Field Museum Rice Foundation Native Gardens

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Hoary Vervain

Verbena stricta

-X- August-October (3 ft.)

Prairie Drop Seed

Sporobolus heterolepus

August-October (3 ft.)

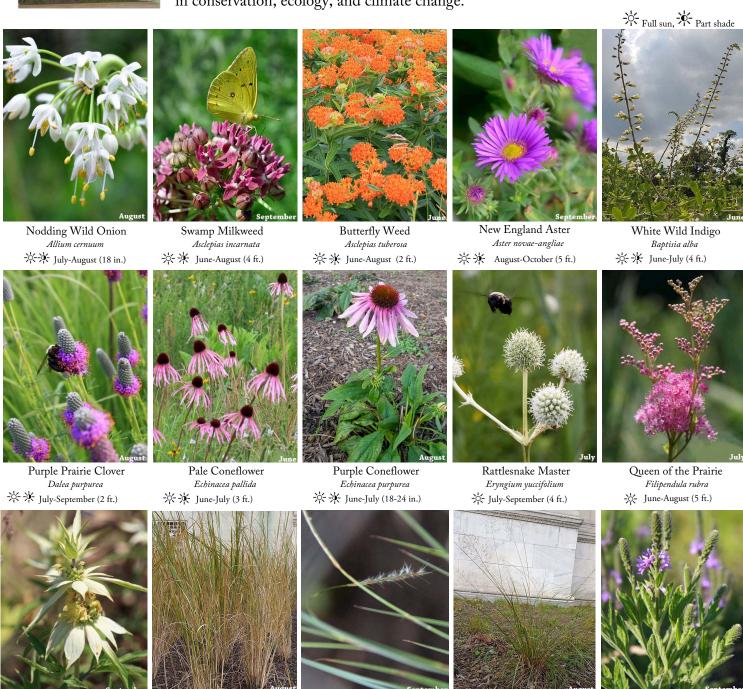


Horse Mint

Monarda punctate

July-August (2 ft.)

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.



Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium

July-October (3 ft.)

Switch grass

Panicum virgatum

July-September (4 ft.)