

Lobelia cardinalis

Common Name: Cardinal flower, Red lobelia

Plant Type: Herbaceous perennial

Family: Campanulaceae

Height: 2 to 4 feet

Spread: 1 to 2 feet

Bloom Time: July - September

Bloom Color: Scarlet, white or rose

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium to wet

Needs constant moisture, tolerates

full sun in cool, northern climates, but otherwise appreciates part

shade. The flowers attract the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird and the Black Swallowtail,

Spicebush Swallowtail, and Pipevine Swallowtail. Sometimes bumblebees steal nectar through

slits in the tubular corolla. Halictid bees gather pollen but are ineffective at pollination. The

caterpillars of the Pink-washed Looper Moth feed on the leaves. Grown by Natives in Harmony

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www.nativesinharmony.com.



Mimulus alatus

Common Name: Sharp winged monkey flower

Family: Scrophulariaceae

Height: 1 to 3 feet

Spread: 0.75 to 1 foot

Bloom Time: June - September

Bloom Color: pink-lilac

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium to wet

This plant is not a strong colonizer, although vegetative offsets are occasionally formed. The preference is

partial sun, wet to consistently moist conditions, and a rich soil containing an abundance of organic

matter. Full sun and light shade are also tolerated. When plants are grown in conditions that are too dry

and sunny, they remain small in size and their foliage becomes yellowish green. The nectar of the flowers

attracts bumblebees. The foliage is eaten by caterpillars of the Chalcedony Midget moth. Grown by

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Rudbeckia fulgida sullivantii

Common Name: **Sullivant's Coneflower, Fen Black-eyed Susan**

Family: Aster family (Asteraceae)

Height: 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet

Spread: 1 to 1 ½ feet

Bloom Time: July to September

Bloom Color: yellow to yellow orange

Sun: full sun to part sun

Water: wet to medium

Sullivant's Coneflower is found primarily in moist rocky woodlands, savannas and barrens, woodland openings and edges, moist meadows, limestone glades, moist rocky ledges, fens, hillside seeps, and swamps. Sullivant's Coneflower is typically found in high quality natural habitats, but it will temporarily colonize open disturbed areas. This coneflower requires cross-pollination with genetically distinct plants to produce viable seeds. Like other Rudbeckias, the showy flowers attract their fair share of pollinating insects including leaf-cutting bees, Andrenid bees, Halictid bees, small butterflies, and skippers, Syrphid flies, bee flies, and sometimes soldier beetles, weevils, Blackberry Looper, Common Eupithecia, Wavy-Lined Emerald, and Sunflower moth caterpillars. Grown by Natives in Harmony nursery of Marengo, Ohio. For nursery hours and info call 419-688-9800 or visit www.nativesinharmony.com.



Symphotrichum prenanthoides

Common Name: **Crooked-stem Aster**

Family: Asteraceae (Aster)

Height: 1 to 3 feet

Bloom color: pale lavender (nearly white) to light blue-violet

Bloom Time: August - October

Sun: part shade, sun

Water: moist to medium

Stems often zig-zag between the leaf nodes, hence the common names. Plants may form colonies from creeping rhizomes. Crooked Stem Aster prefers wood edges, streambanks, and moist meadows.

The beautiful blue-purple flowers bloom from late summer through early autumn providing great fall color on stems one to three feet tall. This species is beneficial to pollinators as it attracts large numbers of native bees. Butterflies also enjoy the yellow centers and nectar. Mix with ferns and spring blooming flowers for season-long interest. Grown by Natives in Harmony nursery of Marengo, Ohio. For nursery hours and info call 419-688-9800 or visit www.nativesinharmony.com.

