



## Native Perennials for a Sunny Garden

A half-dozen dependable choices for full sun to part shade that are unusual enough to be called Bowood favorites:

### ***Allium cernuum* – Nodding Pink Onion**

Late summer bloomer that attracts butterflies and pollinators; strong, grass-like foliage; naturalizes by self-seeding and offsets; deadhead (cut flowers for bouquets!) to discourage seeding; deer resistant.

Height: 12" – 18"      Light: Full sun – part shade      Blooms: June-August  
Width: 8" – 12"      Moisture: Dry to medium; tolerates drought

### ***Baptisia australis* – Blue False Indigo**

Shrub-like perennial; lovely, blue-green foliage – looks great even when pea-like blue blooms are finished; blue-black seedpods in late summer; needs time to establish; develops a deep taproot so choose a permanent site; rabbit resistant.

Height: 30" – 36"      Light: Full sun – part shade      Blooms: May-June  
Width: 36" – 48"      Moisture: Medium; tolerates drought

### ***Eryngium yuccifolium* – Rattlesnake Master**

Twisting, sword-shaped, silvery-green foliage; spiky, greenish-white, thistle-like flowers add texture to the garden and in mixed arrangements; deer and rabbit resistant.

Height: 48" – 60"      Light: Full sun      Blooms: July-August  
Width: 24" – 36"      Moisture: Dry; extremely drought tolerant

### ***Iris virginica* var. *shrevei* – Southern Blue Flag**

Fragrant, violet-blue flowers with yellow and white crests; attracts butterflies; sprawling, graceful foliage; lovely addition to water features or rain gardens; deer resistant.

Height: 18" – 24"      Light: Full sun      Blooms: June  
Width: 18" – 24"      Moisture: Medium to wet

### ***Lobelia siphilitica* – Great Blue Lobelia**

Spikes of rich blue flowers for late summer color; lush, spinach-like, crinkled foliage; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds; deer resistant.

Height: 24" – 36"      Light: Full sun      Blooms: July-August  
Width: 12" – 18"      Moisture: Dry; extremely drought tolerant

### ***Rudbeckia maxima* – Dumbo's Ears**

Cabbage-like, powder blue basal leaves; super-tall stems are topped with deep gold flowers with very tall cones that attract butterflies, bees and finches; very dramatic yet easy-going; deer resistant.

Height: 60" – 84"      Light: Full sun      Blooms: June-July  
Width: 36" – 48"      Moisture: Medium to wet; tolerates heat and drought

## Native Perennials for a Shady Garden

These lovely choices for a shade garden are reliable as well as unique and have earned their place in our gardens:

### ***Aquilegia canadensis* – Wild Columbine**

Nodding yellow and red flowers on tall graceful stems; provides an early nectar source for butterflies and hummingbirds; naturalizes when content; cut back foliage to rejuvenate after blooming.

Height: 12" – 24"      Light: Part shade      Blooms: April-May  
Width: 10" – 12"      Moisture: Medium

### ***Chelone obliqua* – Rose Turtlehead**

Spikes of cheerful, rosy flowers in late summer; makes a great cut flower; prune back hard in late spring to promote compactness; forms a vigorous clump; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

Height: 24" – 36"      Light: Part shade – full sun      Blooms: July-August  
Width: 14" – 18"      Moisture: Medium to wet

### ***Geranium maculatum* – Wild Geranium**

Lilac-pink blooms on tall stems above deeply cut foliage; appears very delicate but is deer and rabbit resistant; naturalizes under optimum conditions; attracts butterflies.

Height: 18" – 24"      Light: Part shade – full sun      Blooms: April-May  
Width: 12" – 18"      Moisture: Medium; tolerates poor soils

### ***Phlox divaricata* – Wild Sweet William**

Clusters of small pale blue, star-shaped flowers are great tulip companions; forms a tight mat of semi-evergreen foliage; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and is deer resistant.

Height: 12" – 16"      Light: Shade – part shade      Blooms: April-May  
Width: 10" – 12"      Moisture: Medium

### ***Sedum ternatum* – Native Stonecrop**

Bright white clustered flowers cover the low-growing, succulent foliage in spring; great for underplanting; attracts pollinators; the only sedum that will grow in shade; deer and rabbit resistant.

Height: 2" – 4"      Light: Part shade – full sun      Blooms: April-May  
Width: 6" – 12"      Moisture: Dry; extremely drought tolerant

### ***Spigelia marilandica* – Indian Pink**

Stunning, bright red blooms that reveal yellow throats; sturdy upright stems and attractive foliage; attracts hummingbirds; rare.

Height: 12" – 24"      Light: Shade – part shade      Blooms: June  
Width: 12" – 18"      Moisture: Medium

## More favorites!

Of course, we couldn't stop with just a dozen – here are some more wonderful natives:

<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Marsh Blazing Star
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Purple Poppy Mallow	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells
<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's Breeches	<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	Missouri Evening Primrose
<i>Echinacea paradoxa</i>	Yellow Coneflower	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Small Solomon's Seal
<i>Iris fulva</i>	Copper Iris	<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Celandine Poppy