

How to use this guide:

Choose easy-grow plants native to the Carolinian Zone for projects like garden makeovers, climate-smart yards or lawn replacement at home, on school or office grounds or in community gardens.



Do you live In the Zone? The Carolinian Zone is Canada's most biodiverse region and home to more than 500 rare and endangered plant and animal species.

Use the Quick-reference table by starting in any column:

GARDEN TYPES	PLANT COMMUNITIES
CONDITIONS	EASY-GROW NATIVE PLANTS
WILDLIFE	FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Follow down your column to find the row that matches your garden or goals. Then, explore that row to find related information. If you're not sure where to start, take a look your existing garden conditions and choose the **CONDITIONS** entry point.

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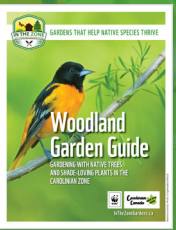
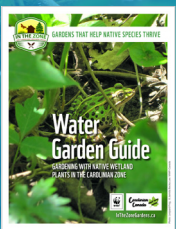
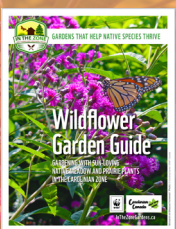


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Quick-reference table

GARDEN TYPES	PLANT COMMUNITIES	CONDITIONS		EASY-GROW NATIVE PLANTS		WILDLIFE	FEATURES AND BENEFITS
		Light	Moisture	Wildflowers, ferns & grasses	Shrubs, vines & trees		
Woodland gardens for shady spots 	Upland forest	● Full shade	○ Dry	blue-stemmed goldenrod / heart-leaved aster / Pennsylvania sedge	alternate-leaved dogwood / tulip tree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tree-nesting birds owls & hawks migratory songbirds salamanders mammals bats bees mushrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bird-friendly habitat fall colours spring flowers fragrant plants natural cooling wind or sound barriers
	Savannah	○ Part shade	○ Dry	yellow pimpernell / showy tick-trefoil / Canada wildrye	New Jersey tea / black oak		
	Moist woods	● Full shade	● Moist	jack-in-the-pulpit / purple-stemmed aster / woodland strawberry	spicebush / yellow birch		
	Evergreen grove	● Full shade	○ Dry	Canada mayflower / partridgeberry / running strawberry-bush	smooth serviceberry / white pine		
Water gardens for wet spots 	Swamp	● Full shade	● Shallow water	swamp rose mallow / southern blue flag / blue vervain	black chokeberry / silver, red or Freeman's maple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> waterfowl shorebirds dragonflies butterflies turtles frogs fish aquatic insects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> waterfalls & frog ponds reflection pools rain gardens micro-marshes flood control natural bird baths
	Bog	○ Part shade	● Wet (peat)	soft-stemmed bulrush / grass-of-Parnassus / turtlehead	highbush blueberry / tamarack		
	Pond	○ Part shade	● Deep water	tall boneset / purple Angelica / river avens	common elderberry / sycamore		
	Shore	○ Part shade	● Shallow water	sensitive fern / silverweed / tall meadow-rue	sandbar willow / cottonwood		
	Marsh	● Full sun	● Shallow water	cardinal flower / American sweetflag / pickerelweed	buttonbush / black willow		
	Wet meadow	● Full sun	● Puddles	bottle gentian / swamp milkweed / American groundnut	red-osier dogwood / burr oak		
Wildflower gardens for sunny spots 	Wildflower meadow	● Full sun	○ Dry (rocky)	little bluestem / wild columbine / upland white goldenrod / wild strawberry / prairie smoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ground-nesting birds bats butterflies bees reptiles toads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pollinator habitat bursts of colour hedge habitat native groundcover bird food sources stunning grasses rock gardens drought-resistant gardens 	
	Tall prairie	● Full sun	○ Dry (sandy)	big bluestem / Canada tick-trefoil / dense blazing-star / sky-blue aster / tall coreopsis			
	Short prairie	● Full sun	○ Any	hoary vervain / Virginia mountain mint / New England aster / common evening-primrose / wild bergamot			