

Native Plant Lists for Polk County

Maple Forest

Medium sandy to silt loam soils

Less than 4 hours sun

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Flower Color	Bloom Time	Butterflies	Hummingbirds	Songbirds	Waterfowl	Game Birds	Reptiles/Amphibians	Small Mammals	Deer
Groundcover												
Cinnamon fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	2-5'	NA	NA		•			•			
Lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	18-24"	NA	NA			•		•		•	•
Maidenhair fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	3-4'	NA	NA						•		•
Early meadow rue°	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	8-28"	Green	May -June								•
Ostrich fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	3-4'	NA	NA			•		•		•	•
Pennsylvania sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	6-18"	NA	NA	•		•		•		•	•
Red baneberry	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	1-2'	White	May -June					•		•	
Sensitive fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	1'	NA	NA			•		•		•	•
White baneberry	<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	1-2'	White	May -June			•		•		•	
Wild Flowers												
Bellwort	<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	1'	Yellow	May-June								•
Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	2-6"	White	April- June								
Columbine°	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	8-24"	Pink	May-June	•	•	•					
False lily of the valley	<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	3-6"	White	May-June			•		•		•	
False solomon's seal	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	18-24"	White	May-June			•		•		•	•
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	1-3'	Green	May-June			•	•	•		•	
Jacob's ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	8-24"	Blue	May-June	•							
Sessile-leaved bellwort	<i>Uvularia sessilifolia</i>	10"	Yellow	May-June								
Solomon's seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	1-5'	White	May-June								
Trillium	<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>	1'	White	May							•	•
Wild geranium°	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	1-2'	Lavender	May-June					•		•	•
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	4-8"	Red	May-June	•							
Woodland strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	4-6"	White	May- June			•		•		•	•
Shrubs												
Bush honeysuckle°	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	2-3'	Yellow	June-Sept	•	•			•			•
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	to 25'	White	May-June	•		•		•		•	•
Ironwood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	to 30'	NA	NA	•		•	•	•		•	•
Red-berried elder	<i>Sambucus pubens</i>	to 6'	White	May			•		•		•	•
Serviceberry/Juneberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	15-25'	White	April-May			•		•		•	•
Trees												
Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	to 60'	NA	NA			•		•		•	•
Black cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	80'	NA	NA	•		•		•		•	•
Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	to 90'	NA	NA	•		•		•		•	•
Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	to 100'	NA	NA			•		•		•	•
Basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	100'	NA	NA				•	•		•	•

NA = Not Applicable – no flowers or inconspicuous flowers

° = Clay-tolerant plant

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