



Ten Easy Native Plants for Sunny Gardens

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Winter

New England Aster

Aster nova-angliae or *Symphotrichum nova-angliae*

This 4-6 foot tall plant blooms from August to October. It requires moist soil with full to partial sunlight. It attracts butterflies in fall especially the migratory Monarch butterfly. 'Purple Dome' is a smaller cultivar that reaches a height of 2 feet. Aromatic Aster (*Aster oblongifolius*) is similar and blooms through November.



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Blazing Star

Liatris spicata

This 3-5 foot plant blooms from July to August. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial sunlight. It attracts butterflies and birds. 'Kobold' is the most typical cultivar that reaches a height of 3 feet. *Liatris spicata* alba is a white flowering version that has good ornamental value.



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Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa

This 1-3 foot tall plant blooms from May to July. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial sunlight. It attracts butterflies including the Monarch. No readily available cultivars.



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Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum

This 3-6 foot tall plant blooms from July to October. It's tolerant of dry, moist, and wet soils with full to partial sunlight. It's great for erosion control. "Shenandoah" is a smaller cultivar that reaches 3' and is redder in color.



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Black Eyed Susan

Rudbeckia hirta or *Rudbeckia fulgida*

This 1-3.5 foot tall plant blooms from June to October. It requires dry to moist soils with full to partial sunlight. This plant is the Maryland State flower. "Goldsturm" is a smaller more compact cultivar that reaches 2 feet.



Purple Cone Flower
Echinacea purpurea

This 2-3 foot tall plant blooms from June to August. It requires moist soil with full to partial sunlight. Its seed attracts goldfinches in fall. There are over 30 different cultivars of this plant. The cultivars range in size and have flower colors ranging from white to purple. 'Kims Knee High' is a smaller cultivar that reaches a height of 1 -2'.



Bluestar
Amsonia tabernaemontana

This 2-3 foot tall plant blooms in May. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial sunlight. It has a pretty yellowish-orange fall color. 'Blue Ice' is a smaller cultivar that reaches a height of 12 -15 inches. This cultivar has a longer blooming flower that's more vibrant in color than regular Bluestar.



Moss Phlox
Phlox subulata

This 6" tall plant blooms from April to June. It requires dry soil and full sunlight. Its a great evergreen groundcover that's great for slopes. Many different cultivars exist with flower colors ranging from white to purple.



Sea Oats
Chasmanthium latifolium

This 2-3 foot tall grass blooms from July to September. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial sunlight or shade. Its a very tough hardy grass. "River Mist" is a cultivar that has variegated foliage.



Tickseed Coreopsis
Coreopsis verticillata

This 1-3 foot tall plant blooms from June to October. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial sunlight. It Can spread creating a nice groundcover. "Moon Beam" is a smaller cultivar that can bloom all summer.