WOODLAND BORDER GARDEN

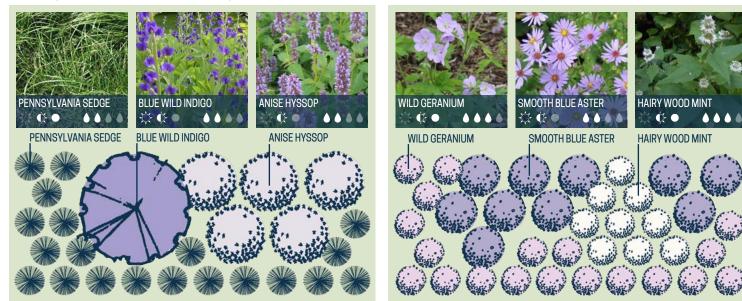
Shaded areas of the yard can be challenging places for grass to grow. Luckily, Illinois has dozens of native plant species that thrive in shade. Instead of a traditional lawn, consider shade-loving groundcovers, like sedges and ferns. For interest, add other shade plants that are taller and bloom.

This guide features a planting plan focused on natives typically found in Illinois woodland borders. The plan creates year-round interest for homeowners and extends the foraging season for pollinators. Additionally, native plants help soak up rainfall and can be used in rain gardens. For more information, visit the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture website: extension.illinois.edu/global/horticulture.

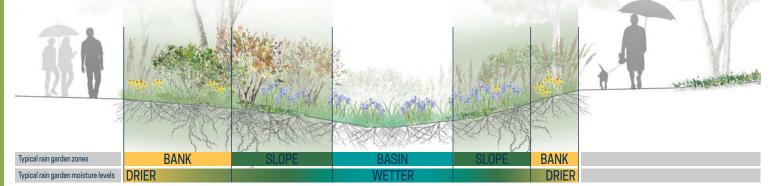
ADDITIONAL PLANTING OPTIONS

SPACING OPTIONS: If you have more space, duplicate the planting plan located on the inside of this brochure.

For less space, consider these two smaller options for 4' x 10' Woodland Border Garden beds:



RAIN GARDEN OPTIONS: While the plants in this brochure are all shade- and part-shade loving species, they prefer a variety of moisture levels. For placement in a rain garden, they are best suited for slopes and higher banks. See the cross-section of a typical rain garden for recommended locations.



WHERE TO FIND PLANTS AND MORE INFORMATION

The plant palette is inspired by the Red Oak Rain Garden: <u>redoakraingarden.org</u>. The Illinois Native Plant Society webpage lists sources of native plants: <u>illinoisplants.org</u>. For more information about plants, see the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture website.

PUT YOUR NATIVE PLANT GARDEN ON THE MAP

You can be part of a network of native plantings by registering your Illinois native plant garden or rain garden. This helps build community and encourage native plant use. Add your native plant garden to the map: go.illinois.edu/GardenMap.

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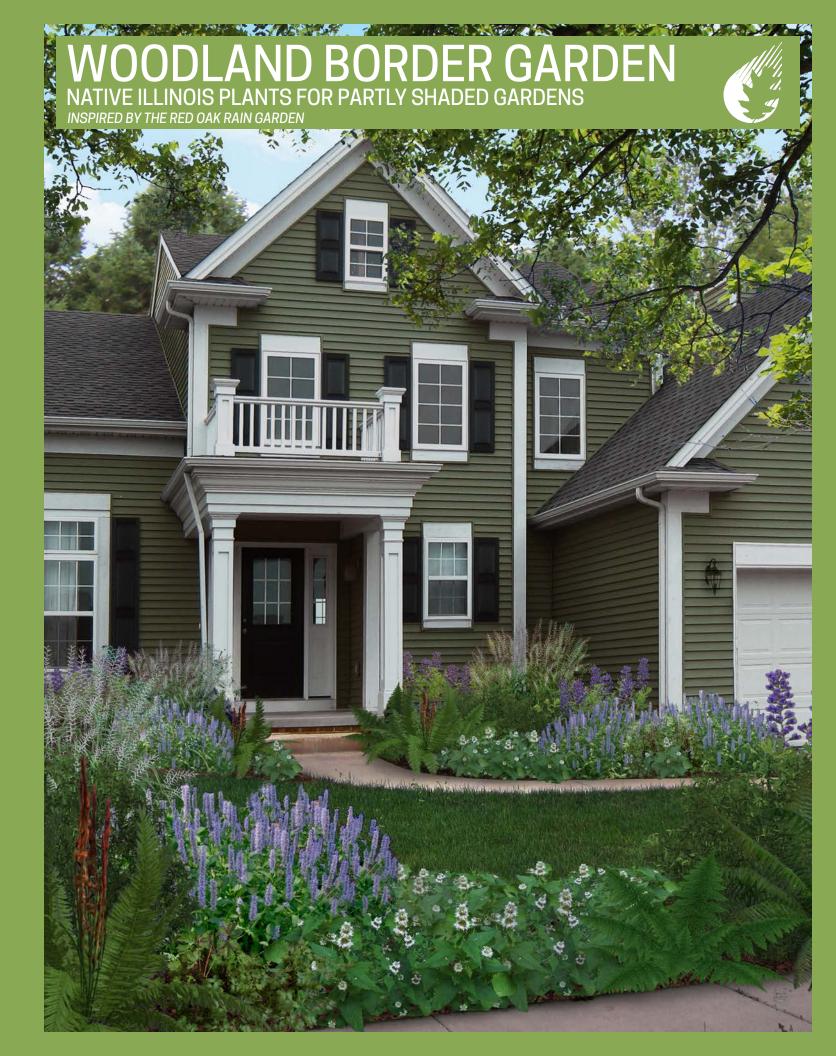












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NATIVE ILLINOIS PLANTS FOR PARTLY SHADED GARDENS

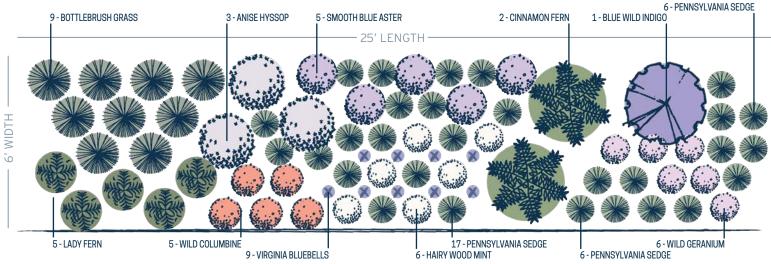
PLANTING PLAN FOR A 6' x 25' BED

GROUNDCOVER: Pennsylvania Sedge (29), Wild Geranium (6), Lady Fern (5)

SEASONAL: Virginia Bluebells (9), Wild Columbine (5), Hairy Wood Mint (6), Smooth Blue Aster (5), Ansie Hyssop (3)

STRUCTURAL: Blue Wild Indigo (1), Bottlebrush Grass (9), Cinnamon Fern (2)

See the Red Oak Rain Garden Brochure for information related to the Groundcover, Seasonal, and Structural categories.



FOUR SEASON INTEREST







Aquilegia canadensis



HAIRY WOOD MINT



Raptisia australis



PENNSYLVANIA SEDGE





SMOOTH BLUE ASTER mphyotrichum laeve





















BOTTLEBRUSH GRASS



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