

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

[Wild Geranium \(Geranium maculatum\)](#)



This beautiful flower will bloom all summer long. It is a mounding perennial that will spread out over a large area. If you want to keep it in a more confined area, trim the edges back to the size you want with a pair of scissors.

Grows in: Full sun, part shade, full shade

Soil: Mesic and dry-mesic

Why plant MI native plants? Native plants bring diversity to your yard, increase the diversity of insects, and therefore create a more diverse food chain. They help create a full “circle of life” for insects and hence birds and other animals in the food chain. Native plants use a minimal amount of water, require minimal maintenance, require no chemicals, provide beautiful landscapes, and build a natural wildlife habitat.