



# PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

## FOR SUMMER STARTER PRAIRIE SEED MIX



The species in this seed mix prefer to grow in well-drained medium soils in full sun to light shade. Seed mix contains a blend of annuals, perennials, forbs and grasses which bloom at different times during the growing season, so there is always something available for wildlife. The 32 species in this seed mix have been selected to provide resources to native bees, birds, butterflies and all the animals that feed on them. At maturity, starter prairie species will range in height from 1.5 feet to six feet. One packet will cover approximately 50 – 75 square feet. Results may vary depending on site conditions and application methods.

For best results:

1. Prepare 50 – 75 square feet of planting area by killing off existing vegetation for one whole growing season through smothering or other means.
2. After the second killing frost in late fall or early winter, apply seed equally across planting area. For a more even application, consider mixing coarse sand, rice hulls, or fragrance-free clay kitty litter with the seed prior to sowing. May cover lightly with straw.

Some species may bloom in the first year, but mix will take up to three years to fully establish. Cut back to 8 inches every third year if you wish to prevent woody species establishment and keep free of weeds until established.

If you prefer to apply in mid-late spring, soil should be lightly and thinly raked over seeds after sowing, and germinating seeds may need to be watered during their first year.

### THIS SEED MIX CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING SPECIES:

Blue Giant Hyssop ( <i>Agastache foeniculum</i> )	Switchgrass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> )
Red Columbine ( <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> )	Foxglove Beardtongue ( <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> )
Butterfly Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> )	Hoary Mountainmint ( <i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i> )
Sideoats Grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	Virginia Mountainmint ( <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> )
Fox Sedge ( <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> )	Pinnate Prairie Coneflower ( <i>Ratibida pinnata</i> )
Partridge Pea ( <i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> )	Blackeyed Susan ( <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> )
Indian Woodoats ( <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> )	Browneyed Susan ( <i>Rudbeckia triloba</i> )
Lanceleaf Tickseed ( <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> )	Little Bluestem ( <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> )
Eastern Purple Coneflower ( <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> )	Green Bulrush ( <i>Scirpus atrovirens</i> )
Canada Wildrye ( <i>Elymus canadensis</i> )	Indiangrass ( <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> )
Sneezeweed ( <i>Helenium autumnale</i> )	Smooth Blue Aster ( <i>Symphotrichum laeve</i> )
Smooth Oxeye ( <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> )	New England Aster ( <i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i> )
Dense Blazing Star ( <i>Liatris spicata</i> )	Bluejacket ( <i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i> )
Wild Bergamot ( <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> )	Culver's Root ( <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> )
Narrowleaf Evening Primrose ( <i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> )	Golden Zizia ( <i>Zizia aurea</i> )
Stiff Goldenrod ( <i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> )	

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