8.4 Ozark, Ouachita-Appalachian Forests

**Large Flower Tickseed** *(Coreopsis grandiflora)*

**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late spring through late summer  
**HEIGHT:** 1-3 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This showy, spreading flower is 2-3 inches across and when deadheaded provides a long blooming season. Deer resistant and relatively disease and pest free.  
*Not native to northeastern portions of ecoregion*

**Lanceleaf Coreopsis** *(Coreopsis lanceolata)*

**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late spring through mid summer  
**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
Relatively free of pests and naturally resistant to deer, this attractive yellow flower draws a wide array of native pollinators. In the right conditions this plant grows quickly and can self seed.  
*Not native to PA or NY*

**Autumnale Sneezeweed** *(Helenium autumnale)*

**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Average to high  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Mid summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 3-5 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This showy perennial provides a pop of color in the late summer to fall season. It is tolerant of many soil and water conditions but performs best in wet, well draining soil.

**Woodland Sunflower** *(Helianthus divaricatus)*

**LIGHT:** Partial sun  
**WATER:** Low  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-6 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This sunflower produces a profusion of 2 inch across yellow flowers that are attractive to many species. This plant is deer resistant, relatively pest and disease free, and can be divided every few years.

**Ashy Sunflower** *(Helianthus mollis)*

**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-4 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
The smaller alternative to the giant sunflower, this plant produces 4 inch wide flowers while only reaching a max height of 2-4 feet. The seeds provide food for birds in the late fall.  
*Not native to eastern half of ecoregion*

**Black-Eyed Susan** *(Rudbeckia hirta)*

**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-3 ft  
**DURATION:** Short-lived perennial  
This short-lived perennial with 3 inch blooms self seeds and can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.
**Cutleaf Coneflower**  
*(Rudbeckia laciniata)*

- **LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun
- **WATER:** Average to high
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Mid summer through fall
- **HEIGHT:** 3-9 ft
- **DURATION:** Perennial

This 3-4 inch flower grows well in a large pot with support, and its attractive seedheads extend the season of interest into the winter. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.

**Old Field Goldenrod**  
*(Solidago nemoralis)*

- **LIGHT:** Full sun
- **WATER:** Low to average
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall
- **HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft
- **DURATION:** Perennial

This plant is a less-aggressive, shorter alternative to tall goldenrod. Its showy, yellow flowers are attractive to birds and pollinators and provides a splash of color to the late season. It can tolerate poor, dry soil.

**Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod**  
*(Solidago rugosa)*

- **LIGHT:** Full sun
- **WATER:** Average to high
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall
- **HEIGHT:** 3-5 ft
- **DURATION:** Perennial

This compact goldenrod has arching sprays of bright yellow flowers that support over 100 species of insects. This species is deer resistant with no serious pests or diseases.

**Blue Wood Aster**  
*(Symphyotrichum cordifolium)*

- **LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun
- **WATER:** Low to average
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall
- **HEIGHT:** 2-5 ft
- **DURATION:** Perennial

This densely flowering plant is a stunning late season choice, providing nectar to butterflies and visual interest. This species is generally pest free and deer resistant.  
*Not native in OK*

**Calico Aster**  
*(Symphyotrichum lateriflorum)*

- **LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun
- **WATER:** Average
- **SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall
- **HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft
- **DURATION:** Perennial

This plant produces unique white flowers with berry-pink centers late summer through fall. It is a great source of nectar to butterflies and bees. Susceptible to powdery mildew.