NATIVE PLANT CARDS

# Help protect the habitat of our heritage: Bring the beauty of the prairie to your backyard

*"But though I am an old man, I am but a young gardener."*
*—Thomas Jefferson in a letter to a friend, 1811*

The National Parks are home to complex communities of plants and animals that have developed over time. Native species evolve in concert with other species and thus are adapted to their local environment. The cards enclosed in this packet depict plants native to America's Heartland.

Natural forces and geography have kept plants within their native ranges. When plants are moved outside of their distinct habitats they may become disruptive to other plant species or biological communities

To help protect the habitat of our heritage contact your local national park to learn about the plant species native to your region and which species are threats to our landscapes. For more information about native gardening contact the Garden Club of America, www.gcamerica.org.

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