Native Plant Gardens on the Ottawa National Forest:
Visit one to see how native plants can be used in landscaping and gardening!

Bergland Garden
• Located on Hwy. M-28 west of Bergland, at former Forest Service District Office
• Established and maintained mainly by volunteers with some help from Ottawa NF
• Begun in 2008, continuing to add species
• Features shade and sun species, shrubs, ferns, grasses and wildflowers
• Includes labels for each species

Kenton Garden
• Located on Hwy. M-28 in Kenton, at street-side entrance to Kenton Ranger District office
• Established in 2002, moved to present location in 2009
• Features sun and dry soil (sand) species
• New species being added, and labels will be added later

Visitor Center Upland Garden
• Located adjacent to Ottawa Visitor Center, on the corner of Hwys. 2 and 45 in Watersmeet
• Established in 1999
• Features sun, mesic soil species
• Includes labels for each species
• Attracts many butterflies in mid-late summer

Visitor Center Rain Garden
• Located at Visitor Center, on the corner of Hwys. 2 and 45 in Watersmeet
• Planted June 2010, work in progress
• Features wetland species that can tolerate some flooding
• Garden designed to slow water flow from runoff
• Seedlings grown from seed collected on Ottawa, over 2000 planted in early June
Be prepared for wet feet if you visit this site!

Clark Lake Planter
• At Clark Lake day use area on the edge of Sylvania Wilderness
• Being planted June and July 2010
• Will feature local wildflowers and ferns, particularly pairs that are look-alikes, to demonstrate small differences
• Garden is being established by Friends of Sylvania group

Ontonagon Garden
• Located in front of Ontonagon District Office on Rockland Rd. in Ontonagon
• Planted 2009, more species being added in 2010
• Features local wildflowers, some needing shade