

Echinacea (*Echinacea* spp.)

Notes:

The purple coneflowers are rather distinctive in Indiana prairies and gardens. Lot's of critters like them and they make a nice native wildflower garden plant. The two species are easy enough to tell apart. The Pale species has thinner petals and leaves and the leaves are on the lower part of the stem.

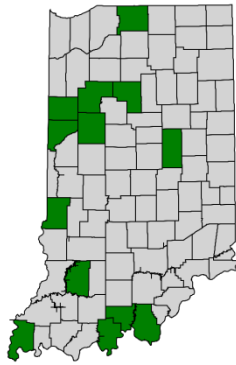
Eastern Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	Pale Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea pallida</i>)
	
<p>Note that the leaves are present all along the stem.</p>	<p>The leaves are mostly on the lower portion of the stem.</p>
	
<p>Flower petals tend to be wider.</p>	<p>Flower petals tend to be thinner.</p>



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Although these maps show a limited distribution, both species are widely planted in gardens and prairie restorations. This species is most often planted in gardens.