

The Kent District Library has a “Seed Library”

Do you have extra Native Seeds to Share?

The Kent District Library staff is very excited to accept native seeds from WORC members to make available to their patrons through their seed exchange. If you have extra seeds you are willing to share, you can drop seeds off at any Kent District Library location (but not Grand Rapids library locations).

The seed should be within an enclosed container (bag, envelope, etc.), labeled with name of species (common name and scientific) and limited planting instructions (wet/dry soil type, sun/shade).

As we know, native seeds can require pre-treatment, such as stratification or scarring, which may frustrate beginning gardeners. Below is a list of some native seed that are considered easier to germinate. Otherwise, you can include in brief germination instructions such as “stratification required.”

American Bellflower (*Campanula Americana*)
American Senna (*Senna hebecarpa*)
Aromatic Aster (*Aster oblongifolius*)
Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Blazing Star (*Liatris aspera*)
Blue Wild Indigo (*Blephilia spp.*)
Bluestem Goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*)
Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
False Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)

Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
Garden Tickseed (*Coreopsis tinctorial*)
Gray-headed Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
PartridgePpea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*)
Rosemallow (*Hibiscus spp.*)
Sand Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolate*)
Stiff Goldenrod (*Oligoneuron rigidum*)
Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata L.*)
Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

Provide your name and contact info in case library staff have questions for you. Please state that you are a member of WORC. You can use the label below, or just write the info on the bag or envelope. Library staff will repackage the seeds in their own packets and put the planting info in a catalog for patrons to consult.

Questions? WORC Contact: Joyce Tuharsky at (616) 780-5021, joycercwo@comcast.net
Library contact: Corey Archambault (616) 784-2007, volunteer@kdl.org.

Common Name: _____

Scientific Name: _____

Planting instructions: _____

Donated by: _____ Contact (email or phone): _____

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