

TOP TEN

NATIVE SHORELINE PLANTS

FOR BURNETT COUNTY, WI



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*Interested in beautifying
your property and helping
your lake?*

GROW NATIVE PLANTS!



WHY PLANT NATIVE PLANTS?

Because native plants are suited to the local climate and soils, and local wildlife – from birds to butterflies – depend upon native plants for their survival. This short list of native plants will help make your planting project a success.

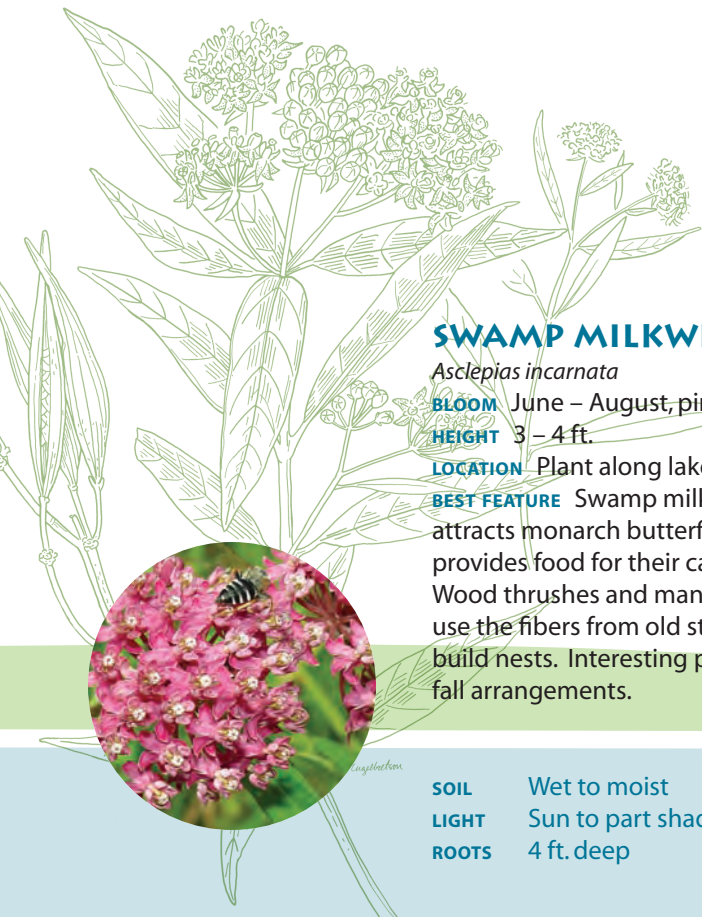
PLANTING TIPS

SOIL: The sandy soils of Burnett County make plant establishment a challenge. The selected top ten plants are suited for the county's harsh conditions. Choose plants that are suited to your site, follow the county's soil condition recommendations.

PLANTING: Planting early (mid-May to mid-June) and late (mid-August to mid-September) in the growing season adds to planting success. Follow the soil, moisture and light recommendations to choose the best planting location.

WATERING: The most important advice for plant survival is WATER, WATER, WATER for the first year or two!





SWAMP MILKWEED

Asclepias incarnata

BLOOM June – August, pink flowers

HEIGHT 3 – 4 ft.

LOCATION Plant along lake edge

BEST FEATURE Swamp milkweed attracts monarch butterflies and provides food for their caterpillars. Wood thrushes and many birds use the fibers from old stems to build nests. Interesting pods for fall arrangements.

SOIL Wet to moist
LIGHT Sun to part shade
ROOTS 4 ft. deep



BLUE VERVAIN

Verbena hastata

BLOOM June – September, blue flowers

HEIGHT 2 – 6 ft.

LOCATION Plant along lake edge.

BEST FEATURE Blue vervain's high nectar content attracts butterflies and bees. Sandpipers, cardinals and juncos eat the seeds. Best of all, it blooms all summer!

SOIL Wet to moist
LIGHT Sun to part shade





CHOKECHERRY

Prunus virginiana

BLOOM May – June, white flowers

HEIGHT up to 20 ft.

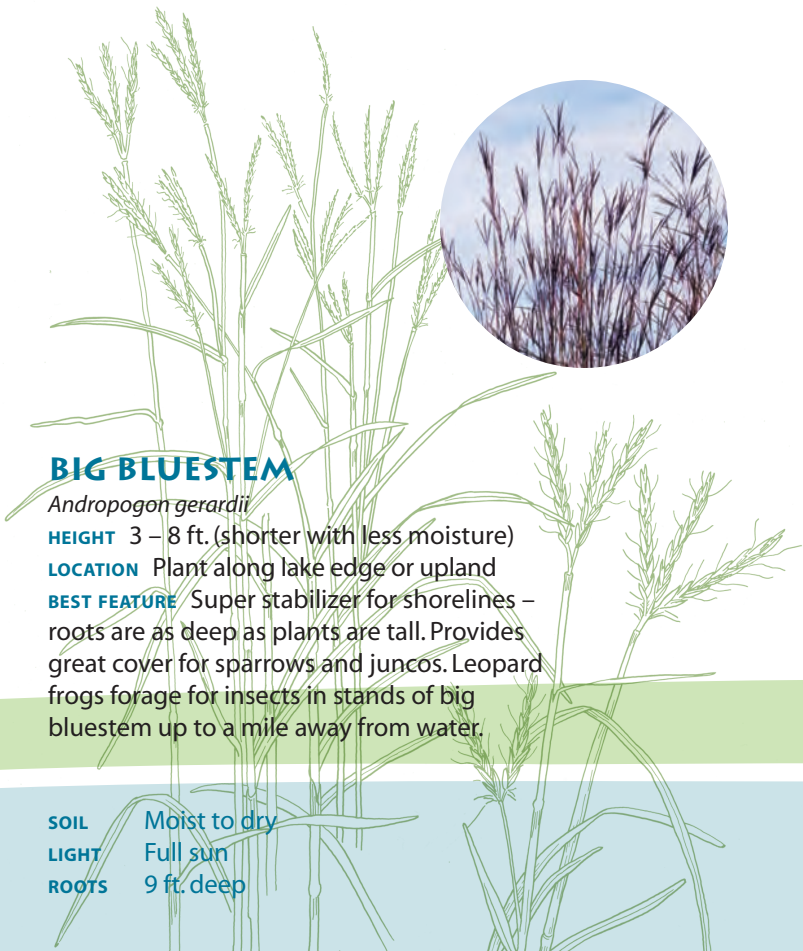
LOCATION Plant near the lake edge and in upland areas

BEST FEATURE Incredible aroma of spring flowers. Ruffed grouse and many other birds and mammals love the bright red summer fruit. Often, a dozen or more birds can be seen feeding on the ripe cherries in a single shrub.

SOIL Moist to dry

LIGHT Full sun to part shade

ROOTS 24 ft. deep



BIG BLUESTEM

Andropogon gerardii

HEIGHT 3 – 8 ft. (shorter with less moisture)

LOCATION Plant along lake edge or upland

BEST FEATURE Super stabilizer for shorelines – roots are as deep as plants are tall. Provides great cover for sparrows and juncos. Leopard frogs forage for insects in stands of big bluestem up to a mile away from water.

SOIL Moist to dry

LIGHT Full sun

ROOTS 9 ft. deep



BERGAMOT

Monarda fistulosa

BLOOM July – August, lavender flowers

HEIGHT 3 – 4 ft.

LOCATION Plant along lake edge
Also grows in dry upland areas.

BEST FEATURE Bergamot spreads to fill large areas. Aromatic leaves make a great mint tea. A rich nectar source for monarch butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Birds feed on the seeds in fall and winter.

SOIL Moist to dry
LIGHT Sun to part shade
ROOTS 4 ft. deep

BLACK EYED SUSAN

Rudbeckia hirta

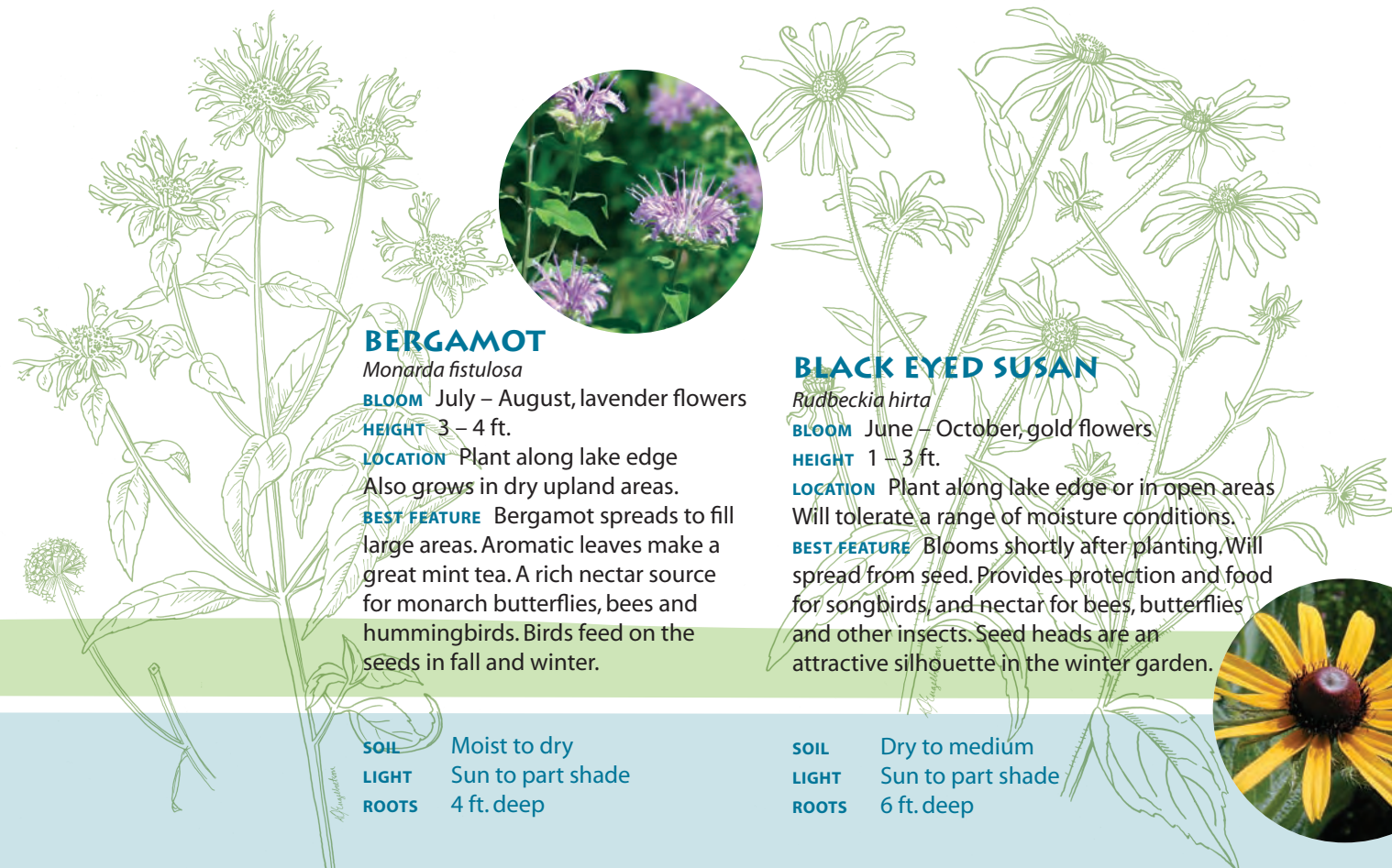
BLOOM June – October, gold flowers

HEIGHT 1 – 3 ft.

LOCATION Plant along lake edge or in open areas
Will tolerate a range of moisture conditions.

BEST FEATURE Blooms shortly after planting. Will spread from seed. Provides protection and food for songbirds, and nectar for bees, butterflies and other insects. Seed heads are an attractive silhouette in the winter garden.

SOIL Dry to medium
LIGHT Sun to part shade
ROOTS 6 ft. deep





SNOWBERRY

Symphoricarpos albus

BLOOM June – August, pink flowers, white berries

HEIGHT 2 – 4 ft.

LOCATION Plant in open areas or along the edge of woods

BEST FEATURE Not favored by deer. Pink flowers and white berries persist through summer. Soft, leafy foliage.

SOIL Dry to medium
LIGHT Full sun to part shade
ROOTS 18 ft. deep



BIG LEAF ASTER

Aster macrophyllus

BLOOM August – October, lavender flowers

HEIGHT 1 – 2 ft.

LOCATION Shady edges and woodlands

BEST FEATURE Foliage provides rich green ground cover and shelter for ground nesting birds like the wood thrush. Late summer lavender flowers harmonize with fall colors.

SOIL Dry to medium
LIGHT Full shade to part shade
ROOTS 10 ft. deep





PENNSYLVANIA SEDGE

Carex pennsylvanica

HEIGHT 6 – 8 in.

LOCATION Woodlands, pathways

BEST FEATURE Provides a soft, low understory to stabilize sandy soils. A perfect no-mow alternative to turf grass. Will tolerate a range of conditions. Beautiful form.



SOIL Dry to medium
LIGHT Part sun to full shade
ROOTS 1 – 2 ft. deep



COLUMBINE

Aquilegia canadensis

BLOOM May – June, coral/yellow flowers

HEIGHT 2 – 3 ft.

LOCATION Woodlands, pathway borders

BEST FEATURE Hummingbirds visit this delicate woodland flower in early summer.

SOIL Dry to medium
LIGHT Full shade to part shade
ROOTS 1 – 2 ft. deep



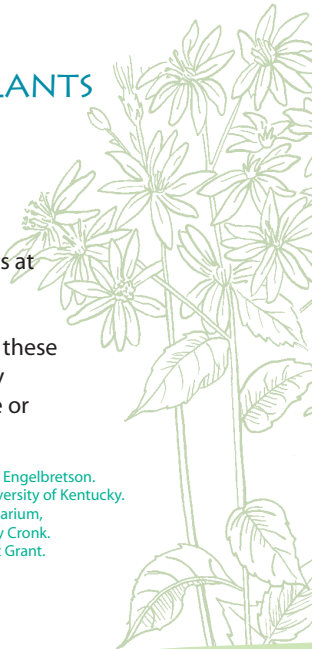
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Find more Burnett County native plants in the Shoreland Buffer Restoration Guide for Landowners at www.burnettcounty.com/shoreline.

To get free, expert landscaping advice about using these and other native plants for clean water and healthy shorelines, visit www.burnettcounty.com/shoreline or call **715.349.2186** to arrange a visit.

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: SWAMP MILKWEED PODS, CHOKECHERRY IN BLOOM, MONARCH BUTTERFLY WITH BLACK EYED SUSAN, BIG LEAF ASTER LEAVES.



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