Native cardinal flower provides food for hummingbirds. Photo courtesy U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2019 known native plant sales in Wisconsin

May is planting time and adding even a few native plants to your property can help increase wildlife habitat. Options for buying native plants in 2019 include the growing number of Wisconsin native plant nurseries and native plant sales put on by conservation organizations and nature centers. Even adding a few native plants can help beautify your yard while providing food and shelter to wildlife including birds, bees, butterflies, and other insects and pollinators.

These are the native plant sales we know about that are sponsored by nature centers and conservation organizations. The University of Wisconsin-Extension Master Gardener Program offers plant sales, some of which feature native plants. Check individual event listings to see if native plants are available.

May 11
Madison - UW-Madison Arboretum Native Plant Sale, UW-Arboretum, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison.
Fall Creek - Beaver Creek Reserve Native Plant Sale, 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., S1 County Road K, Fall Creek.
Franklin - Mother’s Day Native Plant Sale, Wehr Nature Center, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., 9701 W College Ave, Franklin.

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May 18
Town of Fox Crossing - Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., WILD Center, 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Road, Neenah, Town of Fox Crossing, WI 54956

May 19
Horicon - Wildflowers for Wildlife, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, N7725 Highway 28.
Port Washington - Native Plant Sale, Forest Beach Migratory Preserve, 7:30 to 2:30 p.m., 4970 Country Club Road.

June 1
Bayfield - Northern Native Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bayfield Pavilion, 2 East Front St. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Landmark Conservancy.

June 9
Milwaukee - Native Plant Sale, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1111 E. Brown Deer Rd.