

# Field Museum Rice Foundation Native Gardens

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Installed in 2016–2017, the sustainable landscaping on the southern terraces of the Museum highlights plants native to Illinois—the same species that grow wild in our prairies and woodlands—and transforms the Museum into an urban haven for butterflies, bees, wasps, birds, and other animals. These native gardens add another link to the inspiring corridor of restored prairie taking shape along the Chicago lakeside and serve as a living exhibit that extends the Museum’s mission of discovery outdoors, where visitors and passersby can learn about local biodiversity and the Museum’s work in conservation, ecology, and climate change.

☀ Full sun, ☀ Part shade



Nodding Wild Onion  
*Allium cernuum*  
☀☀ July–August (18 in.)



Swamp Milkweed  
*Asclepias incarnata*  
☀☀ June–August (4 ft.)



Butterfly Weed  
*Asclepias tuberosa*  
☀☀ June–August (2 ft.)



New England Aster  
*Aster novae-angliae*  
☀☀ August–October (5 ft.)



White Wild Indigo  
*Baptisia alba*  
☀☀ June–July (4 ft.)



Purple Prairie Clover  
*Dalea purpurea*  
☀☀ July–September (2 ft.)



Pale Coneflower  
*Echinacea pallida*  
☀☀ June–July (3 ft.)



Purple Coneflower  
*Echinacea purpurea*  
☀☀ June–July (18–24 in.)



Rattlesnake Master  
*Eryngium yuccifolium*  
☀☀ July–September (4 ft.)



Queen of the Prairie  
*Filipendula rubra*  
☀☀ June–August (5 ft.)



Horse Mint  
*Monarda punctata*  
☀☀ July–August (2 ft.)



Switch grass  
*Panicum virgatum*  
☀☀ July–September (4 ft.)



Little Bluestem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*  
☀☀ July–October (3 ft.)



Prairie Drop Seed  
*Sporobolus heterolepis*  
☀☀ August–October (3 ft.)



Hoary Vervain  
*Verbena stricta*  
☀☀ August–October (3 ft.)