

# Flowering Plant Identification

## Brown-eyed susan

*Rudbeckia triloba*

Flowers summer into fall.

Height: 2-5 feet

1 to 1 1/2 inch wide flowers have yellow petals with a dark brown center.



## Plants in Winter

Long after their flowers are gone, many plants can still be recognized in the winter.

## Milkweed

*Asclepias sp.*

Height: 1-5 feet

Large, horn-shaped seed pods split open, spreading seeds with numerous fluffy filaments.



## White snakeroot

*Ageratina altissima*

Flowers late summer into fall.

Height: 1-4 feet

Branching clusters of 'hairy' white flowers.



## Bee balm

*Monarda sp.*

Height: 1-4 feet

Rounded brown seed heads look like a cluster of tightly packed tubes.



## Joe-pye weed

*Eutrochium maculatum*

Flowers late summer into fall.

Height: 3-5 feet

Tall plant topped with clusters of 'hairy' pink or purple flowers.



## Aster

*Symphotrichum sp., etc.*

Flowers fall.

Height: 1/2-5 feet

Flowers may be white, purple, pink and vary in size.

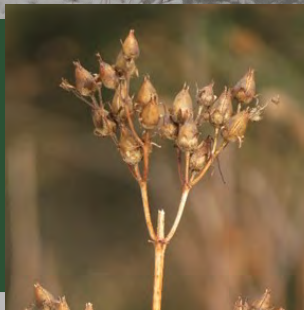


## Beardstongue

*Penstemon sp.*

Height: 1-4 feet

Clusters of round seed heads with pointed tops remain through winter.

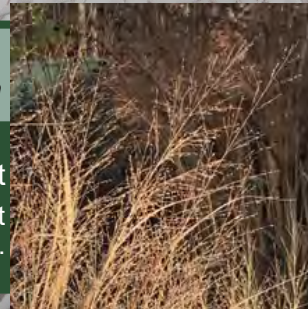


## Switchgrass

*Panicum virgatum*

Height: 3-6 feet

Tall grass with seed heads that resemble clouds or fireworks.



## Witchhazel

*Hamamelis virginiana*

Flowers fall.

Height: 15-20 feet

Flowering tree. Produces flowers with long, slender yellow petals after leaves fall.



For the Taughannock Falls State Park Overlook and the surrounding Finger Lakes Region.

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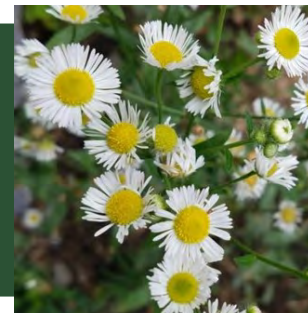
**Common blue violet**  
*Viola sororia*

Flowers early spring.  
Height: 1/2 foot or less  
Flowers are 3/4 inch wide and may be light to dark purple.



**Common milkweed**  
*Asclepias syriaca*

Flowers summer.  
Height: 3-5 feet, may be taller  
Hanging clusters of pale pink flowers along stem.



**Fleabane**  
*Erigeron sp.*

Flowers summer into fall.  
Height: 1-3 feet  
Numerous white or pale purple petals surround yellow centers.

**Canada anemone**  
*Anemone canadensis*  
Flowers spring into early summer.  
Height: 1-2 feet  
Flowers are about 1 1/2 inches wide.



**Butterfly weed**  
*Asclepias tuberosa*  
Flowers summer.  
Height: 1-3 feet  
Clusters of upward-facing bright orange flowers.



**Bee balm**  
*Monarda sp.*  
Flowers summer.  
Height: 1-4 feet  
Common species may be pink or red. Topped with clusters of pronged flowers.



**Golden alexander**  
*Zizia sp.*

Flowers spring into early summer.  
Height: 1-3 feet  
Flat-topped clusters of tiny yellow flowers.



**Swamp milkweed**  
*Asclepias incarnata*

Flowers summer.  
Height: 3-5 feet  
Clusters of upward-facing bright pink flowers.



**Swamp rose mallow**  
*Hibiscus moscheutos*

Flowers summer.  
Height: 3-7 feet  
Largest flower native to New York. Flowers may be 4-6 inches across.

**Ohio spiderwort**  
*Tradescantia ohioensis*  
Flowers early summer.  
Height: 1-3 feet  
1 inch wide purple flowers top clumps of narrow leaves.



**Mountain mint**  
*Pycnanthemum sp.*  
Flowers summer into fall.  
Height: 2-3 feet  
Light green leaves may be broad or narrow. Topped with tiny white flowers.



**Shrubby St. John's wort**  
*Hypericum prolificum*  
Flowers summer.  
Height: 1-4 feet  
1 inch wide yellow flowers have numerous hairy filaments.



**Beardstongue**  
*Penstemon sp.*

Flowers early summer.  
Height: 1-4 feet  
1 inch long tubular flowers on an upright stalk may be white or purple.



**Oxeye sunflower**  
*Heliopsis helianthoides*

Flowers summer into fall.  
Height: 3-6 feet  
Flower petals and flower centers are yellow. Flowers are 2 or 3 inches across.



**Flowering spurge**  
*Euphorbia corollata*

Flowers spring into early fall.  
Height: 1/2 –3 feet  
Numerous small white flowers may have a round green seed pod attached.