



Using Native Plants in the Landscape

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There is growing interest in the use of native plants in the landscape:

- Aesthetic: Beauty, interesting or unusual forms; and connection to the natural environment.
- Environment: Reduced water use; less need for pesticides and fertilizers; and enhanced habitat for butterflies, birds and other wildlife.
- Maintenance: Lower long term maintenance costs; increased plant hardiness; and less work.

To take advantage of the benefits of using native plants it is important to select plants to fit the site and use good landscape design. The principles of Plant Health Care are just as important for native as non-native plants in the landscape.



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- ε [Benefits of Growing Native Plants](#) - with links to much more
- ε [DNR Library Search](#) - enter key word 'native plants'
- ε Lakescaping for Wildlife & Water Quality, by Carrol L. Henderson, Carolyn J. Dindorf, and Fred J. Rozumalski. St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Section of Wildlife, Nongame Wildlife Program c1998.
- ε [Landscape Design with Native Plants](#)
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- ε [Sustainable Shoreland Ecosystems](#)

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- ε [A Source Book on Natural Landscape for Public Officials](#). Developed for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V Great Lakes Office by Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, Chicago, Illinois. May, 1997.

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