



Taltree Native Plant Calendar

APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Golden Alexander <i>Zizia aurea</i> *							
Black-Eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia</i> spp. *							
False Indigos <i>Baptisia</i> spp. *							
Foxglove Beardtongue <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> *							
Pale Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea pallida</i> *							
Spiderwort <i>Tradescantia Ohioensis</i> *							
Compass Plant <i>Silphium laciniatum</i> *							
Culver's Root <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> *							
Lead Plant <i>Amorpha canescens</i> *							
Mountain Mints <i>Pycnanthemum</i> spp. *							
False Sunflower <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> *							
Prairie Cinquefoil <i>Potentilla arguta</i> *							
Prairie Dock <i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i> *							
Purple Prairie Clover <i>Petalostemum purpureum</i> *							
Showy Tick Trefoil <i>Desmodium canadense</i> *							
Wild Bergamot <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> *							
Wild Quinine <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i> *							
Big Blue Stem <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> *							
Illinois Tick Trefoil <i>Desmodium illinoense</i> *							
Ironweeds <i>Vernonia</i> spp. *							
New England Aster <i>Aster novae angliae</i> *							
Prairie Blazing Star <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> *							
Purple Cone Flower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> *							
Rattlesnake Master <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> *							
Rosin Weed <i>Silphium integrifolium</i> *							
Round-headed Bush Clover <i>Lepedeza capitata</i> *							
Stiff Goldenrod <i>Solidago rigida</i> *							
Yellow Cone Flower <i>Ratibida pinnata</i> *							
Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> *							
Prairie Dropseed <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> *							
Side-oats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> *							
Old Field Goldenrod <i>Solidago nemoralis</i> *							
Smooth Blue Aster <i>Aster laevis</i> *							

Type: *Forb *Grass

Directions to Taltree

Arboretum Entrance

Guests coming to Taltree for events, weddings or general visits should use the Arboretum entrance at 450 West 100 North. From U.S. Highway 30 turn south at County Road 500 West. Go 1.5 miles to County Road 100 North. Turn left (East) onto 100 North, go 0.5 miles to the Taltree entrance.

Business / Classroom Entrance

Class participants, volunteers and guests who have business with Taltree should use the office entrance at 71 North 500 West. From U.S. Highway 30 turn south at County Road 500 West. Go 1.7 miles to 71 North (0.2 miles past 100 North). Turn left at 71 North, follow the driveway past the founders' residence and around the barn to the parking lot.

Trail Map

A Natural Inspiration

Explore, learn, and delight in the unique natural sanctuary of Taltree Arboretum and Gardens located in Porter County, Indiana. Experience the relaxation that only nature can provide.

Taltree's Story

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, founded in 1997 by Damien and Rita Gabis, is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) educational foundation located in the South Lake Michigan Region. It is comprised of a 300-acre reserve of woody plant collections, gardens, woodlands, wetlands and prairies.

Taltree is sustained, and continues to grow, through the diligent efforts of its dedicated Board of Directors, an experienced and knowledgeable staff, a hearty corps of volunteers and support from the community. Together, we share a vision for a peaceful, culturally enriching green space that provides inspiration, relaxation and education.

Your contributions help to build and maintain a unique public garden in the South Lake Michigan Region. Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, a Natural Inspiration.



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1 Entrance Gate House

This gate house welcomes guests to Taltree.

2 Welcome Garden

This garden greets arriving visitors and is home to a collection of perennial and woody plants.

3 Audrey M. & Leonard J. Hitz Family Rose Garden

Enjoy the scents, sounds, colors and textures of this special garden, with its massive granite blocks, bluestone patio, pool and vibrant roses from late spring through early fall.

4 Joseph E. Meyer Memorial Pavilion

Serves as staging point for tours, seminars and retreats. It is also available for special functions such as weddings, family reunions and club meetings. The site of Taltree's musical events, the pavilion has exceptional acoustics and its unique design provides visitors protection while enjoying sights, sounds, and smells of nature. Discover the multi-sensory treats that await you.

5 Heron Pond

View the sun-sparkled waters that are home to Little Green Herons while relaxing on the pavilion lawn.

6 Heron Pond Woodlands

Experience mature oaks and hickories in a serene Midwest woodland. Breathe in its sense of permanence.

7 Buttonbush Swamp

Get a glimpse of wetland species that make this area home.

8 Oak Islands

Discover the wide array of oak species from around the world and the plant communities that surround them.



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9 Native Plant Garden

Survey the pastoral display of hundreds of plants that are native to eastern North America.

10 Window on the Wetland Pergola

Take a seat and go back in time to experience nature in a restored Savanna Wetland, where the natural grasses and wildflowers are a habitat for birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and insects.

11 Prairie and Oak Savanna

Explore the largest portion of the arboretum, dedicated to prairie and oak savanna that is a quiet habitat for thousands of native plants and animals.

12 Reforestation

Walk along former agricultural land planted with oaks and hickories in 1998. Observe changes as the years go by.

13 Council Oak

Sit and relax under a multi-trunk bur oak with a large-spreading canopy. Melt into its protection.

14 Savanna Wetland Overlook/Kiosk

Rest in the shade while enjoying the view, a picnic lunch and additional insights offered by an information kiosk.

15 Signature Tree

This bur oak is the model for the Taltree logo.

16 Railway Garden Depot

200 years of railway history winds through a fabulous landscape of dwarf plants. Garden and depot to open in 2011.

17 Field Nursery

Temporary home for young specimen trees.