

EASTERN EDITION

Common Roadside Wildflowers

A field guide to native forbs and grasses

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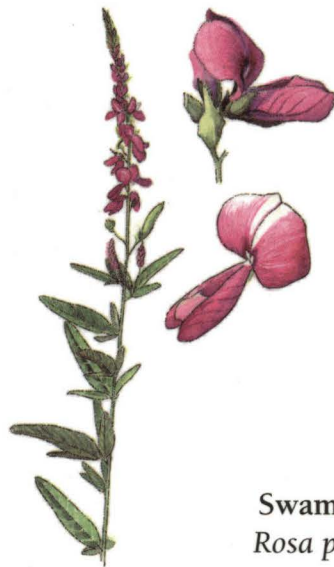
ORANGE, RED, PINK FORBS



Fireweed,
Epilobium angustifolium



Swamp mallow,
Hibiscus palustris



Showy tick trefoil,
Desmodium canadense



Swamp rose,
Rosa palustris



Butterflyweed,
Asclepias tuberosa

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This field guide highlights 100 native forbs/grasses commonly found on highway rights-of-way and other natural areas across Eastern America. They are not known to be invasive nor found to be on Noxious Weed lists. These native plants are part of America's natural heritage. Some are sacred plants. Some are sources of herbs and medicines. All are indigenous to our land and reflect America's regional identity and natural resources. State Departments of Transportation are encouraging them for many reasons: their natural beauty, adaption to arid environments, usefulness to small critters, addition to biodiversity and land health, ability to slow water runoff, and slope stabilization.

Please view wildflowers at close range ONLY at rest areas, scenic overlooks, or other safe and authorized pull-off opportunities. Let's protect our land's natural beauty. Never dig native wildflowers from the wild or roadsides! "Where Flowers bloom, so does hope." Ladybird Johnson, 1993.

BLUE AND LAVENDER FORBS



Great blue lobelia,
Lobelia siphilitica

Birdsfoot violet,
Viola pedata



Wild bergamot,
Monarda fistulosa

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Blazing star,
Liatris aspera



Prairie phlox,
Phlox pilosa



Oswego tea,
Monarda didyma



Wild geranium,
Geranium maculatum

WHITE FORBS



Large-flowered or
white trillium,
Trillium grandiflorum



False Solomon's seal,
Smilacina racemosa



Culver's root,
*Veronicastrum
virginicum*



White snakeroot,
Eupatorium rugosum



Boneset,
Eupatorium perfoliatum

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Swamp loosestrife,
Decodon verticillatus



Joe-pye-weed,
Eupatorium maculatum



Shooting star,
Dodecatheon
meadia/pulchellum

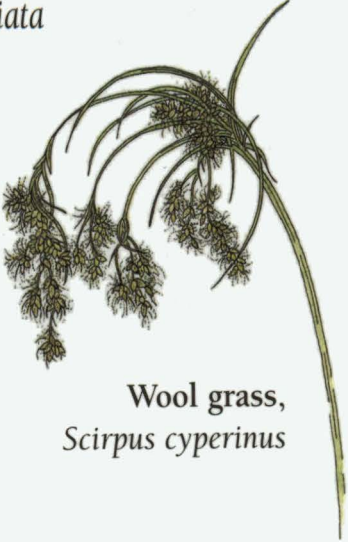


Wood lily,
Lillium philadelphicum

GREEN GRASSES AND SEDGES



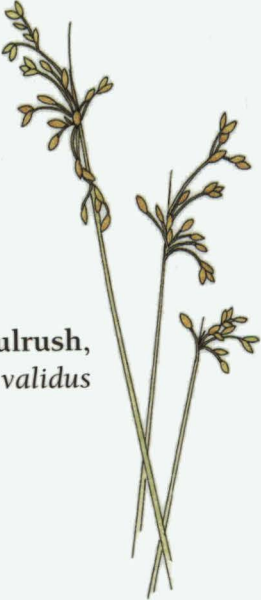
Fowl mannagrass,
Glyceria striata



Wool grass,
Scirpus cyperinus



Green bulrush,
Scirpus atrovirens

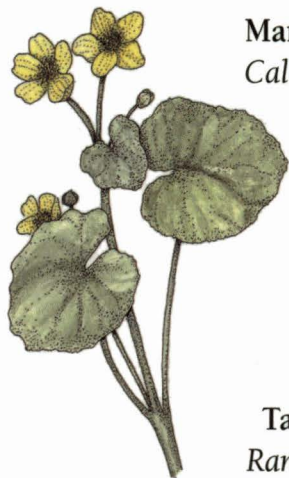


Softstem bulrush,
Scirpus validus



Rice cutgrass,
Leersia oryzoides

YELLOW FORBS



Marsh marigold,
Caltha palustris



Tall buttercup,
Ranunculus acris



Downy yellow violet,
Viola pubescens



Black-eyed Susan,
Rudbeckia hirta



Woodland sunflower,
Helianthus perfoliatum

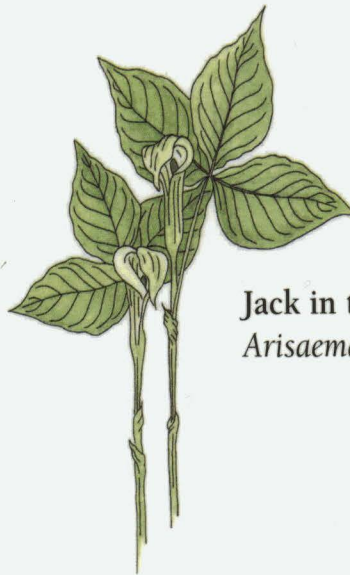
GREEN FLOWERING FORBS



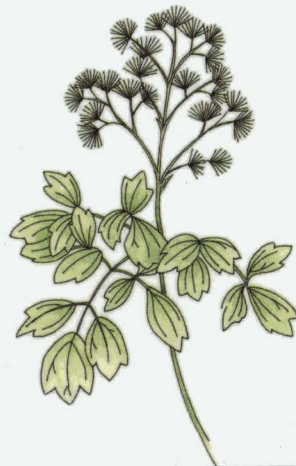
Early meadowrue,
Thalictrum dioicum



False hellebore,
Veratrum viride

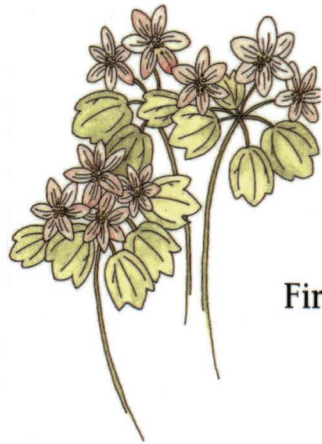


Jack in the pulpit,
Arisaema triphyllum



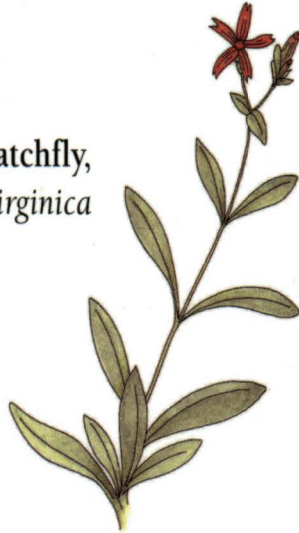
Tall meadowrue,
Thalictrum dasycarpum

ORANGE, RED, PINK FORBS



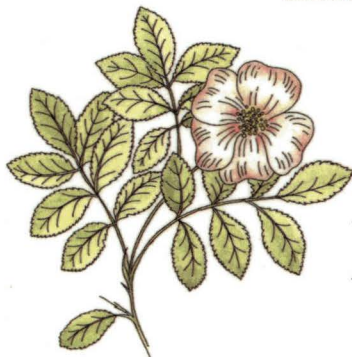
Wood anemone,
Anemone quinquefolia

Fire pink/catchfly,
Silene virginica



Pitcher
plant,
Sarracenia
purpurea,
minor, etc.

Scarlet indian
paintbrush,
Castilleja coccinea



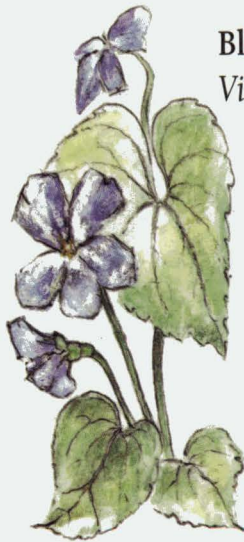
Wild rose,
Rosa carolina or *blanda*

BLUE AND LAVENDER FORBS



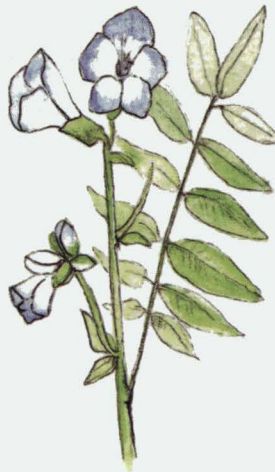
Smooth blue aster,
Aster laevis, or Many-flowered aster,
Symphyotrichum lateriflorum

Blue vervain,
Verbena hastata



Blue violet,
Viola rostrata

Jacob's ladder,
Polemonium reptans



New England aster,
Symphyotrichum novaeangliae

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Wild columbine,
Aquilegia canadensis



Cardinal flower,
Lobelia cardinalis



Turk's cap lily,
Lilium michiganense

Marsh/swamp
milkweed,
Asclepias incarnata



BLUE AND LAVENDER FORBS



Purple prairie clover,
Petalostemum/Dalea
purpureum

Monkey flower,
Mimulus ringens



Swamp aster,
Symphyotrichum
puniceum



Blue-eyed grass,
Sisyrinchium sp.



Wild lupine,
Lupinus perennis

WHITE FORBS



Arrowhead,
Sagittaria latifolia



Whorled milkweed,
Asclepias verticillata



Rue anemone,
Anemone quinquefolia



Dutchman's breeches,
Dicentra cucullaria

YELLOW FORBS



Common evening
primrose,
Oenothera biennis



Coreopsis,
Coreopsis palmata



Prairie coneflower,
Ratibida pinnata

Maximilian sunflower,
Helianthus maximilliani



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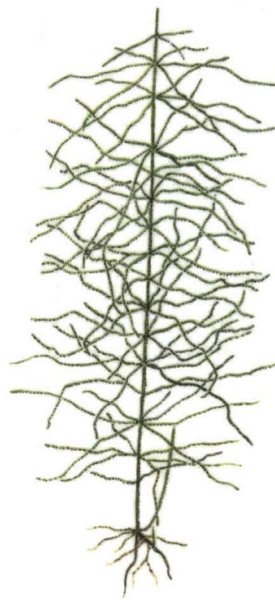


Tussock sedge,
Carex stricta



Cordgrass,
Spartina pectinata

Common Rush,
Juncus effuses



Horsetail,
Equisetum arvense



Bluejoint grass,
Calamagrostis canadensis



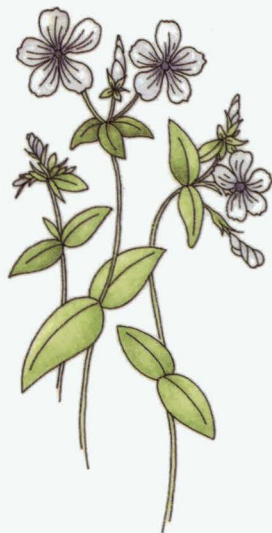
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Spiderwort,
Tradescantia ohiensis



Purple
coneflower,
*Echinacea
pallida*



Blue woodland phlox,
Phlox divaricata



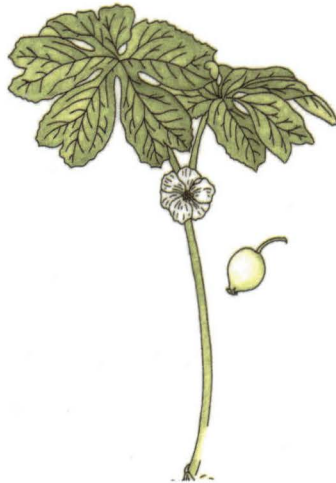
Ironweed,
Veronia fasciculata

WHITE FORBS



Turtlehead,
Chelone glabra

Pearly everlasting,
Anaphalis margaritacea



Mayapple,
Podophyllum peltatum



White or red
baneberry,
Actaea pachypoda
or *rubra*

YELLOW FORBS



Compass plant,
Silphium laciniatum



Zig zag goldenrod,
Solidago flexicaulis



Bur marigold,
Bidens cernua



Tall goldenrod,
Solidago altissima

GREEN GRASSES AND SEDGES



Broomsedge,
Andropogon virginicus



Indiangrass,
Sorghastrum nutans



Eastern gamagrass,
Tripsacum dactyloides



Switchgrass,
Panicum virgatum



Little bluestem,
Schizachyrium scoparium

GREEN GRASSES AND SEDGES



Common cattail,
Typha latifolia



Virginia wildrye,
Elymus virginicus



Riverbank
wildrye,
Elymus riparius



Cotton grass,
*Eriophorum
polystachion*



Big bluestem,
Andropogon gerardii

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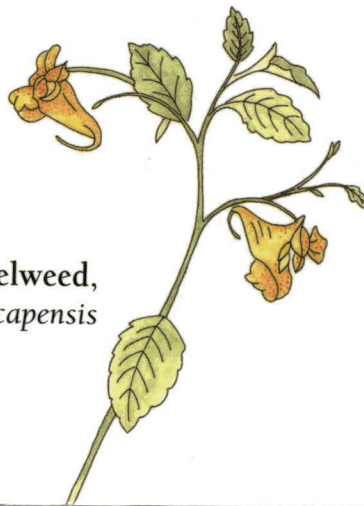
Sneezeweed,
Helenium autumnale



Bellwort,
Uvularia grandiflora



Yellow lady's slipper,
Cypripedium calceolus



Jewelweed,
Impatiens capensis

WHITE FORBS



Horsemint,
Monarda punctata



Bloodroot,
Sanguinaria canadensis



Spring beauty,
Claytonia virginica

White wood aster,
Aster divaricatus



Wild strawberry,
Fraxinus virginiana



BLUE AND LAVENDER FORBS



Wild iris/blue flag,
Iris versicolor



Pickerel weed,
Pontederia cordata

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