

Habitat Plant List									
Name	Type	Location	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height	Ideal pH	Care Instructions	Misc. Info.	Fun Facts
Allium	Bulb	Both Habitat entrances	May	Purple	3'	6 - 7	Divide crowded bulbs after flowering.	Purple flowering variety.	Related to onions, garlic and chives.
American Bittersweet	Deciduous Vine	Arbor near shed	Fall - Berries	Yellow/Orange	20' - 30'	5.1 - 6.5	Prune in late fall/early spring to control shape.	Native, 2 planted spring 2013	These vines are either male or female. Both must be planted together for berries to be produced. Berries are poisonous to people!
Anise Hyssop "Blue Fortune"	Perennial Herb	Perennial garden - near center	June - Sept	Lavender-blue	3'	6.6 - 7.8	Deadhead flowers to encourage re-blooming. If needed, divide in spring.	Hybrid planted since Ohio native variety was unavailable. Hybrid parents are both native N. American wildflowers. 3 planted spring 2012	Related to mint, leaves smell like licorice.
Baptisia	Perennial	Perennial garden - either end	Summer	Purple/Blue	4'	6.1 - 7.5	Cut back near ground in late fall.	Native. Beautiful seed pods in fall.	Member of the pea family. New growth in spring looks like asparagus. Flowers were once used to make fabric dye.
Bee Balm		Zoo Garden		Pink					
Black Chokeberry	Shrub	Fruit quadrant	May		3' - 6'		Remove older stems every 3 years or so.	Native. 5 planted spring 2011.	DEAD Recommend sticking with raspberries instead.
Black-eyed Susan (Indian Summer & native varieties)	Perennial	Habitat entrance near shed	July - Oct.	Deep yellow	3'		Do not completely dead head in fall. Variety is short-lived and needs to reseed.	Native. 1 planted fall 2011, 2 more spring 2013. Deer like to eat this so don't replant.	State flower of Maryland
Blue Flag Iris	Per.	Perennial Garden Near Wetlands	May - July		2' - 3'			Native. 5 planted spring 2011.	
Butterfly Bush (blue flowers)	Shrub	Butterfly garden	Midsummer - Oct.		24" - 30"	5.8 - 6.2	Prune back in late winter/early spring. Watch for spider mites. Deadheading will encourage more flowers.	Variety is Lo & Behold Blue Chip, dwarf	
Butterfly Weed	Perennial	Zoo Garden	June - Sept.	Orange	1' - 3'	4.8 - 6.8		Native. A member of the milkweed family.	
Buttonbush	Shrub	Wetlands		White				Native. 1 planted spring 2011.	DEAD
Cardinal Flower		Zoo garden	July - Sept.		2' - 4'		Keep soil moist.	Native. 3 planted spring 2011.	
Celadine Poppy	Perennial	Butterfly garden	Spring	Yellow	18"			Native. 1 planted spring 2013.	
Christmas Fern		Perennial garden	N/A		1' - 2'		Well-drained soil. Must check.	Native. 3 planted spring 2011.	Stays green all winter.
Common Milkweed	Perennial Herb	Natural Edge	May - Aug.	Pink	2' - 6.5'		Seed pods pop open when ripe. Remove dead stalks in spring.	Native. Students may open up ripe seed pods & carefully distribute the seeds during Habitat outings.	Monarch butterflies only lay eggs on milkweed plants - look underneath leaves for them in fall. Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed.
Creeping phlox	Perennial	To right of habitat entrance by pear tree	midspring - early summer	Pink	4" - 6"		Remove woody growth to encourage better flowering.	Native. 2 planted spring 2013.	
Daffodil - several varieties	Bulb	Perennial garden	Spring	Yellow, white			Divide crowded bulbs after flowering. Transplant varieties in zoo garden unless they have appropriate names?		
Field Horsetail	WEED	Wetlands, butterfly garden			Fertile stems: 4" - 10" Sterile stems: 2'		Mow or crush and then spray with high nitrogen weed killer. Remove fertile stems in early spring to prevent further spreading. These look like a pinecone on the end of a stem.	Likes poor, moist soil.	Used in the past for scouring pots and pans.
Fireweed	Perennial	Perennial garden	June - Sept	Purple/Blue white, pink, spotted throats	18" & higher			Leaf veins form loops instead of ending at the leaf edge.	So named because it is one of the 1st plants to return after a forest fire.
Foxglove	Biennial	Zoo Garden	MidSummer		2' - 5'		self sows readily, deadhead to control, leave spent flowers to multiply.	2 planted spring 2013, good cut flowers	1 plant can produce up to 2 million seeds.
Goldenrod (Canada & others)	Perennial	Natural Edge	Aug. - Oct.	Yellow	Up to 5'		Cut & dry flowers in fall for bouquets and to keep too many plants from reseeding.	Flowers during hay fever season but pollen is large, sticky & unlikely to be inhaled.	
Grape Hyacinth	Bulb	To right of main entrance, near fence	Early Spring	Purple or Blue	6" - 12"	6.1 - 7.8	Remove yellow foliage.	3 planted spring 2013. Transplant by relocating seeds in fall. Do not bury them. Seeds are about 1/2" & round.	Stems can be used for firewood.
Hollyhock - alcea rosea	biennial	Perennial garden - near center	July - Sept.	Burgundy/Black	6' - 8'	6.1 - 7.8			
Horseradish	Perennial	Zoo garden	July		2'	5.5 - 7	Harvest & replant annually.		
Joe Pye Weed	Perennial	Butterfly garden	Late Summer - Fall	Pink/Purple	2' - 6'		Cut back near ground in early spring.	Native, Planted 2012 DEAD?	Named after Joe Pye, an Indian healer from New England.
Lady's Mantle	Perennial	Perennial garden	Late Spring		up to 24"	5.5 - 7.5	Mulch around but not up to the stem. Leave intact over winter, clean up in spring.	Naturalizes easily if not deadheaded. Makes nice cut & dried flowers	Very fine hairs on the leaves cause water to form beautiful droplets on them.
Lamb's Ear	Herb	Zoo garden						2 planted 2013 - English & Silver Edge. Harvest sprigs but not entire plant. Overzealous harvesting has killed plants in the past.	Pinch then smell this plant. It is very well known for its scent.
Lavender	Perennial	Herb garden	Late Spring - Summer	Purple	12" - 18"		Remove dead foliage as needed.		
Lemon Balm	Per.	Butterfly garden	June - Sept.		Up to 3'	4.5 - 7.6	Cut back to ground when flowers appear and hang upsidedown in a dim, airy location to dry. Use in potpourri.	Found in all sorts of random places spring 2011.	The ancient bee keepers used the crushed leaves of the plant as a rub on beehives so as to encourage the domesticated bees to return to their hives.
Liatis - Blazing Star	Per	Butterfly garden	July - Sept.	purple	3' - 6'	< 6.8		Native. 3 planted spring 2013.	
May Apple	Perennial	Compost area	May	white	12" - 18"			Native. 6-12 planted spring 2013.	Look under the "umbrellas" to find the flower and fruit. Only plants with two "umbrellas" are mature and will flower.
Morning Glory		Natural Edge							
Northern Sea Oats		Perennial garden					Must dead head since reseeds freely.	Native. 1 planted spring 2011.	
Queen Anne's Lace				White					
Raspberry 'Black Jewel'		Along fence, fruit quadrant				6 - 7	Prune back woody growth in fall.	3 planted by girl scouts fall 2012	
Rattlesnake Master	Per.	Zoo garden	May - Sept.		4' - 5'		May need to be staked.	Native. 3 planted spring 2011.	
Red Maple	Tree		Very Early Spring		15' - 30' at maturity	< 7.5		Donated by Chuck & Sandy Hendricks 2000	Squirrels like to eat the buds in early spring, leaves are poisonous to horses.
Redbud	Tree		Early Spring		70' at maturity	6.8 - 7.7		In Loving Memory of Cory Fowkes 1990 - 2000	State tree of Oklahoma
Rose Mallow	Perennial	Butterfly garden	Mid Summer - Early Fall	White with red center	4' - 6'	6.1 - 6.5	Trim down to 6" after blooming in late fall.		
Sedum (Autumn Joy)	Perennial	Perennial garden	Aug. - Nov.	Pink then copper	2'		Great plant for winter interest. Remove spent blooms in the spring.	3 planted fall 2011	
Sedum (Other variety)	Perennial	Perennial garden						1 planted fall 2011	
Snow Crocus - mixed colors	Bulb	A few in Habitat grass & on hill, some under fence near shed.	Very Early Spring	Mixed	4"	6 - 7	Mild fertilizer such as lime or bone meal	24 bulbs planted fall 2010, around 50 planted fall 2012	
Sweet Pea Vine	Perennial or reseeding annual	Natural edge (Move to trellises)	Late Spring - Summer	Pink, hot pink	Up to 8'		Water well during heat spells. Deadhead to prolong flowering. Like rich soil.		
Sweet William	Biennial	Perennial garden - near center	Midsummer		12" - 18"	6.6 - 8.5		Fragrant flowers, self sows. 3 planted spring 2013.	
Tall Coreopsis (Tickseed)	Per.	Zoo garden						Native. 2 planted spring 2011.	
Toad Lily	Perennial	Zoo garden	Late Summer - Fall	Orange	Up to 3'		Likes moist soil.		
Yellow Toadflax	Perennial	Zoo garden	June - Aug.	Yellow & Cream	up to 24"		Keep confined to the zoo garden. Can be a noxious weed in the wild.	Member of the snapdragon family. Makes a nice cut flower.	Toadflax' refers to the resemblance of the flowers to toads & the foliage to flax. It was widely used in the past to make yellow dye.
Zebra Grass		Center of zoo garden							

