

## Grand Moraine's **Sunny Boulevard Tray** - \$52.00<sub>+HST</sub>

This custom tray provides nine (9) labelled cornerstone species for your sunny boulevard garden. These plants generally grow to 80 cm height or less, but may grow taller if watered heavily. They provide colour and pollinator habitat across the growing season. They thrive on drier soils in salt-exposed environments, and flower abundantly in full sun. Planting under bark mulch or river stone, with landscape fabric beneath, reduces maintenance needs.

#	Species & Description	
2	<b>Butterfly Milkweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)</b> One of the best plants for attracting and sustaining the Monarch butterfly, other butterfly species, and hummingbirds. Clusters of bright orange flowers appear in mid-summer. Demands very well-drained soil and tolerates drought. A key species in dry prairies. Perennial • 45-60 cm tall • Full sun • Average to dry, well-drained soil • Blooms July. Habitat: Prairies, dry fields, open upland woods • Provide adequate space (0.25-0.5 sq metre) for focal plants to form robust multi-head crowns. *	
2	<b>Heath Aster (<i>Aster ericoides</i> = <i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>)</b> Compact, drought tolerant, with masses of tiny white flowers in autumn. Useful as a cut flower. Attracts butterflies & other pollinators. Useful in roadsides as well as in the home garden. Perennial • 30-50 cm tall • Sun • Average to dry sandy or clay soil • Blooms September to October. Provide adequate space (0.25 sq metre) for single focal plants. *	
2	<b>Sky-blue Aster (<i>Aster oolentagiensis</i> = <i>Symphyotrichum oolentagiense</i>)</b> Deep blue to violet-blue blooms, with the rough-textured stem and thick leaves. This drought tolerant species is one of the most appealing Asters in our display beds and blooms over a long period. Makes an excellent cut flower and attracts many species of butterflies. Perennial • 2-4 feet • Full Sun • Average to dry soil • Blooms Aug-Oct • Establish a stunning colony with 2-3 plants on 45 cm centres. *	
2	<b>Lance-leaved Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>)</b> Drought tolerant, compact, long-blooming plant is highly desirable in a boulevard garden. The brilliant yellow flowers persist most of the summer and provide nectar for bees and butterflies. Excellent as cut-flowers. Perennial • 20-50 cm tall • Full sun • Average to dry soil • Blooms June-Aug • Can be scattered through other plantings for effect, or massed on 45 cm centres *	
2	<b>Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)</b> Drought tolerant for boulevard gardens. The lavender-purple flowers, along with the leaves, make a great mint tea. Attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Perennial • 60-75 cm tall • Full sun-partial shade • Average to dry soil • Blooms July-Aug • Can be scattered through other plantings for effect, or massed on 45 cm centres	
2	<b>Foxglove Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>)</b> A popular native with traditional gardeners, this bountiful species provides pure white flowers to dazzle the eye in early summer. The foliage remains a rich deep forest green all season. Attracts hummingbirds and pollinators. Perennial • 75-100 cm tall • Full sun/part shade • Average to moist soil • Blooms June to July • Habitat: Meadows and woodland edges • Establish stunning colonies on 40 cm centres. *	
2	<b>Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrum scoparium</i>)</b> Little Bluestem is likely the most popular native grass with gardeners for its drought tolerance and predictable compact, clumping form, striking reddish-gold colour in the fall, and feathery white seed heads that last into winter. Tolerates drought and poor soil. Attracts birds. Perennial • 50-100 cm tall • Full sun • Average to dry soil • Blooms Aug-Oct. • Plants need 0.25-0.5 sq metre cm space at maturity *	
2	<b>Stiff Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i> ssp. <i>rigida</i>)</b> Deep yellow flowers form a flat-topped cluster on this clump-forming species. Leaves clasp tightly to stem above basal rosette. Attractive fall bloomer. Leaves used medicinally for haemorrhages. Perennial • 60-100 m tall • Sun to partial shade • Average to dry soil • Blooms Aug-Oct • Scatter or plant in cluster on 45 cm centres *	
2	<b>Hoary Vervain (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)</b> Drought tolerant with strong stems. Oval, toothed leaves and stems are covered with fine white hairs, giving the plants a gray-green cast. Spikes of small purplish flowers. Useful planted in masses in borders and for naturalizing. Blooms make an excellent cut flower. A very popular plant for butterflies. Biennial • 40-60 cm tall • Full sun • Dry soil • Blooms July-Sept. • Scatter or plant in masses on 45 cm centres *	

**Space Coverage** – The plants in this tray, spaced as suggested, will cover 3-4 square meters at maturity.

**Alternates** – Note: GMG may substitute the following species for this tray based on seasonal availability.

Smooth Aster (*Aster laevis*) \*

Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*) \*

Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*) \*

Silverweed (*Potentilla anserina*) \*

Narrow-leaved Coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*) \*

Tall Cinquefoil (*Potentilla arguta*) \*

Rocky Mountain Fescue Grass (*Festuca saximontana*) \*

Silverrod (*Solidago bicolor*) \*

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## Tips for Plant Establishment

**“Establishment”** means that new root growth eventually exceeds the weight and volume of the above-ground green vegetation. Successful establishment occurs when soil, light, fertility and moisture are managed and maintained through the first full season of growth.

**Soils and water** – Boulevard plants grow on a wide range of soils, from sand to heavy clay, but they thrive when compost is lightly incorporated into the soil around the new plants, and moisture is maintained in dry periods with mulch (such as well-decayed bark). On sites that are sandy or drier, supplemental moisture should be provided for the first year when the ‘soil finger test’ indicates dry conditions in the top 2-3 inches of soil. If your soil is compact and resists absorption of water, use a small garden fork to gently loosen soil, mix in compost, and improve air and moisture penetration in the root zone. A diluted soluble fertilizer, high in phosphorous (e.g. 10-52-10), or bone meal mixed well into the soil, will stimulate root growth when applied during planting.

**Temporary shade** – When planting in sunny, hot weather, temporary shading will greatly assist plant survival and establishment. Use cedar shingles pushed into the soil, wood scraps, or sheer fabric supported by small stakes (e.g. bamboo). Remove shading after a few days when the plant begins to grow.

**Pests** – Rabbits and snails like young nursery plants; Blood meal powder or hardware cloth enclosures can be used to protect during establishment. Snails can be hand-picked in early evening and pickled in vinegar.

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