

## GRASSES/SEDGES

**Note:** While it is often tempting to transplant the beautiful flowers and other plants that grow naturally in your yard or the woods near your yard, resist the temptation to move them. Not all transplants will survive the move. Keep your yard's natural beauty right where it is. You can always harvest the seeds and replant them in your garden.

How your pollinator-friendly garden looks and what types of grasses, flowers or other plants you put in your garden, is entirely up to you. **Grasses**, once established, help minimize erosion and increase organic matter in the soil. Native grasses are also vital in the life cycles of many bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Even though grasses don't provide nectar, they are an important part of pollinator gardens. Below is a list of some grasses that you may wish to put in your garden. Please note: the following are only suggestions and only a partial list of grasses/sedges for your pollinators. Check with your local nursery or seed store for more.

### **Big bluestem grass** (*Andropogon gerardii*)



Blooms: August through October  
Habitat: Sun, dry to moderate moist, prairie

### **Bottlebrush grass** (*Hystrix patula*)



Blooms: July, August  
Habitat: Sun/partial shade, dry to moderate moist, woods

**Canada wild rye** (*Elymus canadensis*)



Blooms: July, August  
Habitat: Sun, dry to moderate moist, prairie

**Curly styled wood sedge** (*Carex rosea*)



Blooms: August, September  
Habitat: Partial shade, dry to moist, prairie

**Indian grass** (*Sorghastrum nutans*)



Blooms: August, September  
Habitat: Sun, dry to moderate moist, prairie

**Junegrass** (*Koehleria macrantha*)



Blooms: June  
Habitat: Sun, dry, prairie

**Little bluestem grass** (*Andropogon scoparius*)



Blooms: August, September  
Habitat: Sun/partial shade, dry to moderate moist, prairie

**Pennsylvania sedge** (*Carex pensylvanica*)



Blooms: June  
Habitat: Partial shade, dry to moist, woodland



**Prairie dropseed grass** (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)



Blooms: August, September  
Habitat: Sun, dry, prairie

**Sweet grass** (*Hierochloa odorata*)



Blooms: August  
Habitat: Sun, moderate moist, prairie

**Switch Grass** (*Panicum virgatum*)



Blooms: August through September  
Habitat: Sun, dry to moderate moist, prairie

**Virginia wild rye** (*Elymus virginicus*)



**Blooms:**

**August**

**Habitat:**

**Sun/partial shade, moderate moist,  
prairie**