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| **Form** | **Names** | **Features** | **Use** | **Availability** |
| **TREE** | [Balsam fir](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ABIBAL)  *[Abies balsamifera](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ABIBAL)* | Sun to shade; mesic to moist; grows to 80ft. | Good for screening. | Easy |
| **TREE** | [Red maple](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ACERUBvRUB)  *[Acer rubrum](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ACERUBvRUB)* | Sun to shade; dry to moist; grows to 40ft (80ft) | Very tolerant. | Easy |
| **TREE** | [Serviceberry](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=AMELAE)  *[Amelanchier laevis](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=AMELAE)* | Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic; white flowers in early spring, purple berries; great fall color; 6-15ft. | Good for pollinators; Wildlife food. | Easy |
| **TREE** | [Tamarak](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=LARLAR)  *[Larix laricinia](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=LARLAR)* | Sun; moist to wet soils; 40-80ft tall; deciduous conifer with nice spring and fall color. | Accent on wet shorelines | Easy |
| **TREE** | [Eastern white pine](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=PINSTR)  *[Pinus strobus](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=PINSTR)* | Sun; dry soils; grows 80-110ft. | Wildlife habitat | Easy |
| **TREE** | [Mountain ash](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=SORDEC)  *[Sorbus decora](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=SORDEC)* | Sun; moist to set soils; grows to 20-30ft; white flowers, scarlet berries. | Wildlife food | Easy |
| **SHRUB** | [Alder](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ALNINCsRUG)  *[Alnus incana ssp. rugosa](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ALNINCsRUG)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; up to 30ft tall; brown catkins. | Privacy; bank stabilization; nitrogen fixer. | Difficult |
| **SHRUB** | [Red osier dogwood](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CORSTO)  *[Cornus stolonifera (C. sericea)](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CORSTO)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; 3-10ft tall; white flowers and red stems, good fall and spring color. | Privacy; bank stabilization. | Easy |
| **SHRUB** | [Mountain holly](http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=COSES)  *[Ilex mucronata](http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=COSES)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; 10ft tall; architectural shape; great leaf color, red berries. | Clonal | Native plant nurseries |

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| **SHRUB** | [Sweet gale](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=MYRGAL)  *[Myrica gale](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=MYRGAL)* | Sun/shade; wet soils; 2 -3ft tall; great leaf scent... | Accent. | Native plant nurseries |
| **SHRUB** | [Swamp rose](http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ROPA)  *[Rosa palustris](http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ROPA)* | Sun; moist to wet soils; 3–7ft tall; pink flowers; red hips. | Accent. | Native plant nurseries |
| **SHRUB** | [White meadow sweet](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=SPIALBvALB)  *[Spirea alba](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=SPIALBvALB)* | Sun; mesic to wet soils; grows 3-4ft tall; white flowers. | Accent. | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Marsh milkweed](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASCINCsINC)  *[Asclepias incarnata](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASCINCsINC)* | Sun; mesic to moist soils; grows up to 5ft tall; deep pink to red flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Panicled aster](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASTLAN)  *[Aster lanceolatus](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASTLAN)* | Sun/shade; mesic to moist soils; 2-5ft tall; white to pale blue flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Purple stem aster](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASTPUN)  *[Aster puniceus](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASTPUN)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; 1-4ft tall; blue to purple flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Flat-topped aster](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASTUMB)  *[Aster umbellatus](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ASTUMB)* | Sun/shade; mesic to moist soils; 1 to 5ft tall; flat-topped head of white flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [White turtlehead](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CHEGLA1)  *[Chelone glabra](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CHEGLA1)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; 2-3ft tall; white flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Easy |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Joe-pye weed](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=EUPMAC1)  *[Eupatorium maculatum](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=EUPMAC1)* | Sun/shade; mesic to moist soils; 2-7ft tall; pink to purple flower clusters. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Grass-leaved goldenrod](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=EUTGRAvGRA)  *[Euthamia graminifolia](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=EUTGRAvGRA)* | Sun; mesic to moist soils; grows 1-4ft; flowers are yellow. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
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| **PERENNIAL** | [Great St. John's-wort](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=HYPPYR)  *[Hypericum pyrimidatum](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=HYPPYR)* | Sun/part-shade; mesic to moist soils; 2-5ft tall; yellow flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Blue flag iris](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=IRIVER)  *[Iris versicolor](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=IRIVER)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; 2-3ft tall; blue/purple flowers, accent leaves. | Accent; Rain Garden | Easy |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Wild mint](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=MENARVvCAN)  *[Mentha arvensis](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=MENARVvCAN)* | Sun; moist to wet soils; 4-32in tall; white to pink flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Blue vervain](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=VERHAS)  *[Verbena hastata](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=VERHAS)* | Sun; mesic to moist soils; 1.5-5ft tall; blue flowers. | Accent; Rain Garden | Native plant nurseries |
| **PERENNIAL** | [Golden Alexanders](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ZIZAUR)  *[Zizia aurea](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ZIZAUR)* | Sun/shade; moist to wet soils; 1-2ft tall; yellow umbels. | Accent; Rain garden plant. | Native plant nurseries |
| **GRASSES/SEDGES** | [Blue-joint grass](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CALCANvCAN)  *[Calamagrostis canadensis](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CALCANvCAN)* | Sun/part-shade; moist to wet soils; grows 2-3ft tall. | Filler | Native plant nurseries |
| **GRASSES/SEDGES** | [Lake sedge](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CARLAC)  *[Carex lacustrus](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CARLAC)* | Sun/shade; wet soils; grows 2-3ft tall. | Clonal | Native plant nurseries |
| **GRASSES/SEDGES** | [Fox sedge](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CARVUL)  *[Carex vulpinoidea](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CARVUL)* | Sun/part-shade; moist to wet soils; grows 2-3ft tall; clump forming, pioneer species. | Clonal | Native plant nurseries |
| **GRASSES/SEDGES** | [Rattlesnake manna grass](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=GLYCAN)  *[Glyceria canadensis](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=GLYCAN)* | Sun/part-shade; moist to wet soils; grows 2-3ft tall. | Filler; Wildlife food | Native plant nurseries |
| **FERNS** | [Lady fern](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ATHFILvANG)  *[Atherium felix-femina](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ATHFILvANG)* | Part-shade to shade; mesic to moist soils; 1-2ft tall. | Accent/Filler | Easy |

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| **FERNS** | [Ostrich Fern](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=MATSTRvPEN)  *[Matteuccia struthiopteris](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=MATSTRvPEN)* | Sun to part-shade; mesic to moist soils; 2-3ft tall; vase-like shape; fertile fronds overwinter. | Accent/Filler | Easy |
| **FERNS** | [Sensitive fern](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ONOSEN)  *[Onoclea sensibilis](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=ONOSEN)* | Sun to shade; mesic to moist soils; 1-2ft tall; good texture. | Accent/Filler | Easy |
| **VINES** | [Virgin's bower](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CLEVIR)  *[Clematis virginiana](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/detail.asp?SpCode=CLEVIR)* | Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; white flowers. | Good for pollinators | Native plant nurseries |
| **VINES** | [Riverbank grape](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/links.asp?spCode=VITRIP)  *[Vitis riparia](http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/scripts/links.asp?spCode=VITRIP)* | Part-shade/shade; moist to wet soils; woody vine; dark berries. | Wildlife food | Easy |

This is not an inclusive list of all native plant species in Vilas County. In addition, many of the plant species listed above are commercially available in varieties that are not native to the county. The native varieties may be difficult to find at standard nurseries. In this case, nurseries specializing in native plants should be contacted. Native species are adapted to this climate and tend to grow well here. However, as site conditions vary, so will the survival and growth rate of individual species. Native species require some watering, weeding and fencing for 2-3 years until they are established. Once established, these species do not require irrigation, but will grow faster when not stressed for water. Other factors influencing plant growth include proper planting, availability of sun and/or shade, soil condition, and availability of nutrients.

Please do not remove plants from the wild, especially from public lands.