

# Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse

## 5 Native Perennials for 2022

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“Like wildflowers, you must allow yourself to grow in all the places you never thought you would,” wrote poet E.V. Rogina. A very fitting quote for our Top 5 Native perennials list. Native plants, by definition, evolved to thrive in the local climate, weathering heat, cold, drought, and floods. So, in addition to being vitally important for pollinating insects, native plants are easier to grow! They require less supplemental water and fertilizer, as well as less hands-on pruning. Do yourself and nature a favor by adding natives to your yard this season. The butterflies will thank you!

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### **Lobelia cardinalis**

#### *Cardinal Flower*

Height: 36-48 Inches

Spread: 24 Inches

Zones: 3-9

Sunlight: Part Sun to Part Shade

Key Features:

- Bright red spikes of flowers mid-summer thru early fall
- Attracts Ruby Throated Hummingbirds and various Swallowtail Butterfly species
- Prefers moist soil and afternoon shade



### **Asclepias tuberosa**

#### *Butterfly Milkweed*

Height: 24 Inches

Spread: 24 Inches

Zones: 3-9

Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Sun

Key Features:

- 3 months of bright orange blossoms
  - Absolutely vital for the survival of Monarch Butterflies
  - The nectar also attracts honeybees
  - No milky sap like other species
  - Very tolerant of hot, dry weather
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### **Baptisia australis** *Blue Wild Indigo*

Height: 4 Feet

Spread: 3-4 Feet

Zones: 3-9

Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Shade

Key Features:

- Periwinkle blue colored blossoms from mid-late spring
- Native to the Midwest, though primarily found along the Ohio
- Queen Bumblebees are the primary pollinator of the flowers



### **Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'** *Rough Goldenrod*

Height: 3-4 Feet

Spread: 3-4 Feet

Zones: 4-9

Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Sun

Key Features:

- Late summer display of showy, golden yellow flower spikes
- Long and short tongue bees are among the many, many pollinators that visit this plant
- Drought tolerant once established



### **Mertensia virginica** *Virginia Bluebells*

Height: 12 Inches

Spread: 12 Inches

Zones: 4-7

Sunlight: Part Shade

Key Features

- True blue blossom early spring
- Primarily pollinated by bees
- Foliage dies back into the ground by mid-summer
- Grows best with light shade in moist and loamy soil



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