

Native Plant Lists for Polk County



Pine or Oak Forest

Dry, acid, sandy 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
Groundcovers												
Bracken fern	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	2-3'	NA	NA			•		•		•	•
Bunchberry	<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	6-8"	White	May -June			•		•			
False solomon's seal	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	18-24"	White	May -June			•		•		•	•
Pennsylvania sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	6-18"	NA	NA	•		•		•		•	
Solomon's seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	1-4'	Green	May -June		•			•			•
Woodland strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	4-6"	White	May-June			•		•		•	•
Wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	3-6"	White	May -June					•		•	•
Flowers												
Bellwort	<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	1'	Yellow	May -June								•
Big-leaf aster°	<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>	6-12"	Lavender	Aug-Oct			•		•		•	•
Columbine°	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	8-24"	Pink	May-June	•	•	•					
False lily of the valley	<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	3-6"	White	May-June			•		•		•	
Harebell°	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	4-20"	Blue	June-Sept		•						
Wild geranium°	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	1-2'	Lavender	May-June					•		•	•
Shrubs												
Bush honeysuckle°	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	2-3'	Yellow	June -Sept	•	•			•			•
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	to 20'	White	May -June	•	•	•		•		•	•
Gray dogwood°	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	to 8'	White	May -July			•	•	•		•	•
Hazelnut	<i>Corylus americana</i>	to 8'	NA	NA	•		•		•		•	•
Pin cherry	<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	to 25'	White	May -June			•		•		•	•
Serviceberry/Juneberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	15-25'	White	April-May			•		•		•	•
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	2-4'	White	June		•			•		•	•
Trees												
Bur oak°	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	to 80'	NA	NA	•		•	•	•		•	•
White pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	100+'	NA	NA			•		•		•	•

NA = Not Applicable, no flowers or inconspicuous flowers

° = Clay-tolerant plant

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leaf aster (*Aster macrophyllus*)



Columbine (*Agilegia canadensis*)



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Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)



Dwarf bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)



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Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)



Service/Juneberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)