Native Meadow Trials at the Hudson Valley Farm Hub

Seed Mixes seeded in May 2017

Wildflower-rich Seed Mix A:

Percent of mix by Common Name Scientific Name Native Range Comment (2022) volume (seed/ft2) Eastern and Central dominant in first two years, still Blackeyed Susan¹⁾ Rudbeckia hirta 6.5% persisting throughout NA, maybe not NYS Eastern NA, prob. only persisting in low numbers Browneyed Susan¹⁾ Rudbeckia triloba 2.2% parts of NYS throughout Asclepias tuberosa NYS, etc. 1.1% Butterfly Milkweed1) sparse Common Milkweed1) 1.1% Asclepias syriaca NYS. etc. sparse Eastern NA, prob. not Dense Blazingstar1) Liatris spicata 1.1% sparse, patchy, declined? Early Goldenrod1) Solidago juncea NYS, etc. 3.2% steady increase in first 5 years NYS, etc. 1.0% never germinated Joe Pye Weed²⁾ Eupatorium purpureum Eastern and Central NA quite common in first two years, Lance Leaved Coreopsis¹⁾ 8.6% Coreopsis lanceolata not NYS declined since Agastache foeniculum Midwest 8.6% Lavender Hyssop¹⁾ sparse slow to get established, but Little Bluestem1) 19.4% Schizachyrium scoparium NYS, etc. present throughout peaked in 2nd year, now sparse Mistflower¹⁾ Eupatorium coelestinum Eastern NA, prob. not NY 6.5% (mainly along edges) not common, but persisting Narrowleaf Mountainmint²⁾ Pycnanthemum tenuifolium NYS, etc. 3.8% throughout New England Aster¹⁾ steady increase in first 5 years Aster novae-angliae NYS, etc. 2.1% Eastern and Central NA slow to get established, quite Ohio Spiderwort³⁾ Tradescantia ohiensis 2.2% common in 6th season prob. not NY quick establishment, persistent Partridge Pea¹⁾ Chamaecrista fasciculata NYS. etc. 2.2% Purple Coneflower¹⁾ Echinacea purpurea Eastern NA, prob. not NY 4.3% quick establishment, persistent Purple Prairie Clover¹⁾ Dalea purpurea Central NA. not NYS 2.2% Roundhead Lespedeza²⁾ Lespedeza capitata NYS. etc. 1.1% sparse throughout Showy Goldenrod 1) Solidago speciosa NYS. etc. 2.3% steady increase in first 5 years Slender Lespedeza1) Lespedeza virginica NYS, etc. 2.1% slow to establish, sparse persisting in low numbers Smooth Blue Aster1) Aster laevis NYS, etc. 2.1% throughout sparse throughout, most Penstemon digitalis 9.7% Tall White Beardtongue⁴⁾ NYS, etc. common in wet spot peaked in 4th year, declined Wild Bergamot⁴⁾ Monarda fistulosa NYS, etc. 6.7% somewhat, but still very common Seed Sources: 1) Ernst Seeds; 2) Prairie Moon; 3) Prairie Nursery; 4) Pinelands Nursery

Grass-rich Seed Mix B:

Common Name	Scientific Name	% of Seeds	Comment (2022)
Autumn Bentgrass ¹⁾	Agrostis perennans	15.0%	disappeared?
Big Bluestem ¹⁾	Andropogon geradii	6.4%	common
Blackeyed Susan ¹⁾	Rudbeckia hirta	6.3%	initially very
			abundant, now
			much declined
Canada Wildrye ¹⁾	Elymus canadensis	10.7%	initially common,
			now declined
Indiangrass1)	Sorghastrum nutans	6.7%	initially common,
			now declined
Lance Leaved	Coreopsis lanceolata	3.2%	initially common,
Coreopsis ¹⁾			now almost gone
Little Bluestem ¹⁾	Schizachyrium scoparium	16.0%	disappeared?
Partridge Pea ¹⁾	Chamaecrista fasciculata	1.1%	disappeared?
Purple Coneflower ¹⁾	Echinacea purpurea	5.3%	uncommon
Purple Lovegrass ²⁾	Eragrostis spectablis	1.3%	never germinated?
Purple Prairie Clover ¹⁾	Dalea purpurea	2.1%	disappeared?
Purpletop ¹⁾	Tridens flavus	16.4%	rare
Slender Lespedeza ¹⁾	Lespedeza virginiana	1.1%	disappeared?
Switchgrass ¹⁾	Panicum virgatum	8.5%	has become
			dominant
Seed Sources: 1) Ernst S	eeds; 2) Prairie Moon;		

Changes in Plant Composition and Flower Abundance in Seeded Wildflower Meadows at the Hudson Valley Farm Hub Over Time

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