizomatous      | Host: 17 butterfly/moth<br>species<br>- Early Nectar/Pollen<br>- Early visual interest                                 | <br>     | Shades of<br>purple w.<br>yellow on the<br>falls             |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| SU<br>MP<br>            |  | <b>Turtlehead</b><br><i>(Chelone Glabra)</i><br>- Pinch back stem ends in<br>spring to reduce mature plant<br>height     | 24"-<br>60" | - Forms clumps<br>- Self-seeds<br>- Divide when<br>dormant in<br>spring/fall | Host: Baltimore<br>Checkerspot butterfly<br>- Nectar/Pollen  | <br> | Cream with<br>pink tinge                                     |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

\*\*A water detention garden - "rain" garden - must be able to absorb the water coming off a sidewalk or from downspouts within two days. For best results, these gardens should be at least 10 feet from a building foundation and positioned to capture the run-off. Wild Ones' website has very good information on creating a water detention garden that is typical of the clay soils in this area: [www.wildones.org/download/rainclay/rainclay.html](http://www.wildones.org/download/rainclay/rainclay.html)

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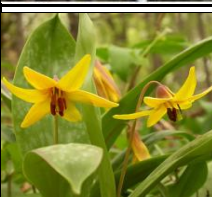



















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| The Early Birds Pocket Prairie <sup>SM</sup> Garden |   |   |             |  |   |   |                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| EB<br>HH<br>SL                                      |    | <b>Blood Root</b><br><i>(Sanguinaria canadensis)</i><br>- Spring Ephemeral (foliage<br>may stay til frost)<br>- Critter resistant | 4" -<br>12" | - Rhizomatous  | - Early pollen (not a<br>nectar source)<br>- May bloom as early as<br>February)           | <br><br>   | White           |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| EB<br>SU<br>HH                                      |    | <b>Pasque Flower/Wild Crocus</b><br><i>(Pulsatilla patens or Anemone<br/>patens)</i><br>- Critter resistant                       | 6"-<br>12"  | - Slowly self-<br>seeds<br>- Expands<br>slowly                     | - Early Nectar/pollen   | <br><br>   | Blue-Violet     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| EB<br>HH<br>SL                                      |    | <b>Yellow Trout Lily</b><br><i>(Erythronium americanum)</i><br>- Spring Ephemeral<br>- Critter resistant<br>- Threatened species  | 6" -<br>10" | - Corms (may<br>send out<br>stolons to<br>establish new<br>plants) | - Early pollen/nectar   | <br><br>   | Yellow          |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| EB<br>SL  |   | <b>White Trout Lily</b><br><i>(Erythronium albidum)</i><br>- Spring Ephemeral<br>- Critter resistant<br>- Threatened species      | 6" -<br>10" | - Corms (may<br>send out<br>stolons to<br>establish new<br>plants) | - Early pollen/nectar   | <br><br>   | White           |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| EB<br>HH<br>SL                                      |  | <b>Sharp-lobed Hepatica,<br/>Liverwort</b><br><i>(Hepatica nobilis var.acuta)</i><br>- Critter resistant                          | 6"          | - Self-seeds   | - Early pollen/seeds<br>- Three-lobed evergreen<br>leaves may last thru<br>winter         | <br><br>   | White           |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| EB<br>SU<br>HH<br>SL                                |  | <b>American Columbine</b><br><i>(Aquilegia canadensis)</i><br>- Spring Ephemeral<br>- Critter resistant                           | 24"         | - Freely self<br>seeds<br>- Easily divided                         | Host: Columbine Duskywing<br>butterfly<br>- Early Nectar/pollen<br>- Hummingbird friendly | <br><br><br><br> | Red-Yellow      |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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| EB<br>SU<br>HH |    | <b>Prairie Smoke</b><br><i>(Geum triflorum)</i><br>- Spring Ephemeral<br>- Critter resistant<br>- Threatened species                          | 4" -<br>16" | - Rhizomatous<br>- Easily divided<br>- Tolerates wet<br>soil, but not<br>winter wet | - Early Nectar/pollen<br>- Forms feathery seed-<br>heads     | <br>     | Pink-Redish<br>Purple |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| EB<br>HH<br>SL |    | <b>Large Flowered Trillium</b><br><i>(Trillium grandiflorum)</i><br>- Spring ephemeral<br>- Deer may eat the flowers                          | 12"-<br>24" | - Corm<br>- Self-seeds<br>slowly (ants<br>help)<br>- Rhizomatous                    | - Early pollen/nectar/<br>seeds                              | <br>     | White                 |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| EB<br>HH<br>SL |    | <b>Red Trillium</b><br><i>(Trillium erectum)</i><br>- Spring ephemeral<br>- Deer may eat the flowers  | 12"-<br>18" | - Corm<br>- Self-seeds<br>(ants help)<br>- Rhizomatous                              | - Early pollen/nectar/<br>seeds                              | <br>     | Red-purple            |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| EB<br>HH<br>EB |   | <b>Yellow Wakerobin Trillium</b><br><i>(Trillium luteum)</i><br>- Spring ephemeral<br>- Deer may eat the flowers                              | 12"-<br>24" | - Corms<br>- Self-seeds<br>(ants help)<br>- Rhizomatous                             | - Early pollen/nectar/<br>seeds<br>- Has lemon oil fragrance | <br>     | Pale yellow           |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| EB<br>SU<br>HH |  | <b>Prairie Sundrops</b><br><i>(Oenothera pilosella)</i><br>- Rabbits may eat foliage<br>Note: May be aggressive<br>under favorable conditions | 24"         | - Rhizomatous<br>(easily con-<br>trolled due to<br>shallow roots<br>system)         | - Early pollen/nectar/<br>seeds                              | <br> | Yellow                |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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