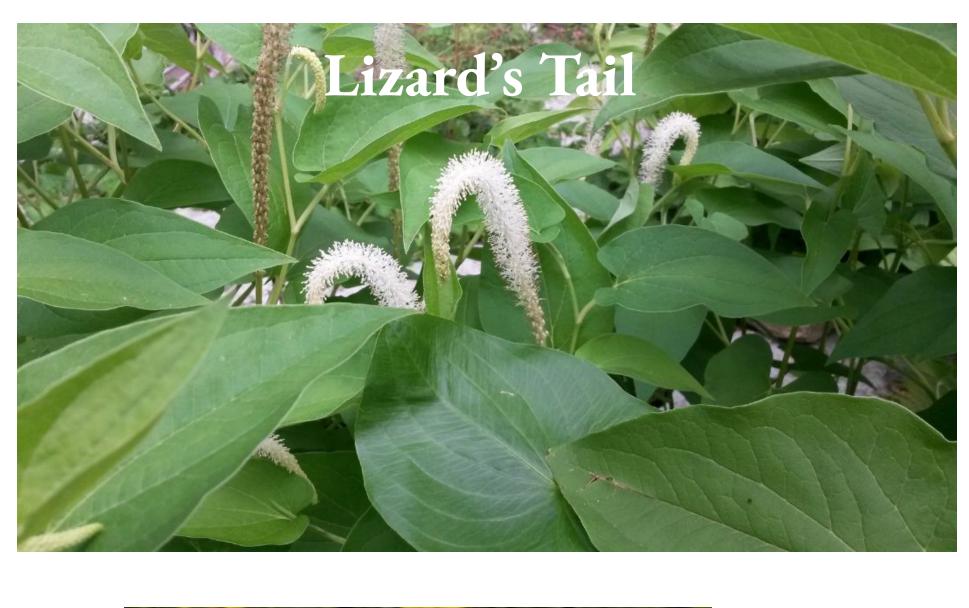
What is a NATIVE plant species?

Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve is home to many beautiful and special plants that have grown there for hundreds of years. We call these plants Native Plants. Native plants can trees, be shrubs, grasses, flowers, and more! They can grow in forests, wetlands, and meadows. Any plant that has grown in an area for a very, very long time can be called a native plant.





Habitat Matters: Let's Learn About Native and Invasive Plants. Available fron https://www.habitatmatters.org/uploads/9/5/0/6/95066352/coloring_book - single_pages.p



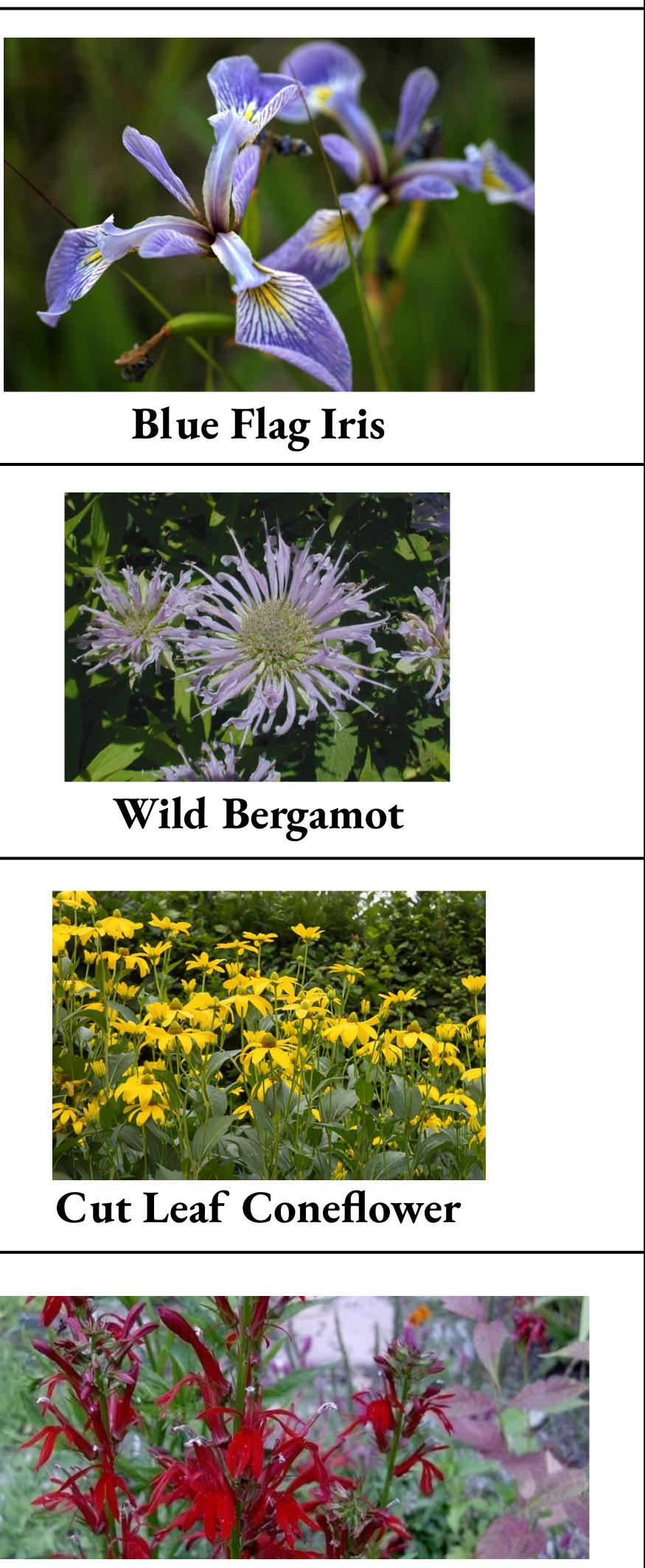


Habitat Restoration Project **Spring 2020 – Summer 2021**

• Planted over 40,000 **NATIVE** species plants!!!



Marsh Blazing Star



Red Lobelia Cardinal Flower

Why are Native plant species important?

Native plants are **important** for many

reasons.

• They help keep our fresh water clean by filtering the water with their roots, so that people and animals can drink and live.

• They provide shelter for wildlife.

• They are the best hosts for insects, which have evolved closely alongside the plants, and use them as food and places to lay their eggs.

• Some insects, called

"pollinators" move pollen to and from different plants to make seeds or fruit, like cherries and apples. These food are important to animals and people.

