Shining Blue Star *(Amsonia illustris)*
Rounded spikes of starry, sky blue flowers emerge in spring and last for several weeks. Deep green willowlike leaves turn bright gold in the fall. The plant takes on a substantial rounded form in the garden. Swallowtail butterflies love the nectar.
Height: 36-48 Inches Spread: 36-48 Inches

Sweet Cone Flower *(Rudbeckia triloba)*
Golden yellow flowers with dark brown dome-shaped centers in the middle of summer makes this plant a native superstar! Plants are long-lived and resilient. Flowers in late summer, between the seasons of many other flowers. Foliage is medium green.
Height: 4-6 Feet Spread: 2-3 Feet

Rose Verbena *(Glandularia canadensis)*
A trailing plant that spreads quickly to form a lovely ground cover. Flat-topped clusters of deep pink to rose-purple flowers appear on top of stems for several months from spring-summer. A great butterfly attractor that also does well in containers.
Height: 6-12 Inches Spread: 24 Inches

New England Astor *(Aster novae-angliae)*
This tall aster produces hundreds of large purple or pinkish flowers with yellow centers in Sept. and Oct. The flowers are a favorite nectar source for migrating monarch butterflies.
Height: 30-60 Inches Spread: 24-36 Inches

Tussock Sedge *(Carex stricta)*
Dense mounds of rich green, fine-bladed foliage. Tolerates a wide range of soil moisture and shade. Useful for water gardens.
Height: 12-18 Inches Spread:18-30 Inches

Muskingum Sedge *(Carex muskingumensis)*
Muskingum Sedge, or Palm Sedge, is a distinctive sedge that has abundant uniquely palm-shaped leaves and large slender flowering spikes. It is a good choice for ground cover in wet locations. Its leaves forms small clumps through its short rhizomes.
Height: 24-36 Inches Spread: 24-36 Inches

Soft Rush *(Juncus effusus)*
This species occurs in wet soils along stream edges, sloughs, ponds, etc. This common species is easy to identify because of its inflorescence, which seems to come from the side of the stem. The plants will naturalize forming large clumps when left undisturbed.
Height: 12-18 Inches Spread: 12-18 Inches

Northern Sea Oats *(Chasmantium latifolium)*
Upright clumps of bamboo-like foliage. Green leaves turn copper in fall and brown in winter. Attractive flat flower spikes hand down from stems. Prefers light shade and damp soil. Can self-sow prolifically.
Height: 24-36 Inches Spread: 24-30 Inches

Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis)*
Hundreds of ball-shaped, creamy white flowers dangle from the bush in August. Butterflies and insects find the nectar irresistible. The nutlike seeds are eaten by many waterfowl. Will grow in bogs.
Height: 3-6 Feet Spread: 3-6 Feet

False Indigo *(Amorpha fruticosa)*
A deciduous shrub, commonly found on wet ground along rivers, streams, ponds, and ditches and occasionally in open wet woods. Once planted, it remains for life.
Height: 10 feet Spread:60-72 Inches

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RAIN GARDEN

Fewer plants are required for a budget rain garden, as these plants tend to spread or take up space to cover more area

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