**Bee Balm**
*Mnarda didyma*  
(mo-NAR-duh DID-ih-ma)  
Cultivars: ‘Mahogany,’ ‘Jacob Cline’  
Zone 4-9;  
Summer bloom on 2-4’ stems.  
Flower color: red, purple, pink, white.  
Site: full to part sun, moist soil.  
Deadhead regularly to prolong bloom.

**Gayfeather or Blazing Star**
*Liatris spicata*  
(ly-AY-tris spy-KAY-tah)  
Zone 3-9;  
Summer bloom, 2-3’ tall.  
Flower color: violet, purple or white spikes.  
Site: sun, well drained soil.  
Drought tolerant.

**Queen of the Prairie**
*Filipendula rubra*  
(fil-ih-PEN-dyoo-uh ROO-bruh)  
Zone 3-9;  
Summer bloom on 4-6’ stems.  
Flower color: deep rose pink.  
Site: full sun, moist soil.

**Blanket Flower**
*Gaillardia aristata*  
(gay-LAHHR-dee-uh ar-riss-TAYT-ah))  
Zone 3-9;  
Summer bloom, 15-36” tall.  
Flower color: bright orange, red or yellow, often bicolor.  
Site: sun, average soil.  
Drought and heat tolerant

**Threadleaf Coreopsis**
*Coreopsis verticillata*  
(ko-ree-OP-sis vur-tih-sih-LAY-tuh)  
Cultivar; ‘Moonbeam’ ‘Zagreb’  
Zone 3-9;  
Summer bloom, 2-3’ tall.  
Flower color: yellow.  
Site: sun, well-drained soil.  
Drought tolerant

**Border Phlox**
*Phlox paniculata*  
(FLOKS pan-ik-yoo-LAY-tuh)  
Cultivars: ‘David,’ ‘Laura,’ ‘Blue Paradise’  
Zone 4-8;  
Summer bloom, 2-4’ tall.  
Flower color: white, pink, blue, red, purple.  
Site: sun, rich moist soil.  
Heavy feeder, avoid wet soil and drought.

**Orange Coneflower**
*Rudbeckia fulgida*  
(rud-BEK-ee-uh FUL-gih-duh)  
Cultivar: ‘Goldsturm’  
Zone 3-9;  
Summer bloom, 18-30” tall.  
Flower color: golden daisy-type with dark center.  
Site: sun, average soil.  
Long bloom time, rhizomatous (creeping) habit.

**Tall White Beardtongue**
*Penstemon digitalis*  
(pen-STE-mon dih-jih-TAL-lis)  
Cultivars: ‘Husker’s Red’  
Zone 3-8;  
Summer bloom; 12-36” tall.  
Flower color: white.  
Site: sun, average soil.  
Drought tolerant.  
‘Husker’s Red’ has reddish foliage.

**Butterfly Weed**
*Asclepias tuberosa*  
(ass-KLEE-pee-us too-bur-O-suh)  
Zone 3-9;  
Summer bloom; 2-3’ tall.  
Flower color: orange.  
Site: sun, dry soil.  
Great for attracting butterflies.  
Slow to establish, late to emerge in spring.
What is a native plant? There are many definitions, however most botanists would probably agree that native means plants growing in North America prior to European settlement. Because a plant is native does not mean it is problem-free! Native plants grown in a non-native environment and lacking competitors/predators may become invasive.

We have identified plants that will grow well, are hardy for zones 3-4 and are low maintenance. As always, remember that careful site selection, planning and care will ensure success and are the key to minimal care and beautiful gardens. The principle of using the Right Plant in the Right Place applies here!

We welcome all of your gardening questions! Please feel free to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension as noted on the back page and … Happy Gardening!

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