Supplier of native plants
Most native plants in this brochure can be found at Glacial Ridge Growers in Prior Lake, MN
http://www.glacialridgegrowers.com/default.asp

Other native plant suppliers
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/suppliers.html

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Native plants of Minnesota can provide four seasons of color right in your yard!

Please do not disturb natural areas where these plants are found

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This brochure highlights 12 native plants that are useful for landscaping, and where they are located at the Arboretum
WHAT are native plants?
Native plants are those that inhabited this area for centuries and were not planted here from somewhere else. Planting natives can bring back the past landscape that the early explorers encountered.

WHY use native plants?

Require less care
They are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. Native plants work well for landscaping, and once established they rarely need watering or mowing. Native plants won’t take over natural communities like non-natives.

Can survive Minnesota’s cold winters
Temperatures can get as low as -20 degrees Fahrenheit, this environment isn’t suitable for all plants.

Attract butterflies and other wildlife
Native plants provide nectar, pollen, and seeds for native butterflies, birds, and other animals.

12 Native Plants of Minnesota

1. Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis)
- Pink/yellow flower
- May to July bloom
- 1-2 feet tall
- Grows in all soils and sunny sites
- Attracts hummingbirds and reseeds itself

2. Prairie Onion (Allium stellatum)
- Purple/pink flower cluster
- July to August bloom
- 1-2 feet tall
- Grows well in sunny sites
- Attracts butterflies and birds
- Onion fragrance

3. Turtlehead (Chelone glabra)
- White flower
- July to September bloom
- 1-3 feet tall
- Grows well in moist soils and sunny sites
- Useful for flower borders or along shores

4. Anise Hyssop (Agastache foeniculum)
- Purple/blue flower
- July to August bloom for late summer color
- 2-4 feet tall
- Grows well in sandy soil and sunny sites
- Attracts butterflies and bees
- Edible leaves for teas

5. Prairie Wild Rose (Rosa arkansana)
- Pink flower with fragrance
- June to July bloom
- 2 feet tall, 4-8 feet wide
- Grows well in full sun
- Winter hardy
- Alternatives are smooth wild rose and prickly wild rose

6. Wild Ginger (Asarum canadense)
- Reddish brown flower
- May bloom
- 0.5 feet tall, useful ground cover
- Grows well in shade
- Native herb with heart shaped leaves

7. Maidenhair Fern (Adiantum pedatum)
- Green fern with lacy foliage
- 1-2 feet tall
- Grows well in shady areas and moist soils
- Alternative include lady fern, ostrich fern, sensitive fern, and cinnamon fern

8. Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium)
- Grass
- 2-3 feet tall
- Grows well in drained soils and sunny sites
- Color turns from blue in summer to golden red in fall
- Works well on walkways or borders

9. Red-Osier Dogwood (Cornus sericea)
- White flower clumps
- May and July blooms
- 5-10 feet tall
- Wildlife enjoy its white berries
- Stems are green in summer and red in winter!

10. Common Juniper (Juniperus communis)
- Juniper shrub
- Blue berries in fall
- 1.5-5 feet tall
- Grows in dry soils and full sun
- Alternative is creeping juniper

11. Ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius)
- Green shrub with white flower clusters
- June to July bloom
- 5-9 feet tall, 6-9 feet wide
- Grows well in drained soils and full sun as a shrub border
- Leaves can be greenish yellow or purple
- Alternative is Leatherwood

12. Lowbush Blueberry (Vaccinium angustifolium)
- White flower
- May to June bloom, July/August berries
- 0.5-2 feet tall
- Pink/red leaves in the fall
- Good replacement for invasive Japanese barberry