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KEEP THE BEES BUZZING – PLANT NATIVE!

Public Invited to Third-Annual Native Plant Market Saturday, May 20

Pollinator populations are on the decline – and they need help! An easy thing to do for bees is to plant native. Burnsville's third-annual Native Plant Market in May will have a variety of options available to help keep the bees buzzing.

When:	Saturday, May 20 9 a.m. – Noon
Where:	Parking Lot Across from City Hall 100 Civic Center Parkway
Who:	Residents and Non-Residents
Cost:	Plant Prices Vary

Native wildflowers, ferns and grasses will be for sale from multiple vendors at this farmer's market-style event. The sale will be held rain or shine. Only cash or checks are accepted – no credit cards. Market area will be closed to the public before 9 a.m.

Exhibitors at the sale will include the Burnsville Natural Resources Department, Master Gardeners of Dakota County and the Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Why Native Plants?

Native plants are magnets for important pollinators like bees, monarch butterflies and hummingbirds – providing them with a vital source of food. Native plants are also best adapted to the local climate and soil types. Once established, these hearty plants generally need very little care. Using native plants means you spend less time watering and fertilizing your garden, and more time enjoying all of the wildlife that visits!

For more information on native plants and the Native Plant Market visit www.burnsville.org/nativeplants.

(See Native Plant Market plant list below)

NATIVE PLANT MARKET

Possible Plant List

PRAIRIE / SUNNY WILDFLOWERS

- Butterfly Milkweed
- Meadow Blazingstar
- Pale Coneflower
- Prairie Smoke
- Prairie Tickseed
- Purple Prairie Clover
- Rough Blazingstar
- Showy Goldenrod
- Sky Blue Aster
- Smooth Blue Aster
- Whorled Milkweed
- Yellow Coneflower



Butterfly Milkweed

Monarch Butterfly caterpillars feed only on native milkweeds. No matter your garden conditions, there is a milkweed species you can grow.

Bloom: Orange
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 2 feet

Rough Blazingstar

Favorite food source for Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators

Bloom: Purple
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 3 feet



Plant Profile



The native plants listed here will likely be available at the Native Plant Market. A much wider selection of plants is expected to be available. Because of variable spring growing conditions, vendors won't be able to provide a complete list before the event.

Vendors will make final plant selections, so no guarantee can be made by the City that any plant listed here will be available. It's best to be flexible in your plant choices and shop around when you arrive at the Native Plant



WOODLAND / SHADE WILDFLOWERS

- Big-Leaf Aster
- Bishop's Cap
- Celandine Poppy
- Culver's Root
- Heart-leaved Aster
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit
- Jacob's Ladder
- Poke Milkweed
- Wild Blue Phlox
- Wild Columbine
- Wild Geranium
- Wild Strawberry
- Zig Zag Goldenrod

Wild Columbine

Beautiful spring wildflower and important food source for the caterpillars of the tiny Columbine Duskywing Butterfly.

Bloom: Red, yellow
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 2 feet



Wild Strawberry

Fruits are tiny but have twice the flavor of grocery store strawberries. Popular with wildlife.

Bloom: White
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 5 inches



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RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

- Blue Flag Iris
- Boneset
- Cardinal Flower
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Ironweed
- Monkey Flower
- Mountain Mint
- Prairie Blazingstar
- Stiff Tickseed
- Swamp Milkweed
- White Turtlehead



Cardinal Flower

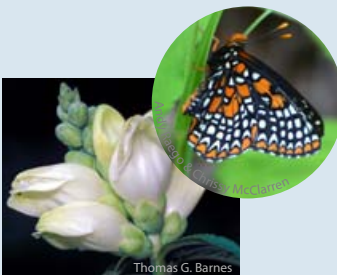
Important nectar source for Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds.

Bloom: Red
Soil: Moist
Height: 4 feet

White Turtlehead

Important food source for caterpillars of Baltimore Checkerspot Butterflies

Bloom: Cream
Soil: Moist
Height: 5 feet



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GRASSES, SEDGES, & FERNS

- Junegrass
- Little Bluestem
- Prairie Dropseed
- Brown Fox Sedge
- Pennsylvania Sedge
- Plains Oval Sedge
- Lady Fern
- Maidenhair Fern
- Sensitive Fern

Little Bluestem

Excellent garden grass. Deep roots tolerate drought. In fall, leaves turn coppery-pink. Caterpillars of skipper butterflies feed on leaves of this and other grasses.

Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 3 feet



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Maidenhair Fern

Great alternative to hostas. Interesting leaves and spreads slowly by roots.

Soil: Damp to medium
Height: 2 feet