

# Chicago Housing Authority Native Plant Garden Field Guide

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The Chicago Housing Authority native perennial gardens, planted in partnership with Field Museum, Forest Preserves of Cook County, The Nature Conservancy, and Openlands, will bloom year after year for the enjoyment of residents and butterflies alike. Native prairie plants purify the air and water, beautify the community, require less fertilizer, water, and maintenance, and contribute to positive mental and physical well-being. These native plants evolved locally over thousands of years and are adapted to Chicagoland. To learn more about nature in our region, visit [fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org](http://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org) and [fieldmuseum.org/science-action](http://fieldmuseum.org/science-action)

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1 *Allium cernuum*  
Nodding Onion [LM]



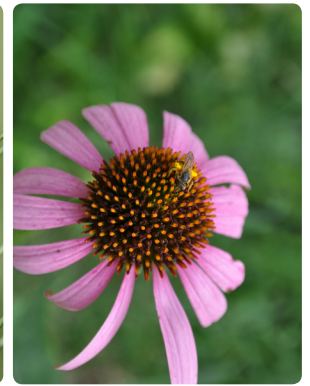
2 *Asclepias incarnata*  
Swamp Milkweed [LM]



3 *Asclepias tuberosa*  
Butterflyweed [LM]



4 *Asclepias verticillata*  
Whorled Milkweed [IR]



5 *Echinacea pallida*  
Pale Purple Coneflower [LM]



6 *Eryngium yuccifolium*  
Rattlesnake Master [LM]



7 *Liatris aspera*  
Blazing Star [LM]



8 *Penstemon digitalis*  
Foxglove Beardtongue [IR]



9 *Pycnanthemum virginianum*  
Mountain Mint [IR]



10 *Symphyotrichum ericoides*  
White Heath Aster [JH]



11 *Symphyotrichum laeve*  
Smooth Blue Aster [JH]



12 *Verbena hastata*  
Blue Vervain [JH]



13 *Veronia fasciculata*  
Ironweed [JH]