

Wild White Indigo

Scientific Name: *Pedicularis canadensis*



<u>Life Cycle</u>	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Plant Spacing</u>	<u>Soil Moisture</u>	<u>Sun Exposure</u>	<u>Bloom Period</u>
Perennial	4 feet	2 - 3 ft.	Medium/Wet - Dry	Full, Partial	June - July

A quick grower in spring, White Wild Indigo has striking charcoal-gray stems, blue-green leaves and pea-like blossoms forming on long spikes, making it quite showy, but without floral scent. This plant is popular with insects. Bumblebees pollinate the flowers and caterpillars of several skippers, butterflies, and moths feed on the foliage. New sprouts of White Wild Indigo can be mistaken for asparagus when they push from the ground in spring. After the first frost, the entire shrub-like plant turns black, adding a stunning contrast to the copper-color of Little Bluestem, or the remaining yellow of Showy Goldenrod in a fall landscape. As fall progresses to winter, the strong stems crack at the base and winds carry this plant, like a tumbleweed, across the prairie distributing the seed.

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