**Cardinal Flower** *(Lobelia cardinalis)*
Strong, upright stems bear dozens of brilliant red flowers in late summer. A favorite source of nectar for hummingbirds. Provides late summer bloom in the perennial border, wild garden, native plant garden or woodland garden. Excellent for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds.

**Swamp Milkweed** *(Asclepias incarnata)*
Easily grown in medium to wet soils in full sun. Plants have deep taproots and are best left undisturbed once established. Foliage is slow to emerge in spring. Small, fragrant, pink to mauve flowers appear in tight clusters in summer. Stems exude a toxic milky sap when cut.
Height: 36-48 Inches Spread: 24 Inches

**Copper Iris** *(Iris Fulva)*
Beardless, crestless deep copper flowers bloom in late spring. Bright green, sword-shaped leaves remain attractive all through the growing season. Excellent for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds.
Height: 12-24 Inches Spread: 24-36 Inches

**Lanceleaf Coreopsis** *(Coreopsis lanceolata)*
Showy, deep yellow flowers on tall stems in May and June. Plants outgrow weeds and hold the soil. Prompt deadheading of spent flowers encourages additional bloom and prevents unwanted seedlings.
Height: 16-24 inches Spread: 12-18

**Ohio Spiderwort** *(Tradescantia ohiensis)*
Clusters of blue, one-inch flowers from late May to early July. Can self-seed and become somewhat invasive in ideal growing conditions. Dark, blue-green, arching, grasslike leaves grow in clumps. Cut back to 6-12" in mid-summer to encourage fresh growth and repeat bloom.
Height: 30-60 Inches Spread: 24-36 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

**Prairie Blazing Star** *(Liatris pycnostachya)*
Unbranched stalks bear dense spikes of magenta flowers in July and August on strong stems. The nectar-rich flowers are a favorite with butterflies and hummingbirds. Songbirds love the seed.
Height: 30-42 Inches Spread: 12-24 Inches

**Purple Coneflower** *(Echinacea purpurea)*
Lots of rosy purple flowers with non-drooping petals around a brown cone-shaped seed head. Adapts to many soil types and grows well in full sun or light shade. Good cut flower and excellent nectar source for butterflies. Songbirds feed on the dry seed.
Height: 30-60 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

**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

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# RAIN GARDEN

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Color rain gardens have a higher percentage of flowering plants, usually designed to bloom at different times of the year