

The following sheets list grasses, herbs, forbs, trees and shrubs native to Illinois and Iowa. The following lists contain the species that would be approved and which are preferred for planting on government lands along the Mississippi River. Some of these are more expensive than others but the list provides you with options of plantings.

Remember, any vegetation being placed on government land must be approved prior to work being performed. Also, any removal of vegetation needs prior approval. Tree cutting and trimming must have prior approval by the Natural Resource Management Section of the Mississippi River Project. On-site visits can be arranged by calling 309/794-4439.

Creating a vista-view is prohibited, but by creative planting, you can create a landscape which provides a view and a habitat for animals. By placing plants that are multi-level, that have good root structures and that will thrive in your soil, you can help slow the erosion problems at your site.

## List of Grasses for the Mississippi River Project

Common Name	Wildlife Attracted	Planting Form	Native Habitat
Big Bluestem	songbirds, deer and small mammals	seeds and seedlings (perennial)	Prairie soils, moist or dry, dry open ground
Little Bluestem	songbirds, deer and small mammals	seeds and seedlings (perennial)	Sandy or prairie soils, open woods, dry clearings
Sideoats Grama or Tall Grama or Mesquite Grass	songbirds, deer and small mammals	seeds and seedlings (perennial)	Prairie soils, dry woods, dry hills and bluffs
June Grass	songbirds	seeds and seedlings (perennial)	Sandy soil, prairies, open woods and sandhills
Indian Grass/Wood Grass	songbirds	seeds and seedlings (perennial)	Prairie, open woods, dry slopes
Prairie Switchgrass	songbirds, deer, rabbits and waterfowl	seeds and seedlings (perennial)	Open woods, prairies, dunes, shores & marshes
Prairie Drop Seed aka Northern Drop Seed	songbirds, deer and small mammals	seeds (perennial)	Dry soil, dry prairies, and dry open ground
Prairie Cord Grass	songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds and deer	rhizomes and seeds (perennial)	Moist ground, shores, wet prairies and swamps

## List of Herbs and Forbs for the Mississippi River Project

Common Name	Wildlife Attracted	Planting Form	Native Habitat
Wild Blue Iris	Waterfowl, marshbirds and shorebirds	roots (perennial)	Variety of wet soils and marshes
Purple Coneflower	Songbirds	seeds & plants (perennial)	Prairie, mesic & wet woods, thickets
Purple Prairie Clover	Songbirds	seeds & plants (perennial)	Dry, sandy or gravelly soils
White Prairie Clover	Songbirds	seeds & plants (perennial)	Dry, sandy or gravelly soils
Stiff Goldenrod	Songbirds, deer and mammals	seeds (perennial)	Prairie soils, dry open areas & sandy soils
Black-eyed Susan	Songbirds	plants & seeds	Open woods, mesic or dry
Partridge Pea	Upland Game Birds	seeds (annual)	Poor soils & prairie, tolerates drought
Illinois Bundleflower	Songbirds	seeds (perennial)	Prairies and alluvial soils
Blazing Stars	Songbirds	seeds & plants (perennial)	All types of prairies
Butterfly Weed	Songbirds	seeds & roots (perennial)	Dry to mesic prairies
Sunflowers	Songbirds	seeds & seedlings (perennial)	All types of prairies

## List of Shrubs for the Mississippi River Project

Common Name	Full Height	Wildlife Attracted	Planting Form	Native Habitat
Black Chokecherry	12'	Songbirds, rabbits, squirrels & deer	plants, seeds, balled & burlapped	Moist, sandy woods
Buttonbush	4 - 15'	Deer & waterfowl	plants, balled & burlapped	Streams, ponds, & lake shores
False Indigo Bush	4 - 6'	Insects & songbirds	seeds, seedlings, balled & burlapped	Moist soil, rocky streams & alluvial soils
Elderberry	12'	Songbirds, deer & small mammals	seeds, seedlings, balled & burlapped	Moist soil and open woodlands
Hazelnut	3 - 5'	Songbirds, deer & small mammals	seeds, seedlings, balled & burlapped	Dry or moist woods
Coralberry aka Buckbrush	5'	Songbirds (robins) & deer	bare root, balled & burlapped	Dry or rocky soil & open woods
Leatherwood	6'	Songbirds	whole plants	Moist, shady areas along banks & woods
Lead Plant	4'	Songbirds	seeds	Dry, sandy prairies, hills & open woods
Ninebark	10'	Songbirds	seedlings & bare root	Moist, sandy or rocky soil, shores & slopes
Shadbush aka Juneberry	20'	Songbirds, deer & small mammals	bare root, balled & burlapped	Wooded hillsides & stream banks
Shining Sumac	35'	Songbirds & small mammals	balled & burlapped	Dry hills, old fields & woodland edges
Staghorn Sumac	40'	Songbirds, waterfowl & small mammals	seeds & seedlings	Dry soil and sandy ridges
Witch-Hazel	25'	Small mammals & deer	seeds & seedlings	Moist or dry woodlands

## List of Trees for the Mississippi River Project

Common Name	Full Height	Wildlife Attracted	Native Habitat
Green Ash	60'	Songbirds and deer	Moist ground (streambanks)
Flowering Dogwood	30 -50'	Songbirds, squirrels, rabbits & chipmunks	Rocky woods and steep slopes
Swamp White Oak	70'	Woodpeckers, jays and grackles	Moist areas
Bur Oak	120'	Woodpeckers, jays and grackles	Most conditions
Hackberry	80'	Mockingbirds, robins, deer and songbirds	Most conditions
Shellbark Hickory	100'	Songbirds, squirrels and chipmunks	Rich soils and moist conditions
River Birch	75'	Songbirds	Moist areas along streams and rivers
Pecan	150'	Songbirds & squirrels	Moist areas
Pin Oak	75'	Woodpeckers, jays and grackles	Moist areas