

***True or False* – Compared to lawns, manicured shrubbery or bark-mulch covered beds, native landscapes are tremendously low in maintenance.**



How to reduce maintenance...





- **Weed elimination:** plants that grow into dense groupings eliminate weeds



Soft Rush, Cardinal Flower



Pennsylvania Sedge



Golden Ragwort



**Tussock
Sedge
*Carex
stricta***



**Woolly
Sedge
*Carex
lanuginosa***

- **Ease of Trimming Back:** plants that are low-growing with brittle stems reduce maintenance time





Cordgrass

Field Sedge



Planted Bioretention



Seeded Bioretention

- **Seediness:** plants that spread readily from seed

New England Aster & River Oats



Plains Coreopsis





A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, several stalks of Marsh Milkweed (Asclepias syriaca) are in bloom, showing clusters of small, light pink flowers. The leaves are large, green, and lance-shaped. In the background, there is a dense thicket of various plants, including tall grasses and other flowering species. Some white flowers are visible in the upper right. The overall scene is a lush, green garden.

Marsh Milkweed