

Plants Used in Landscaping Around the Bunker Interpretive Center

	Height	Bloom dates	Flower color	Soil/light conditions	Comments/landscape use	Wildlife Use
Woody Plants						
American Hazelnut (<i>Corylus americana</i>)	8-10'	March-April	Brown-Green	Varied/full sun	Attractive shrub, produces nuts in summer	Cover, nesting & food
Highbush Cranberry (<i>Viburnum opulus</i> var. <i>americanum</i>)	4-8'	June-July	White	Moist/partial sun	Attractive shrub w/red winter berries	Birds & butterflies
Hop-tree (Wafer Ash) (<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>)	10-20'	June	Light green	Sandy/partial sun	Small tree, large-winged fruits, drought hardy	Bird nesting
Juneberry (<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>)	15-25'	April-May	White	Varied/partial sun	Attractive flowering tree, white spring flowers	Cover, nesting & food
Meadowsweet (<i>Spiraea alba</i>)	2-4'	July	White	Varied/full sun	Attractive white flowered spikes, aromatic	Butterflies, deer resistant
Ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)	3-8'	June-July	White	Moist/full sun	Attractive flowering shrub, great nectar source	Important nectaring plant
Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>)	To 25'	May	Pink	Varied/partial sun	Attractive flowering tree, pink spring flowers	Leaves used by wasps
Red Osier Dogwood (<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>)	3-8'	June	White	Moist/full sun	Attractive shrub/red bark and white flowers	Butterfly pollinated
River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>)	40-60'	April-May	Brown-Green	Moist/partial sun	Small tree, peeling bark, streamside stabilizer	Nesting habitat
Staghorn Sumac (<i>Rhus typhina</i>)	10-20'	June	Green	Varied/full sun	Open shrub-beautiful fall color	Birds eat berries
Swamp rose (<i>Rosa palustris</i>)	4-6'	June-August	Pink	Moist/full sun	Bright pink flowers, loves saturated soils	Bee pollinated, rose hips
Trembling Aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>)	30-60'	May-June	Brown-Green	Varied/full sun	Attractive tree with yellow fall foliage	Nesting habitat
Virginia Creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>)	<2'	June	White	Varied/partial sun	Climbing vine/ground cover, red fall foliage	Purple berries in fall
Winged Sumac (<i>Rhus copallina</i>)	10-20"	July	Green	Sandy/full sun	Open shrub/beautiful fall color, drought tolerant	Berries eaten by birds
Grasses and Sedges:						
Big Bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	5-7'	August	N/A	Varied/full sun	Tall, often burgundy color in the fall	Cover, nesting & food
Broom Sedge (<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>)	2'	August-Sept	N/A	Dry/full sun	Tawny brown fall color, white plumed seeds	Cover, nesting
Bottlebrush Grass (<i>Hystrix patula</i>)	3-5'	July-August	Straw colored	Moist/partial sun	Attractive seed head, spiky look	Seeds eaten by birds
Canada Wild Rye (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>)	2-4'	July	N/A	Dry/full sun	Attractive, wheat-like seed head, curved awns	Cover, nesting & food
Fringed Brome Grass (<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>)	2-4'	June-July	Light brown	Moist/sun	Seed head arches over, turns light brown	Cover, nesting & food
Indian Grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	4-6'	August	N/A	Varied/partial sun	Attractive seed head	Cover, nesting & food
Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	2-4'	August	N/A	Varied/full sun	Easily cultivated, attractive through winter	Cover, nesting & food
Purple-top Grass (<i>Tridens flavus</i>)	2-4'	July-August	Dark purple	Moist/full sun	A hardy grass with attractive purplish flowers	Food for birds
Side-oats Grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	1.5-2'	August-Sept	N/A	Dry/full sun	Flowers all on one side of spike, dry habitats	Food for birds
Switch Grass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	5-6'	August	Straw colored	Varied/partial sun	Graceful open seedhead, in large clumps	Important food for birds
Tussock sedge (<i>Carex stricta</i>)	1.5-2'	May-June	Dark brown	Wet/full sun	Dark seeds, deep green foliage, in clumps	Nesting for wetland birds
Sickle sedge (<i>Carex crinita</i>)						
Green Bulrush (<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>)	3-5'	July-August	Brown-black	Wet/full sun	Dark spherical seed heads, saturated soils	Food for birds
Woolgrass (<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>)	4-6'	July-August	Light brown	Wet/full sun	Drooping light brown seed heads, in clumps	Nesting for wetland birds
Perennial Wildflowers:						
Asters:						
Flat-topped aster (<i>Aster umbellatus</i>)	3-6'	Fall	White/violet	Moist/full sun	Good for rain gardens, bright white flowers	Butterflies and bees
Large-leaved Aster (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)	2-3'	Fall	Light purple	Varied/shade	Attractive flowering plant, hardy ground cover	Bees
New England Aster (<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>)	4-5'	Late fall	Purple/red	Varied/full sun	Provides beautiful fall color	Butterflies and bees
Smooth Swamp Aster (<i>Aster firmus</i>)	4-5'	Fall	White	Moist/full sun	Spreads by rhizomes, bright white flowers	Butterflies and bees
Smooth Aster (<i>Aster laevis</i>)	1-4'	Late fall	Blue/violet	Dry/full Sun	Attractive blue flowers, drought tolerant	Butterflies and bees
Swamp aster (<i>Aster puniceus</i>)	3-6'	Fall	Blue/violet	Wet/full sun	Attractive flowering plant	Butterflies and bees
Prairie Heart-leaved Aster (<i>Aster oolentangiensis</i>)	3-5'	Late fall	Blue/violet	Dry/full sun	Bright purple flowers, drought tolerant	Butterflies and bees
Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>)	1-2'	July-August	Yellow	Moist/full sun	Great for cut flowers, orange-yellow color	Butterflies
Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	1-2'	July-August	Yellow	Dry/full sun	Great for cut flowers, bright yellow color	Butterflies
Blue Vervain (<i>Verbena hastata</i>)	4-6'	August-Sept	Blue	Moist/full sun	Blue flower spikes, biennial	Bees

Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	1-2'	July	Orange	Dry/full sun	Attractive orange flower	Butterflies
Common Boneset (<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>)	2-4'	August-Sept	White	Moist/full sun	Good for rain gardens, delicate white flowers	Butterflies and beetles
Canada anemone (<i>Anemone canadensis</i>)	1-2'	June	White	Varied/partial sun	Attractive groundcover, white flowers in spring	Bees
Cardinal Flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>)	2-2.5'	August	Scarlet	Moist/full sun-shade	Showy flowers, thrives in saturated soil	Hummingbirds
Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)	1-2'	June	Red/yellow	Dry/partial sun	Showy flowers, best in sandy soils	Hummingbirds
Common Blue Violet (<i>Viola sororia</i>)	<1'	May	Deep blue	Varied/shade	Easily cultivated, spreading ground cover	Bees
Common Cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla simplex</i>)	1-2'	June-July	Yellow	Dry/full sun	Attractive groundcover, drought tolerant	Bees
Common Milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	3-5'	July	Creamy white	Dry/full sun	Hardy once established, drought tolerant	Butterflies - Monarchs
Compass Plant (<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>)	6-8'	August	Bright yellow	Dry/full sun	Long-lived, deep rooted, peculiar stiff leaves	Great food for birds
Culver's Root (<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>)	4-6'	July-August	White	Varied/partial sun	Long white flower spikes, black seed heads	Butterflies and wasps
Cup Plant (<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>)	4-7'	August-Sept	Yellow	Varied/full sun	Tall plant w/large yellow flowers	Great food for birds
Cut-leaved coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia lacinata</i>)	4-8'	July-Sept	Yellow	Moist/full sun-shade	Large flower with drooping yellow rays	Butterflies and bees
Goldenrods						
Bog Goldenrod (<i>Solidago uliginosa</i>)	3-4'	August-Sept	Yellow	Moist/full sun	Showy yellow flower spikes	Butterflies and bees
Bluestem Goldenrod (<i>Solidago caesia</i>)	1-3'	July-August	Yellow	Varied/shade	Flowers grow in leaf axils	Bees and flies
Old Field Goldenrod (<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>)	1-2'	August-Sept	Yellow	Dry/full sun	Showy yellow flower spikes, drought tolerant	Butterflies and bees
Ohio goldenrod (<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>)	2-3'	August-Sept	Yellow	Moist/full sun	Flat-topped flower heads, deep yellow color	Butterflies and bees
Showy Goldenrod (<i>Solidago speciosa</i>)	3-5'	Sept-October	Yellow	Varied/partial sun	Large, showy flower spike	Butterflies and bees
Stiff Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>)	2-5'	August-Sept	Yellow	Dry/partial sun	Large, showy, flat-topped flower head	Butterflies and bees
Zigzag Goldenrod (<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>)	1-3'	August-Sept	Yellow	Moist/shade	Small flowers arising from leaf axils	Bees and flies
Great Blue Lobelia (<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>)	1-3'	June-July	Blue	Moist/partial sun	Forms attractive blue flower spikes	Bees and hummingbirds
Hairy beard-tongue (<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>)	1-3'	June	Lavender	Varied/full sun	Interesting tubular flowers	Bees
Late Figwort (<i>Scrophularia marylandica</i>)	3-6'	August-Sept	Green/brown	Varied/sun-shade	Tall plant w/inconspicuous flowers	Wasps
Lance-leaved Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>)	1-2'	June-July	Yellow	Dry/full sun	Easily cultivated, good cut flowers	Birds and butterflies
Mountain Mint (<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>)	2-3'	August-Sept	White	Varied/partial sun	Fragrant cut flowers, good for drying	Wasps and beetles
Missouri ironweed (<i>Vernonia missurica</i>)	3-6'	July-August	Magenta	Varied/full sun	Attractive plant, suitable for rain gardens	Butterflies
Pickerelweed (<i>Pontederia cordata</i>)	1-3'	July	Blue	Wet/full sun	Aquatic plant with light purple spikes	Bees
Prairie Dock (<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>)	5-7'	July	Yellow	Varied/full sun	Large leaves, numerous flowerheads	Great food for birds
Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	2-4'	July	Pink/orange	Dry/full sun	Showy flowerheads, easy to grow	Butterflies and birds
Rattlesnake Master (<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>)	2-4'	July-August	White	Varied/partial sun	Button-like flowerhead, yucca-like leaves	Butterflies
Showy Tick-trefoil (<i>Desmodium canadense</i>)	2-4'	July	Magenta	Moist/full sun-shade	Bright flowers, nitrogen fixing species	Bees and hummingbirds
Southern Blue-flag Iris (<i>Iris virginica</i>)	2-3'	June	Blue/purple	Wet/partial sun	Beautiful flower, suitable for rain gardens	Bees
Swamp Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	3-4'	July-August	Pink/purple	Moist/partial sun	Beautiful flower, suitable for rain gardens	Butterflies
Sweet Flag (<i>Acorus calamus</i>)	2-3'	May-June	Green/yellow	Wet/partial sun	Sword-like leaves, suitable for wet areas	Flies
Tall coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>)	5-8"	August-Sept	Yellow	Varied/partial sun	Flowers have anise fragrance	Birds and butterflies
Tall sunflower (<i>Helianthus giganteus</i>)	4-8"	August-Sept	Yellow	Moist/partial sun	Large flowers, showy plant	Birds and butterflies
Sneezeweed (<i>Helenium autumnale</i>)	3-5'	August-Sept	Yellow	Moist/full sun	Hardy in moist areas, winged stems	Birds and butterflies
Water Plantain (<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>)	1-2'	July-August	White	Wet/full sun	Good for pond borders	Flies
Wild ginger (<i>Asarum canadense</i>)	<1'	May	Purple	Varied/shade	Attractive groundcover in sandy shaded areas	Beetles
Wild Strawberry (<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>)	<1'	May	White	Varied/partial sun	Attractive groundcover	Birds/mammals eat fruit
Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)	2-3'	August-Sept	Violet	Varied/full sun	Easily cultivated, spreads	Hummingbirds/butterflies
Yellow Coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	4-6'	July-August	Yellow	Dry/full sun	Attractive cut flowers, profits from staking	Birds and butterflies