



ITASCA WATERS

Team Up for Clean Waters

Nine Native Plant Species to Consider Planting Along Shoreland

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Below is a list of nine arranged in order of priority.

- ⇒ Prairie cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*)
- ⇒ Fox sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
- ⇒ Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- ⇒ Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- ⇒ Golden alexander (*Zizia aurea*)
- ⇒ Blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
- ⇒ Blue flag iris (*Iris versicolor*)
- ⇒ Giant bur-reed (*Sparganium eurycarpum*)
- ⇒ Joe pye-weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*)

When thinking about planting any of the above or other native plant species, please consider the importance of starting with a reputable source for seeds or plants.

Below are a few options to consider:

- ⇒ Purchase seed from a reputable company (e.g., Morning Sky Greenery, Bloomers, or Prairie Restoration) and grow them out.
- ⇒ Purchase plants from a reputable company and grow them out, then divide them.
- ⇒ Obtain permission to collect seed from a local source and grow those out (this one can be risky because it places the burden on you, the collector, to know exactly what plants you are gathering seeds from.

Additional information and resources can be found by visiting the Itasca Waters website at www.itscawaters.org