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Top Sunny Perennials

Scientific Name	Common Name	Height	Flower	Bloom	Structure Type
Grasses/Sedges					
Schizachyrium scoparium	little blue stem	1'-3'	green/purple	july-oct	filler
Sporobolus heterolepis	prairie drop seed	2'-4'	gold	sept-nov	filler/structural
Forbs					
Asclepias tuberosa	butterfly milkweed	1'-3'	orange	july-sept	structural
Aster sericeus	silky aster	1'-2'	lavender	aug-oct	filler/structural
Coreopsis lanceolata	sand coreopsis	2'-3'	yellow	may-aug	filler
Echinacea pallida	pale purple coneflower	2'-4'	pink/purple	june-july	structural
Echinacea purpurea	purple coneflower	2'-3'	purple	june-oct	structural
Euphorbia corollata	flowering spurge	1'-3'	white	june-sept	filler/structural
Geum triflorum	prairie smoke	6"-12"	burgundy/pink	apr-june	filler
Heuchra richardsonii	alum root	2'-3'	white	may-july	filler
Liatris aspera	rough blazing star	2'-3'	purple/pink	aug-oct	structural
Penstemon digitalis	beard tongue	1'-4'	white	may-july	structural
Penstemon grandiflorus	large-flowered beard tongue	2'-4'	lavender	june-aug	structural
Phlox pilosa	prairie phlox	6"-18"	pink	april-june	filler/structural
Solidago nemoralis	old-field goldenrod	6"-20"	yellow	aug-oct	structural
Tradescantia ohiensis	spiderwort	1'-4'	blue	april-july	structural
Zizia aptera	heart-leaved golden Alexander	1'-2'	yellow	may-june	filler