



12th Annual Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 6, 2017

New Hours: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bunker Interpretive Center, West Entrance
1750 East Beltline Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
www.calvin.edu/go/preserve
(616) 526-7600

The majority of our plants are two or three years old, have survived a winter, and have solid root balls.

Plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not offer early sales but do continue to sell plants throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Our stock evolves as the season goes along. Connect with Julie at jw47@calvin.edu.

If you plan on purchasing many plants, it is helpful to bring your own boxes, little red wagons or luggage carts, and old towels to move the plants and keep your car clean.

Prices

We accept cash or checks only.

Small 4 Inch Pots: \$3 each | 3 pots for \$7.50 | flat of 18 pots for \$45

Large 6 Inch Pots: \$5 each | 4 pots for \$18 | flat of 8 pots for \$36

Proceeds benefit the educational programs at the Ecosystem Preserve. Thank you for your support!

We greatly appreciate all of the staff and volunteers who enable us to make this sale possible.



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Important Information about the List and Plants

The majority of plants at this sale were grown from seeds collected in West Michigan, and germinated in our greenhouses on campus by staff, college students and volunteers. Please be aware that we do not have a full-scale commercial nursery, and quantities and sizes available for a given species may be quite limited and not guaranteed. Other plants not listed may be also available the day of the sale; check our whiteboard at the sale for new additions.

Interested in large quantities of one or more species? If yes, check out our list of additional native plant sales and native plant growers on our website. At our sale, quantities of many species are limited, and we like as many people as possible to be able to try a variety of species.

Plant numbers below correspond to identification tags in the pots. Plants are sorted into their preferred growing conditions.

- 100s plant tags prefer dry and sunny conditions. (Commonly found on native prairies)
- 200s tags prefer shady conditions with various degrees of wetness. (Commonly found in woodlands or at the edge of woodlands)
- 300s tags prefer various degrees of wetness, and sunny to light shade conditions. (Commonly used in rain gardens or gardens that receive regular moisture.)
- 400s tags are aquatic plants that need their roots fully submerged in water.

Additional information and color photos about individual plant species for sale can be found on our website at:

www.calvin.edu/academic/eco-preserve/newsandevents/NativePlantSale.html.

New this Year –More Resource

Professionals will be Onsite the Day of the Sale to Answer Questions

New to native plant gardening or just need more information? Along with CCEP staff, River City Wild One members, Kent Conservation District staff and volunteers, Master Naturalists and members of the new Native Plant Guild will be onsite to answer your questions about which plants to use where, how to get rid of invasive species, where to find professional landscape designers and where to find additional native plant species. Additional resources are found on our website.

Make a Day at Calvin and Celebrate Local Sustainable Agriculture at the Mad Farmer Food Fest

Saturday, May 6 10 am -2 pm

DeVos Communication Center (Just south of the BIC)

\$6 advance, \$8 at the door

Guest speakers Luke Eising of Provision Family Farms and Levi Gardner of Urban Roots.

Lunch by Brick Road Pizza, live music by The Maybe Laters

More info at calvin.edu/go/madfarmer

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Prairie Plants (Dry & Sunny)

Plant #	Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Sun	Moisture	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Attributes & Notes
<i>Grasses, Sedges & Rushes</i>								
101	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big bluestem	5-7 ft	○	Varied	July - August	Green	This tall plant is often burgundy colored in the fall. Provides cover, nesting, and food for wildlife. Larval host for butterflies.
106	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side oats grama	1-2 ft	○	♀	August- October	Yellow	A hardy, medium-sized bunch grass that produces interesting side-flowering stalks in late summer.
NEW! 103	<i>Bromus kalmii</i>	Prairie Brome	2-3 ft	◐	♂♂♂	July- August	Green	Short lived perennial. Beautiful wheat like seeds. Source of food for birds and small mammals.
107	<i>Carex brevior</i>	Plains oval sedge	1-3 ft	○	♂	May - June	Green	Spiked flower heads turn a reddish-brown color in late June. Prefers sandy soil.
108	<i>Carex muhlenbergii</i>	Sand bracted sedge	1-2 ft	◐	♂	May-June	Green	Provides food for birds.
113	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple love grass	Up to 1 ft	○	♀	June -July	Green	This drought-tolerant grass has foliage that turns red in the fall. Seed heads break off and "tumble". Seeds are eaten by birds.
114	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	June grass	Up to 2 ft	○	♂	May- June	Green	Tight tufts of leaves. Considered a cool season grass. Food source for a variety of insects such as grasshoppers. Prefers sandy soil.
115	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	4-5 ft	◐	Varied	July - August	Green	Great grass for landscaping. Important food for birds. Larval host for butterflies.
116	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little bluestem	1-3 ft	○	Varied	August	Green	Used as cover, nesting, and food for wildlife. Larval host for butterflies. Attractive through winter.
117	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian grass	4-6 ft	○	Varied	August	Green	A handsome grass with chestnut brown seed heads emerging in late summer. Seeds eaten by birds. Larval host for butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies.
NEW! 184	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie dropseed	2-3 ft	○	♂♂	August-September	Pink	Showy warm season grass. Leaves form large round tufts that do not flatten under snow. Wide range of soils including clay.
<i>Wildflowers</i>								
119	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding wild onion	1-2 ft	◐	♂♂	July- August	Pink	Small flower clusters face downwards as if nodding. Onion-like scent. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
121	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	Thimbleweed	1-2 ft	○	♂	June -July	White	Thimble-like fruits develop during the summer, then transform into cottony tufts during the fall
125	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed	1-2 ft	○	♂	July	Orange	Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Larval host for butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies. Monarch approved.
180	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Whorled milkweed	1-2 ft	○	♂	July -August	White	Excellent plant for nutrient-poor sites. Leaves are thin and thread-like. Stems are usually unbranched. Very important host and nectar plant for many insects. Monarch approved.
123	<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	Wormwood	4 in - 3 ft	○	♂	July -September	Green	Grows on Michigan's sand dunes. The plant has silvery blue-green foliage. Prefers sandy soil.
129	<i>Campanula americana</i>	Tall bellflower	2-5 ft	◐	♂♂	July - August	Blue	Annual or biennial that self-sows. Attracts hummingbirds.
130	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaved coreopsis	1-2 ft	○	♂	June -August	Yellow	Persistent prairie perennial. Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
131	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall coreopsis	5-7 ft	◐	Varied	July - September	Yellow	Attracts birds & butterflies.
NEW! 109	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pale purple coneflower	2-4 ft	◐	♂♂	June - July	Pale purple	Attracts birds, bees, & butterflies. Deer tolerant. Mix with native grasses and flowers.
132	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple coneflower	2-4 ft	○	♂	June- August	Purple with orange center	An easy-to-grow plant. Has big showy flowers. Attracts butterflies & birds. Provides nectar for butterflies.
133	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild strawberry	Under 1 ft	◐	Varied	May	White	Provides an attractive groundcover. Fruit eaten by birds & mammals. Larval host for butterflies. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
137	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	Round-headed bush clover	2- 5 ft	○	♂♂♂	August- September	White	Adds nitrogen to soil. Drought resistant. Provides nectar for insects and seeds for birds.
177	<i>Liatris scariosa</i>	Northern blazing star	2.5-5 ft	◐	♂	July - September	Pink	Prefers dry, sandy or rocky soils. Attracts birds, bees, & butterflies
142	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Horse mint	1.5-2.5 ft	○	♂	July - September	Yellow	Forms clumps with attractive flowers, attracts a wide variety of pollinators. Drought resistant. Prefers sandy soil.

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Prairie Plants (Dry & Sunny)

Plant #	Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Sun	Moisture	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Attributes & Notes
146	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow coneflower	4-6 ft	○	♀	July - August	Yellow with brown center	Great for cut flowers. Attracts birds & butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*. This plant profits from staking.
147	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	1-2 ft	○	♀	July - August	Yellow with black center	Great for cut flowers. Larval host for butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies.
148	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Black-eyed Susan	2-5 ft	◐●	♂♂♂	July - October	Yellow with black center	This biennial or short-lived perennial is easily grown in average, moist, well-drained soils in full sun. Allow to self-sow seeds for more plants. Flowers smaller than other similar species.
149	<i>Senecio plattensis</i>	Prairie ragwort	1-2 ft	○	♂	May-June	Yellow	Attractive, downy foliage. Pollinated by bees & butterflies.
150	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	Wild senna	3-4 ft	◐◐	♂♂♂	July-August	Yellow	Seed pods provide interest winter. Attracts bumblebees.
151	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	Rosinweed	4-6 ft	○	Varied	August - September	Yellow	Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies.
152	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass plant	3-10 ft	○	♂	July - September	Yellow	Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies.
153	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup plant	4-7 ft	○	Varied	July - September	Yellow	Large flowers. Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies. Opportunistic plant that colonizes aggressively without competition. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
155	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	Prairie dock	5-7 ft	○	Varied	July	Yellow	Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies.
158	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	Gray goldenrod	1.5-2 ft	○	♂	August- October	Yellow	Blooms later than other goldenrods and shorter in height than most goldenrod
159	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	Stiff goldenrod	2-4 ft	◐	♂	August - September	Yellow	Large, showy, flowers that bloom for many weeks. Soft gray leaves that resemble the plant Lambs ears. Does well next to pavement.
160	<i>Solidago simplex</i>	Gilman's goldenrod	1.5 ft	○	♂	July - August	Yellow	Attracts a wide variety of pollinating insects. Prefers sandy soil.
127	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i> (<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>)	New England aster	4-5 ft	○	Varied	September- October	Purple with orange center	Larval host for butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies. Attracts bees. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
128	<i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i> (<i>Aster oolentangiensis</i>)	Prairie heart-leaved aster	2-4 ft	○	♂	August - September	Blue with yellow center	Drought tolerant. Attracts butterflies & bees.
162	<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	Ohio spiderwort	2-4 ft	○	♂♂♂	May - July	Blue	Flower opens up for only one day. Forms clumps. Cut back to 6-12" in mid-summer to encourage new growth and a possible fall bloom.
163	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Hoary vervain	2-5 ft	○	♂	May - September	Blue-purple	Short-lived perennial. Self-seeds readily. The seeds are a food of birds and small mammals. Leaves are the larval host for the Common Buckeye Butterfly.
Shrubs, Trees and Vines								
164	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	1-3 ft	○	♂♂♂	June - August	Purple	Shrub. Larval host for butterflies.

Shade Plants

Plant #	Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Sun	Moisture	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Attributes & Notes
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes								
NEW! 201	<i>Bromus latiglumis</i>	Ear-leaved brome	1-3 ft	◐●	♂♂♂	July- August	Green	Cool season grass. Beautiful seeds.
NEW! 289	<i>Carex rosea</i>	Golden star sedge	1 ft	◐●	Varied	June	Green	Cool season grass. Great for landscaping, use as a groundcover. Fine narrow leaves.
214	<i>Cinna arundinacea</i>	Wood reed grass	3-5 ft	◐	♂♂♂	August - September	Green	Has grayish-green leaf blades up to 12 inches long. Flowers droop from stem.

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<i>Wildflowers</i>								
218	<i>Anemone virginiana</i>	Thimbleweed	1-2 ft	◐	♪-♫	June	White	This hardy plant provides clumped ground cover.
220	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild columbine	1-2 ft	◐	♪	June	Red & yellow	Showy flowers. Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Larval host for butterflies. Prefers sandy soil.
221	<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard	2-6 ft	Varied	♫	June- August	White	Flowers produce deep purple berries in late summer. Behaves more like a shrub and is an understory plant in woodland gardens. Allow room for it to grow. Prefers rich soil.
NEW! 209	<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>	Poke milkweed	3-6 ft	●	♫♫	June- August	Bicolored	Attracts butterflies and insects. Only native milkweed that does well in shade. Monarch approved.
285	<i>Aster cordifolius</i> x <i>A. sagittifolius</i>	Aster hybrid	2-3 ft	◐	♪-♫♫	July - September	Lavender	Special hybrid that was found and identified by Dr. Dave Warners here at Calvin.
222	<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i> (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)	Big-leaved aster	1-2 ft	◐	♪-♫	July - August	Violet	Provides a hearty ground cover in shaded areas. Larval host for butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies.
228	<i>Eupatorium Purpureum</i>	Woodland joe-pye	5-7 ft	◐	♫	July - September	Pink	Flowers are very attractive to butterflies. Flowers give way to attractive seed heads, which persist well into winter.
230	<i>Heracleum maximum</i>	Cow parsnip	3-10 ft	◐	♫♫	June - July	White	Flowers have sweet fragrance. Very tolerant plant that can be found in successional or climax communities. Prefers sandy loam soil. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
284	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	Alumroot	1-2 ft	◐	♫♫	May - June	Green	Open, mounding plant with leaves that turn shades of red to purple in the fall. Prefers rich, well-drained soil.
231	<i>Lysimachia cilata</i>	Fringed yellow-loosestrife	1-4 ft	●	♫♫	June - July	Yellow	Slightly toothed petals nod downwards.
232	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove beard-tongue	3-4 ft	◐	♫♫	June	White	Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Larval host for butterflies. Attracts bees & moths.
234	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Cut-leaved coneflower	4-8 ft	◐	♫♫	July - September	Yellow	Large flower attracts butterflies & bees.
239	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	Bluestem goldenrod	1-3 ft	Varied	♪-♫	August - October	Yellow	Provides nectar for butterflies. Attracts bees and flies.

Rain Plants (Varied Moisture & Sunny to Light Shade)

Plant #	Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Sun	Moisture	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Attributes & Notes
<i>Grasses, Sedges & Rushes</i>								
302	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Sedge	2-3 ft	○	♫♫♫	May - June	Green	A wide-leaved, clump-forming species that produces thick pendant spikes in late summer to fall.
303	<i>Carex crinita</i>	Sickle sedge	3-4 ft	Varied	♫♫♫	May	Green	A robust sedge with thin elongate drooping spikes emerging in late spring to early summer.
387	<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	Palm sedge	1-3 ft	◐	♫♫	May- June	Green	Native to woodland lowlands does best in moist shaded areas. Thrives in clay. Deer resistant.
308	<i>Carex prairea</i>	Prairie sedge	1-2 ft	○	♫♫♫	June - August	Green	This delicate, highly clumped sedge has narrow leaves, and is a long-lived perennial. Seeds are eaten by birds, especially waterfowl.
NEW! 307	<i>Spartina pectinata</i>	Prairie cord grass	4-7 ft	◐	♫♫♫	July -August	Yellow brown	Warm season grass. Spreads by rhizomes into large colonies. Deer resistant.
<i>Wildflowers</i>								
388	<i>Agastache nepetoides</i>	Giant Yellow Hyssop	3-6 ft	◐	♫♫	June- October	Greenish yellow	This robust plant is a member of the mint family. Native to moist open woods, thickets and woodland edges.
321	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Canada anemone	1-2 ft	◐	Varied	May - June	White	Makes an attractive ground cover. Opportunistic plant that colonizes aggressively without competition. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.

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322	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed	3-4 ft	◐	♫♫♫	July - August	Pink	Larval host for butterflies. Provides nectar for butterflies. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*. Monarch approved.
329	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White turtlehead	2-3 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫ - ♫♫♫♫	August - September	White	Attracts bumblebees.
334	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake master	2-4 ft	◐	Varied	July - August	White	Has button-like flowers & yucca-like leaves. Provides nectar for butterflies.
336	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common boneset	2-4 ft	○	♫♫♫	August - September	White	Delicate flowers attract butterflies & beetles.
335	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>)	Joe-pye weed	4-5 ft	○	♫♫♫	July - August	Pink	Dark purple stem and whorled leaves complement the flowers of this handsome plant. Provides nectar for butterflies.
337	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed	3-5 ft	○	♫♫♫	August	Yellow	Powdered disk flowers and leaves of this species have in the past been dried and used as snuff, thus giving rise to the common name of sneezeweed.
390	<i>Hypericum ascyron</i>	Great St. Johnswort	2-5 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫	July- August	Yellow	Herbaceous. Spreads by rhizomes and forms small colonies. Attracts bees.
341	<i>Iris virginica</i>	Southern Blue flag iris	2-3 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫♫	May - June	Blue	Perfect for water gardens, along streams or ponds or in low-lying areas that are subject to periodic flooding.
342	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Marsh blazing star	1.5-2.5 ft	○	♫♫♫	July - August	Pink	Extremely showy spiked flowers attract butterflies & bees. Prefers alkaline soil.
343	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	1-3 ft	◐◐●	♫♫♫	August	Red	Attracts hummingbirds. Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies.
344	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great blue lobelia	1-3 ft	◐	♫♫♫	June - July	Blue	Flower spikes. Attracts bees & hummingbirds. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
345	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Monkey flower	1-3 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫	June - September	Blue	Bumblebees visit the flower for nectar. Prefers rich soil.
346	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild bergamot	2-3 ft	○	Varied	August - September	Lavender	Attracts hummingbirds. Provides seed, fruit or nectar for birds. Provides nectar for butterflies. Easily cultivated and spreads. Opportunistic plant that colonizes aggressively without competition.
351	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Mountain mint	2-3 ft	○	♫♫♫	July - September	White	Great for butterfly garden, but can overwhelm other plants. Minty fragrance. Prefers humus-rich soil. Opportunistic plant that colonizes aggressively without competition.
352	<i>Ranunculus hispida</i>	Swamp Buttercup	1-3 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫	May - June	Yellow	Great ground cover.
353	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Black-eyed susan	1-2 ft	○	♫♫♫	July - August	Yellow-orange with black center	Great for cut flowers. Attracts butterflies.
356	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>	Ohio goldenrod	2-3 ft	○	♫♫♫	August - September	Yellow	Flat-topped flower heads attract butterflies & bees.
358	<i>Solidago riddellii</i>	Riddell's goldenrod	Up to 3 ft	○	♫♫♫	August - September	Yellow	Good for butterflies.
323	<i>Symphotrichum firmum</i> (<i>Aster firmus</i>)	Smooth swamp aster	2-8 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫♫	August - October	White with yellow center	Attracts butterflies & bees.
324	<i>Symphotrichum puniceum</i> (<i>Aster puniceus</i>)	Swamp aster	4-5 ft	○	♫♫♫♫	August - October	Blue with yellow center	Flower heads contrast the dark purple stem of this attractive, long-lived wetland perennial. Attracts bees and butterflies.
360	<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Tall meadow rue	4-5 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫	May - June	White	Features lacy, fine-textured, medium green, compound foliage (superficially resembling columbine or maidenhair fern). Good background plant in mass.
362	<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Missouri ironweed	3-6 ft	○	Varied	July - August	Magenta	Provides nectar for butterflies. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
363	<i>Veronicastum virginicum</i>	Culver's root	3-6 ft	○	♫♫♫	July - September	White	Excellent choice for middle or back of a garden bed. Provides nectar for butterflies. Attractive to honey bees & moths. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
364	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander	2-3 ft	◐◐●	♫♫♫	May - June	Yellow	Larval host for butterflies. Attracts bees & wasps. Attracts pollinator/predatory insects*.
Shrubs, Trees and Vines								
331	<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	Wild clematis	2 to 15 ft	○	♫♫♫	August - September	White	This native vine is a great plant for trellises, fences, or as an addition to any moist site. Flowers are pollinated by butterflies & moths.
373	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark	6-9 ft	◐◐	♫♫♫ - ♫♫♫♫	June - July	White	Shrub. Drought & salt tolerant. Can be used as a low hedge or in rock gardens. Prefers rocky soil. Provides nectar for butterflies.

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Caring for Your New Plants

- Keep plants in a shady spot and the soil moist until you can plant them in the ground. If the plants are really small, it may be best to let them continue to grow in their pots for several weeks before you plant them. This gives them more time to develop a strong root ball. When transporting them, try not to disturb the root ball too much.
- If a pot has multiple plants in it, do not spilt the root ball; instead, plant each pot as one single unit.
- Make sure you plant them in their preferred environment (i.e., shade, rain garden, or dry prairie)
- Water regularly at first until the plants are established. Once established, most native plants will thrive only on rainwater, but you can water them during dry spells if they look wilted.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are some of the plants so small?

Two reasons:

- Its spring, and even two year old native plants are typically small this time of year, especially grasses. With cool spring weather, many of our plants which were not place in the greenhouse are just starting to grow.
- Many native plant seedlings start small, but they do not stay small. Just give them time to grow! Many of them prefer to be out of their pots.

I can't attend the sale on Saturday. Do you sell plants after the sale?

We will sell plants after the sale to the public throughout the spring, summer, and fall. If interested, contact Julie Wilbourn at (616) 526-7602 to arrange a time to purchase the plants. Inventory is constantly changing. This list is just a guide. Sales take place during normal business hours, Monday - Friday.

Do you want the pots/tags/trays back?

Yes! Please consider recycling your green, black and orange plastic pots (from the preserve), tags, and trays for future plant sales. When you return these items to the Bunker Interpretive Center, please place them in the green barrel next to butterfly house - we'll reuse the good ones and recycle the old ones. **Please note, we are not able to use pots from other nurseries - depending on the type, those can be cleaned and placed in your city's recycle bins.**



KEY: ○-Full Sun, ◐-Partial Sun, ●-Full Shade ♪-Dry, ♪♪-Moderate, ♪♪♪-Moist, ♪♪♪♪-Wet

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