



PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRAIRIE NATIVE SEED MIX



The species in this seed mix prefer to grow in well-drained dry to medium soils in full sun to part 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 species in this seed mix have been selected to provide resources to native bees, birds, and butterflies. At maturity, pollinator plot species will range in height from 3'– 6'. One packet will cover approximately 30 – 50 square feet. Results may vary depending on site conditions and application methods.

1. For best results, prepare 30 – 50 square feet of planting area by killing off existing vegetation for one whole growing season through smothering or other means.
2. Then, after the first two killing frosts 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.

Mix will take up to three years to fully establish. Cut back to 8" in late spring of 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:

- Canadian Milk Vetch (*Astragalus canadensis*)
- Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
- Blue Grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*)
- Largeflower Coreopsis (*Coreopsis grandiflora*)
- Lanceleaf Tickseed (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
- White Prairie Clover (*Dalea candida*)
- Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*)
- Eastern Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Canada Wildrye (*Elymus canadensis*)
- Virginia Wildrye (*Elymus virginicus*)
- Blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)
- Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*)
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
- Pinnate Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
- Blackeyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- Composite Dropseed (*Sporobolus compositus*)
- Gray Goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*)
- Skyblue Aster (*Symphyotrichum oolentangiense*)
- Smooth Blue Aster (*Symphyotrichum laeve*)