

Native Plant Vendors

Lenexa strives to promote true native plants as we feel they best serve all of the goals of promoting water quality, reducing use of resources, and providing habitat for native insects and pollinators.

Many native plants have been bred to change and enhance certain qualities such as color or size. These are called 'cultivars'.

The key to knowing if you have a cultivar or not is in the scientific name on the plant label. True native plants have two parts to the scientific name and cultivars have three. For example a native purple coneflower has the scientific name "Echinacea purpurea" a common cultivar coneflower found in many retail stores has a name such as "Echinacea purpurea 'Bright Star'."

Please take care in selecting your plants. It is important that you submit your plan and discuss it with city staff before making your purchase.

The following list represents some of the area plant sales and retailers who specialize in native plants.

Exclusively native plant online vendors

- **Green Thumb Gardens/Down to Earth Services** — dtekc.com/native-nursery
- **Missouri Wildflowers Nursery** — MOWildflowers.net
- **Native Wildflowers & Seeds** — ionxchange.com
- **Prairie Nursery** – PrairieNursery.com
- **Prairie Moon Nursery** – PrairieMoon.com

Exclusively native plant storefront vendors

City Roots Nursery – 3037 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, MO • 573.619.1920 or 913.485.2261 • CityRootsNursery.com

CritSite/Critical Site Products – 16245 U.S. Highway 71, Belton, MO • 816.331.9738 • CritSite.com

Parsons' Gardens – Olathe, KS • Jay Parsons • 402.657.6929 • ParsonsGardens.com

Sow Wild Natives • 6201 Noland Rd., Kansas City, MO • 816.974.6201 • SowWildNatives.com

Online resources to help with plant identification

- GrowNative.org/native-plant-database
- Plants.USDA.gov
- KSWildflower.org
- KansasNativePlants.com
- MissouriBotanicalGarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx
- PrairieNursery.com
- DeepRoots.org





Native plant sale events

- **Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — KC Farm School, 4223 Gibbs Rd., Kansas City, KS
- **Saturday, March 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** — Burr Oak Woods Nature Center, 1401 NW Park Rd., Blue Springs, MO • hosted by the Missouri Department of Conservation
- **Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — Shawnee Civic Centre, 13817 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS • at the Healthy Yards Expo
- **Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — KC Farm School, 4223 Gibbs Rd., Kansas City, KS
- **Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO • hosted by the Missouri Prairie Foundation
- **Saturday, April 27** — Metropolitan Community College — Longview, 500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO • hosted by Deep Roots
- **Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. to noon** — Lenexa Farmers Market, 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS • hosted by Johnson County and City of Lenexa
- **Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Shawnee Indian Mission East Building parking lot, 3403 W. 53rd St., Fairway, KS
- **Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — HJ's Community Center, 6425 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO • hosted by Brookside Farmers Market
- **Friday, May 10, 4 to 7 p.m.** — 22310 Northeast Colburn Rd., Lee's Summit, MO • hosted by Rotary Youth Camp
- **Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — KC Farm School, 4223 Gibbs Rd., Kansas City, KS
- **Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO • hosted by the Missouri Prairie Foundation
- **Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m. to noon** — Lenexa Farmers Market, 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS • hosted by Johnson County and City of Lenexa
- **Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Trinity Episcopal Church, 1011 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS • hosted by Grassland Heritage Foundation
- **Saturday, September 7, 8 a.m. to noon** — Lenexa Farmers Market, 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS • hosted by Johnson County and City of Lenexa
- **Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO • hosted by the Missouri Prairie Foundation