

**City of Evanston
North Shore Channel Habitat Project
Civic Center Habitat Garden**



Evanston is working to improve and care for natural habitat along the North Shore Channel and other public lands. This garden demonstrates bird-friendly principles and plants that can be used in other gardens in this area.

All of these plants are native to this region. That's because birds and plant communities

evolved together, so these plants provide food and shelter that's just right for the millions of migratory birds that visit Evanston every year. They also support butterflies and other pollinators. A bur oak and understory trees and shrubs will grow taller to provide layered structure. Wildflowers, grasses, and sedges provide additional nectar, berries, and seeds throughout the year.

The garden was planted in June 2017. Since then, community volunteers have been working to make sure plants are well established. Volunteers also are caring for bird habitat in the Ladd Arboretum, Twigg's Park, and Harbert Park. If you have questions or would like to be involved, you can reach us at evanstonhabitat@gmail.com.

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TREES & SHRUBS	Common name	Wildlife value
Aronia melanocarpa	BLACK CHOKEBERRY	Blooms, fruit for migrant songbirds
Carpinus caroliniana	MUSCLEWOOD (AMERICAN HORNBEAM)	Buds for migrant songbirds
Crataegus crus-galli	COCKSPUR HAWTHORN	Blooms, fruit for migrant songbirds, Butterfly host plant
Diervilla lonicera	DWARF HONEYSUCKLE	Hummingbirds
Physocarpus opulifolius	NINEBARK	Dense cover, seeds
Quercus macrocarpa	BUR OAK	Local migrant songbirds preferred foraging tree, Butterfly host plant
Staphylea trifolia	BLADDERNUT	

FLOWERS, SEDGES, AND GRASSES		
<i>Allium canadense</i>	WILD ONION	
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	NODDING WILD ONION	
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	LEAD PLANT	Pollinators
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	BIG BLUESTEM GRASS	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	THIMBLEWEED	
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	WILD COLUMBINE	Hummingbirds
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	SPIKENARD	Hummingbirds
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT	
<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>	POKE MILKWEED	Pollinators
<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	WHORLED MILKWEED	Pollinators
<i>Baptisia alba</i> var. <i>macrophylla</i> (<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>)	WHITE WILD INDIGO	
<i>Bromus pubescens</i>	WOODLAND BROME	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Carex brevior</i>	PLAINS OVAL SEDGE	
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	NEW JERSEY TEA	Butterfly host plant
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	TURTLEHEAD	Pollinators
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	PRAIRIE COREOPSIS	Pollinators
<i>Carex gracillima</i>	PURPLE-SHEATHED GRACEFUL SEDGE	
<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	SWAMP OVAL SEDGE	
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	COMMON OAK SEDGE	
<i>Carex rosea</i>	CURLY-STYLED WOOD SEDGE	
<i>Carex sparganioides</i>	LOOSE-HEADED BRACTED SEDGE	
<i>Carex sprengeii</i>	LONG-BEAKED SEDGE	
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	BROWN FOX SEDGE	
<i>Dalea purpurea</i> (<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>)	PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER	Pollinators
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	SHOOTING STAR	
<i>Drymocallis arguta</i> (<i>Potentilla arguta</i>)	PRAIRIE CINQUEFOIL	Pollinators
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	MARGINAL SHIELD FERN	
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	PALE PURPLE CONEFLOWER	Seeds for songbirds

<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	PURPLE LOVE GRASS	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	RATTLESNAKE MASTER	
<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	BOTTLE GENTIAN	Pollinators
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	WILD GERANIUM	
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	PRAIRIE SMOKE	
<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i>	WESTERN SUNFLOWER	Seeds for songbirds
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	PRAIRIE ALUM ROOT	
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	PRAIRIE BLAZING STAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Lilium michiganense</i> (<i>Lilium superbum</i>)	TURK'S CAP LILY	
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	CARDINAL FLOWER	Hummingbirds
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	GREAT BLUE LOBELIA	Hummingbirds
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i> (<i>Smilacina stellata</i>)	STARRY FALSE SOLOMON'S SEAL	Fruit for migrant songbirds
<i>Oligoneuron album</i> (<i>Aster ptarmicoides</i>)	WHITE ASTER	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	SWITCH GRASS	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	WILD QUININE	
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	BEARD TONGUE	Hummingbirds
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	WILD BLUE PHLOX	Hummingbirds
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	CHRISTMAS FERN	
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	JACOB'S LADDER	
<i>Rosa carolina</i>	CAROLINA ROSE	
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>)	LITTLE BLUESTEM GRASS	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	BROAD-LEAVED GOLDENROD	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	PRAIRIE DROPSEED	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i> (<i>Aster laevis</i>)	SMOOTH BLUE ASTER	Seeds for migrant and winter songbirds
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	MEADOWRUE	
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	SPIDERWORT	
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	CULVER'S ROOT	
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	GOLDEN ALEXANDER	

You won't find the following plants yet. They will be added later. Most of these flower in spring, then die down in summer.

Erythronium albidum	WHITE TROUT LILY	
Mertensia virginica	VIRGINIA BLUEBELLS	Hummingbirds
Monarda punctata	SPOTTED BEE BALM	Hummingbirds, pollinators
Phlox pilosa ssp. fulgida	PRAIRIE PHLOX	Hummingbirds
Sanguinaria canadensis	BLOODROOT	
Trillium grandiflorum	WHITE TRILLIUM	
Uvularia grandiflora	BELLWORT	
Viola pedatifida	PRAIRIE VIOLET	

Recommended for additional background:

Native Plants in the Home Landscape. Keith Gerard Nowakowski. U. of Illinois Extension Circular 1381, 2004.
Illinois Wildflowers, www.illinoiswildflowers.info. Maintained by John Hilty.

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