

Top Photo: Prairie Wildflowers of Illinois Bottom Photo: Missouri Botanical Garden

Purple Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea

Light: Full Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Moisture: Dry, Medium

Benefits: Pollinators, Butterflies, Birds, Hummingbirds,

Deer Resistant

Height: 3'-4'

Blooms: Jul, Aug, Sep

Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Color: Purple

Spacing: 1'

Root: Fibrous

Purple Coneflower is an adaptable plant that is tolerant of drought, heat, humidity, and poor soil and is an excellent, long-blooming flower for massing, often with Black-eyed Susan. The plants are easily grown in average well-drained soil in full sun to partial shade.

If flower heads are left in place, the seed heads may be visited by goldfinches and other birds that feed on seeds. Clumps should be divided about every four years to avoid overcrowding.