Native Prairie Restoration

The Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District has been leading the charge of Native Prairie Restoration in Kandiyohi County since 1976. We sell and install only Minnesota Native "local ecotype" and approved varieties of seed from reputable certified native seed vendors. Our seed mixes have been tailored specific to Kandiyohi County through years of experimentation and adjustments.

Native prairie plantings are fast becoming a popular conservation alternative to traditional lawns. Prairie lawn plantings are aesthetically pleasing and much cheaper to establish than traditional lawns. Backyard Prairies attract animals, birds and insects as well as reduce maintenance, mowing and chemical applications.

Planting a prairie is an exciting and dynamic process, but it can be slow and will require a commitment of time and resources. Some native plants take three to five years to establish. When growing a prairie, patience really is a virtue.

Site Preparation

Each planting is unique and the way the site is prepared for seeding will need to be tailored to it. See the SWCD for advice.

Native Seed drills require a very firm seedbed. Seeds should be planted no deeper than one-half inch deep. The SWCD will help you decide what needs to be done to best prepare your site for planting.

Encouraging Wildlife

Our Native Prairie mixtures offer a well balanced blend of warm and cool season grasses and a compliment of Wildflowers also known as Forbs. The more diverse your prairie, the more attractive it is to a variety of animal species. The complex relationships between native plants, insects, mammals, reptiles, and birds contribute to a healthy prairie. Providing a small pond or shallow wetland will also help attract wildlife.

For more information on Native Grass Seed and Wildflowers contact:

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### Grass Mix for Mesic/Wet Sites

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**Wet Grass Mix Cost Per Pound:** $13.50

### Native Forb Mixes (Wildflowers)

#### 12 Sp. Mixture
- 25% Purple Prairie Clover
- 5.0% Evening Primrose
- 15.5% Showy Partridge Pea
- 15% Long-headed Coneflower
- 8.0% Black-eyed Susan
- 2.0% Golden Alexanders
- 1.0% Prairie Cinquefoil
- 5.0% Wild Bergamot
- 7.5% Blue Vervain

**Cost Per Pound:** $80.00

#### 30 Sp. Mixture
- 10.0% Purple Prairie Clover
- 10.0% Showy Partridge Pea
- 6.25% Yellow Coneflower
- 6.25% Long Headed Coneflower
- 7.0% Black-eyed Susan
- 9.0% Canada Milk Vetch
- 3.0% Hoary Vervain
- 10.0% Ox-eye Sunflower
- 2.5% Golden Alexanders
- 1.25% Anise Hyssop
- 0.75% Common Milkweed
- 5.0% Blue Vervain
- 0.25% Boneset
- 3.0% Cup Plant
- 2.5% Ironweed
- 0.5% New England Aster
- 1.25% Showy Tick Trefoil
- 1.00% Sneezeweed
- 0.5% Round-Headed Bush Clover
- 2.0% Stiff Goldenrod
- 8.0% Maximillian Sunflower
- 1.0% Prairie Blazing Star
- 0.5% Smooth Blue Aster
- 1.25% Heart-leaf Golden Alexanders
- 0.5% Shoozy Goldenrod
- 2.5% Prairie Cinquefoil
- 1.0% Wild Bergamot
- 0.75% Swamp Milkweed
- 2.0% Evening Primrose
- 0.5% Prairie Wild Rose

**Cost Per Pound:** $ ASK

### Conservation Program Mixes

#### WET 327 MIX (cp21, cp23, cp27, cp28)
- 7.2 lbs Grass Mix & .25 lbs 12 Sp. Forbs
- Seeding Per Acre (8 acre Minimum fee)
- **Total Cost Per Acre Installed:** $142.50

#### WET 643 MIX (cp25, cp37, cp38)
- 4.8 lbs Grass Mix & 1.0 lbs 12 Sp. Forbs
- Seeding Per Acre (8 acre minimum fee)
- **Total Cost Per Acre Installed:** $169.80

#### DRY 643 MIX (cp25, cp37, cp38)
- 4.4 lbs Grass Mix & 1.0 lbs 12 Sp. Forbs
- Seeding Per Acre (8 acre minimum fee)
- **Total Cost Per Acre Installed:** $160.00

#### Economy Pollinator Mixture (cp42)
- 2.0 lbs Grass Mix & 2.25 lbs 14 sp. Forbs
- Seeding Per Acre (8 acre minimum fee)
- **Total Cost Per Acre Installed:** $215.00

#### Native Filter Strip 393 MIX (cp21)
- 8.8 lbs 4 sp Native Grass Mix
- Seeding Per Acre (8 acre minimum fee)
- **Total Cost Per Acre Installed:** $139.00

#### Introduced Grass 393 MIX (Buffer C-S)
- 4.0 lbs 33% Timothy 66% Perennial Rye mix
- **Contact the Kandiyohi SWCD for more native mixture options or custom seed mixes**