



# Veterans' Memorial Habitat Garden

550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW Andover, MN

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The perennials and shrubs listed on this set of slides provide either food, shelter, or breeding habitat for many native bees, birds, and butterflies.

We hope to educate and inspire others to incorporate habitat friendly plants in their own yards. Come take a stroll through the garden and enjoy watching the activity from all of the “Flyers who love Flowers.”

The annuals that are found in the garden or raised beds are not included on this list.

This project is a partnership between the University of Minnesota Extension, Master Gardener Program in Anoka County and Anoka County Parks and Recreation.

All photos were taken by intern Ashley Horton of the plants within the Veteran's Memorial Habitat Garden unless otherwise noted.



Part 3

# Plants for Shade

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# *Actaea* 'Chocoholic'

## Bugbane

Location in Garden: Zone 3

Bloom Time: August - September

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade - Full shade

Height: 3 - 4'

Spread: 2.5 - 3'

### GOOD TO KNOW

Good for Naturalizing

Colorful leaves and berries

Good cut flowers

Also known as *Cimicifuga*

**Occasional Problems:** Rust and leaf spot. Leaves may scorch in dry conditions.



# *Arisaema triphyllum*

## Jack-in-the-pulpit

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 3

Bloom Time: April - June

Preferred Soil: Medium to wet

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade - Full shade

Height: 1 - 3'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Good for naturalizing

Good for use in rain gardens

Tolerates heavy shade, wet soil, black walnut

Does not do well in clay soil



# *Astilbe*

Location in Garden: Zone 3

Bloom Time: June - July

Attracts: Bees, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -  
Full shade

Height: 2 - 3'

Spread: 2 - 3'

## **GOOD TO KNOW**

Low maintenance

Deer and rabbit resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers

**Occasional Problems:** Leaves may  
brown up during hot summers and  
dry periods



# *Astilbe* 'Amethyst'

Location in Garden: Zone 2

Bloom Time: June - July

Attracts: Bees, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -  
Full shade

Height: 2 - 3'

Spread: 2 - 3'

## **GOOD TO KNOW**

Low maintenance

Deer and rabbit resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers

**Occasional Problems:** Leaves may  
brown up during hot summers and  
dry periods



# *Athyrium filix-femina*

## Lady fern

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 3

Bloom Time: Nonflowering

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade - Full shade

Height: 2 - 5'

Spread: 3 - 7'

### GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Rabbit resistant

Tolerates more sun and dryness than most ferns

Shelter from wind to avoid tattered looking fronds

**Divide** in spring





# *Athyrium niponicum* 'Pictum'

## Japanese painted fern

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: Nonflowering

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -  
Full shade

Height: 1 - 1.5'

Spread: 1.5 - 2'

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Low maintenance

Good for naturalizing

Rabbit resistant

Decorative foliage

**Divide** in spring



# *Bergenia cordifolia*

## Pigsqueak

Location in Garden: Zone 3

Bloom Time: April - May

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -Full shade

Height: 1 - 1.5'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Good for ground cover

Good for naturalizing

Deer and rabbit resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers and leaves

Spreads slowly by rhizomes

**Remove** spent flowering stems



# *Dicentra luxuriant*

## Bleeding heart

Location in Garden: Zone 1

Bloom Time: May

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade

Height: 1 - 1.5'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

### GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Rabbit resistant

Good cut flowers

Attractive foliage

Occasional Problems: Aphids,  
mildew, wilt, rust

**Remove** spent flowering stems to  
promote additional blooming.



# *Geranium maculatum*

## Wild geranium

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 4, 7

Bloom Time: May - June

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade - Full shade

Height: 1 - 2'

Spread: 1 - 2'

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Deer and rabbit resistant

Tolerates dry soil

**Occasional Problems:** Snails and slugs



# *Heuchera sp.*

## Coral bells

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: June - July

Attracts: Bees, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -  
Full shade

Height: 1 - 2'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Colorful foliage

Good for naturalizing

Wide variety of hybrid colors and  
sizes

**Remove** spent flowers to  
encourage additional blooming



# *Hosta* 'Blue Mouse Ears'

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: July - August

Attracts: Hummingbirds, bees

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -  
Full shade

Height: 0.5 - 1'

Spread: 0.75 - 1'

## **GOOD TO KNOW**

Low maintenance

Easy division in early spring

Tolerates heavy shade

**Occasional Problems:** Snails,  
slugs, deer, viruses



# *Hosta sp.*

Location in Garden: Zone 3, 4, 7

Bloom Time: July - August

Attracts: Hummingbirds, bees

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -  
Full shade

Height: 0.5 - 2'

Spread: 0.5 - 2'

## **GOOD TO KNOW**

Low maintenance

Decorative foliage

Tolerates heavy shade

**Occasional Problems:** Snails,  
slugs, deer, leaf spot



# *Lamium maculatum*

## Spotted deadnettle

Location in Garden: Zone 5, 7

Bloom Time: May - July

Attracts: Bees

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade - Full shade

Height: .25 - .75'

Spread: 1 - 2'

### GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Colorful foliage

Deer and drought resistant

Tolerates heavy shade and dry soil

**Occasional Problems:** Aphids, slugs, leaf blight, leaf spots, crown rot in wet soils





# *Polygonatum odoratum* var. *puriflorum*

## Solomon's Seal

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: April - June

Attracts: Bees

Preferred Soil: Medium to wet

Preferred Sunlight: Part shade -Full shade

Height: 2 - 3'

Spread: 0.75 - 1'

### GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Tolerates multiple soils

Spreads by rhizomes

Fragrant flowers, attractive berries

Ornamental foliage

**Occasional Problems:** Slugs, snails, weevils, sawflies

**TOXICITY:** May cause discomfort if ingested by humans

