

## **Acorus Restoration Native Plant Nursery**

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Acorus Restoration Native Plant Nursery was established 14 years ago as a focal point for action, to give something back, and to heal the planet. The gardens and plants around the Acorus nursery abound with an amazing diversity of plants indigenous to Southern Ontario. These plants invite butterflies, dragonflies and birds and begin the process of healing the planet.

The native plants grown at Acorus Restoration have been here since the last glaciation formed the Great Lakes; the wildlife of the area need them to survive. Many creatures that are struggling for survival depend on native plants for their existence and each of us can make a simple and profound contribution by planting them. Even in the city, a postage stamp of natural habitat helps migrating butterflies and songbirds find respite and get food along the way!

Acorus offers over 350 species of native plants suitable for wetland, woodland, prairie, and meadow. The trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants are grown from seed that is collected in an ecologically responsible manner. Visit the healing, songbird, butterfly, hummingbird and water gardens and walk the trails to see large scale restorations of wetland, Carolinian woodland and Tallgrass Prairie. They also offer many biological and ecological restoration consultation services and have created a workshop space called Blazingstar Holistic Learning Centre.

The goals with each of the natural habitats created on this 95-acre farm are to foster the health of a broad range of ecosystems and to heal the planet. What flourished are magical areas of great beauty and increasing biodiversity, which brings more species of birds, butterflies, and frogs each year. They take a “from the ground up” approach to planet healing – heal the earth and wildlife will come – sometimes even as you are planting the plants.

You can find out more at their website [AcorusRestoration.com](http://AcorusRestoration.com) Through the website you can access their online catalogue, growing information, pictures, trail information, workshops and an address and map. You can also call them at 519-586-2603 or fax them at 519-586-2447.

### **Nursery Tip**

**Wetland species establish quickly while Tallgrass Prairie species take more patience to establish. Prairie species initially dedicate energy to deep root growth to ensure their drought tolerance.**