



PLANTS

High Park Native Plant Nursery

The City of Toronto Parks & Recreation Division, High Park Native Plant Nursery was established in order to address the need of propagating plants for the restoration and preservation of the High Park Black Oak Savannah and other natural areas in the Park. In addition, the nursery supports the native plant propagation program that supplies plants for use in natural areas, ornamental beds, schoolyards and community gardens throughout Toronto. The efforts of the many volunteers involved in the High Park Stewardship Program have significantly contributed to the plant collection in this nursery. **Volunteer activities** www.highpark.org **or inquiry line: 416-392-1748**

This site has developed over many years, transformed by both human design and natural processes to become a dynamic and vibrant habitat.

Advantages of Native Plants

- They are uniquely suited to their natural habitat and can therefore survive with less maintenance than do ornamental cultivars.
- They provide similar aesthetic qualities to perennial beds and ground covers while having an extended blooming period. Native plants are non-uniform in blooming time as an inherent survival mechanism. Plant breeders bred this out as undesirable, hence cultivars are more uniform.
- Beds of native plants become sources of seed and division for propagation and use in other displays. Cultivars, in general, require greater technical care for propagation.
- Native plant displays are a link to our natural heritage. Their value as symbols of ecological restoration and environmental protection is significant.
- Native beds tend to evolve and develop. As such, they are invaluable as educational devices for the study of biology and ecology. Ornamental displays tend to emphasize growing cycles and cultural requirements. Native beds go beyond this to the very processes of nature itself.
- Native plants tend to attract more wildlife (butterflies, etc.) than do ornamental beds. This adds an additional dimension to the display along with the obvious educational advantage. For example, the native Lupine is the exclusive host plant for the Karner Blue Butterfly (extirpated in Canada).

Price

\$5.00 for all 3-4" pots. \$8.00 for 1 gallon pots and shrubs.

Planting Instructions

- Sun: All plants, except where noted, prefer full sun (for at least half the day).
Moisture: Keep evenly moist until established, then allow to dry out in between thorough waterings. Except where noted, all plants are drought tolerant.
Soil: All, except where noted, prefer well-drained sandy soil. Do not incorporate organic matter.

**PLANT THESE NATIVES TO INCREASE THE BOUNDARIES OF HIGH PARK
PLANTS FOR SALE (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY) May 04, 2008**

These plants are grown in the High Park greenhouse by volunteers and sold twice a year, once in the Spring, and this fall on September 21st. Learn about the plants in the rare black oak ecosystem in High Park, and help restore High Park's ecosystem by taking part in Volunteer Stewardship Program events.

The Spring Plant Sale is from 10:30am to 12:30 pm in front of the Greenhouses.

Go to www.highpark.org or call 416-392-1748 for more information.

No	Name	Height	Colour	Type	Blooming Time	Light	Soil	Attracts Wildlife
1.	<i>Acer spicata</i> Mountain Maple	3-8 m up to 25'	Yellow-green flowers leaves turn yellow-red in fall, reddish samara	Shrub	Late may-June	Partial shade	Moist woods, rich, well-drained, ravines, bogs	Shelter for chipmunks
2.	<i>Aquilegia Canadensis</i> Wild Columbine	1-2'/30 to 60 cm.	Red/Yellow drooping skirt-like flowers with spurs	Flower	Late May	Partial shade/sun	Medium moist woodlands and openings	Attracts pollinators, and hummingbirds. Provides shelter
3.	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> Swamp Milkweed	2-4' 60-120 cm	Pink	Flower	Summer	Full Sun	Moist to average	Butterflies - larval host plants to the Monarch and Queen butterfly
4	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i> Pagoda Dogwood, Alternate- leaf Dogwood	To 20', tree form	Creamy white	Shrub	June	Sun to partial shade	All soils	Berries for birds
5	<i>Cornus racemosa</i> Grey Dogwood	3 m 10'	White flowers, white berries, reddish bark	Shrub	June	Sun to partial shade	All soils dry-moist	Berries for birds
6	<i>Cornus sericea</i> Red-twig Dogwood or Red Osier Dogwood	1.5 – 4 m tall 3-5 m wide	Small white flowers white berries red twigs	Shrub	May-June	Sun to partial shade	Moist to average	Berries for birds
7	<i>Elymus canadensis</i> Wild Rye	.9 – 1.5 m 3-5'	green	Grass	July-August	Sun to partial shade	Dry to moist	Seedheads
8	<i>Elymus hystrix</i> Bottlebrush Grass	100 cm 40"	Green	Grass	July-August	Shade to partial shade	Medium dry oak woodland, well- drained soil	Bristly seedheads
9	<i>Iris versicolor</i> Blue Flag	45 – 75 cm 1.5 – 2.5'	Blue	Flower	Spring	Sun to part sun	moist-well- drained	

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10	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> Eastern Redcedar	4 m 13'	Pale-blue reddish-brown bark	Shrub	Summer	Full sun	Dry-moist. Sand to loam	Provides food and shelter for wildlife
11	<i>Lobelia Cardinalis</i> Cardinal Flower	2-4'	Brilliant Red	Flower	July to Sept.	Sun, partial shade	Damp to wet soils, riversides, pond edges	Attracts hummingbirds
12.	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> Great Blue Lobelia	90 cm/3'	Blue flower with white markings	Flower	August to September	Partial Shade/Sun	Likes wet feet	Butterflies and bees
13.	<i>Mitella diphylla</i> Mitrewort or Bishop's Cap	10-18"/ 25 to 45cm	White	Flower	April to May	Sun in spring then shade	Moist soil	
14.	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Wild Bergamot	60-120 cm 2-4 '	Lavender	Flower	Summer	Full Sun	Average to dry	Butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Larval host gray hairstreak butterfly
15.	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Black-eyed Susan	30-90 cm 1-3'	Yellow	Flower	June to October	Full sun to partial sun	Dry soil	Nectar for butterflies and bees
16.	<i>Sambucus pubens</i> Red Elderberry Red berries for birds only, poisonous to humans	10'/3m	White	Flowering shrub with berries	May	Partial shade	Moist well- drained	Red fruit attracts song birds
17.	<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i> Upland White Goldenrod	25-30 cm 10-12"	White	Flower	August to September	Sun	Well drained to dry soil	Nectar for butterflies, seeds for birds