

White Wild Indigo

(Baptisia alba)

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White Wild Indigo is a flowering perennial plant that is native to the Midwest. It is able to tolerate most soil conditions ranging from wet-mesic to dry and forms an attractive herbaceous bush by mid summer. This makes it a popular addition to most native seed mixes.

Besides its ability to harbor beneficial soil bacteria, White Wild Indigo also provides many benefits to native insects. Bumblebees are the main pollinator of its small white flowers but the plant is also visited by several species of skippers, butterflies and moths that feed on the foliage.

One easy way to identify White Wild Indigo is to look for it in prairies in the spring as it resembles asparagus when it emerges from the ground.

White Wild Indigo Quick Facts:

- Classification: Forb
- Life Cycle: Perennial
- Flower Color: White
- Bloom Time: June, July



Legumes

White Wild Indigo is a species of legume which implies that it is a part of the pea family. Legumes are beneficial for a variety of reasons but one of the largest is their ability to harbor beneficial bacteria called rhizobia on their roots. These bacteria add nitrogen to the soil which in turn benefits other prairie plants in the community.

Interesting Facts

