Native Plant Lists for Polk County

Moist Woodland Edge

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Flower Color	Bloom Time	Butterflies	Hummingbirds	Song Birds	Water Fowl	Game Birds	Reptiles	Small Mammals	Deer
Groundcover												
Awl fruit sedge	*Carex stipata*	12-42"	NA	NA	●		●	●	●		●	●
Blue joint grass	*Calamagrostis canadensis*	3-5'	NA	NA			●	●			●	●
Caterpillar/Fringed sedge	*Carex crinita*	2-5'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Fox sedge	*Carex vulpinoidea*	18-30"	NA	NA	●		●	●	●		●	●
Fringed brome	*Bromus ciliatus*	2-4'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Prairie cordgrass	*Spartina pectinata*	4-8'	NA	NA			●		●		●	●
Virgina wild rye	*Elymus virginicus*	2-4'	NA	NA			●	●	●			●
Shrubs												
Am. mountain ash	*Sorbus americana*	to 28'	White	June			●		●			
Black chokeberry	*Aronia melanocarpa*	3-6'	White	May	●		●		●		●	●
Chokecherry°	*Prunus virginiana*	to 25'	White	May-June	●		●		●		●	●
Elderberry°	*Sambucus canadensis*	3-9'	White	June-July			●		●		●	●
Highbush cranberry	*Viburnum trilobum*	10-13'	White	June	●		●		●		●	●
Ironwood	*Carpinus caroliniana*	to 30'	NA	NA	●		●		●		●	●
Meadowsweet°	*Spiraea alba*	3-6'	White	June-Aug	●		●		●			●
Nannyberry°	*Viburnum lentago*	to 20'	White	June			●		●		●	
Northern bayberry	*Myrica gale*	3-4'	NA	NA			●		●			●
Pussy willow	*Salix discolor*	10-25'	White	April-May	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Red osier dogwood°	*Cornus stolonifera*	4-10'	White	May-Aug	●		●	●	●		●	●
Sandbar willow	*Salix interior*	6-15'	White	April			●	●	●	●	●	●
Speckled alder	*Alnus incana*	10-25'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Steeplebush°	*Spirea tomentosa*	2-4'	Pink	July-Aug	●		●		●			●
Winterberry holly	*Ilex verticillata*	to 10'	White	June			●		●		●	●
Trees												
Black ash°	*Fraxinus nigra*	to 50'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Black willow°	*Salix nigra*	to 60'	NA	NA	●		●	●	●		●	●
Green ash°	*Fraxinus pensylvanica*	to 60'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Northern white cedar	*Thuja occidentalis*	to 70'	NA	NA			●				●	●
Paper birch	*Betula papyrifera*	to 70'	NA	NA			●		●		●	●
River birch	*Betula nigra*	to 75'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Silver maple°	*Acer saccharinum*	to 80'	NA	NA			●	●	●		●	●
Tamarack	*Larix laricina*	to 80'	NA	NA			●		●		●	●
White spruce°	*Picea glauca*	to 100'	NA	NA			●				●	●
Yellow birch	*Betula alleghaniensis*	to 80'	NA	NA			●	●	●	●	●	●

NA = Not Applicable, no flowers or inconspicuous flowers
° = Clay-tolerant plant

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