

# Native Animals of Heritage Park & Bieker Woods

## Munster History Museum Wildlife Exhibit\*

Donated in 2007 to the Munster Historical Society by Dr. Lorin Brown, this *museum-quality* Native American Wildlife Exhibit is displayed on the upper level of the Munster History Museum located at Heritage Park in the historic 1910 Kaske House.

A Girl Scout Gold Award display project, designed and set up by Melissa Rangel, the Wildlife Exhibit offers an opportunity for visitors to view wild animals close up. Some of these animals, such as the deer, still inhabit Heritage Park and Bieker Woods.

*\*No animals from Dr. Brown's private collection were hunted or killed for the purpose of exhibition.*

*Mini-guide version courtesy of Jessica Kitchell from woodland poster signage designed in 2007.*

## How to Help Native Plants & Animals

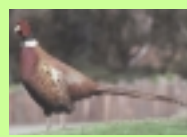
- ✿ Walk on the woodland trails, garden paths, and designated walkways. Driveway parking only.
- ✿ Please do not disturb shrubs, plants, trees, or wildlife in the woodland or gardens.
- ✿ Keep a respectful distance and refrain from frightening or feeding any wildlife.
- ✿ Pick up and properly dispose of all litter.

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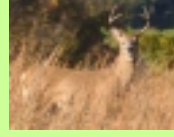
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## NATIVE ANIMALS



Ring Neck Pheasant



White Tail Buck



Black Bear



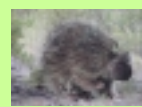
Mountain Lion



Raccoon



Wolverine



Ground Hog



Sea Gull



Beaver



Mink



Porcupine



Silver Fox



Red Fox



Lady Amherst Pheasant



Black Squirrel



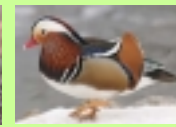
Fox Squirrel



Turtle



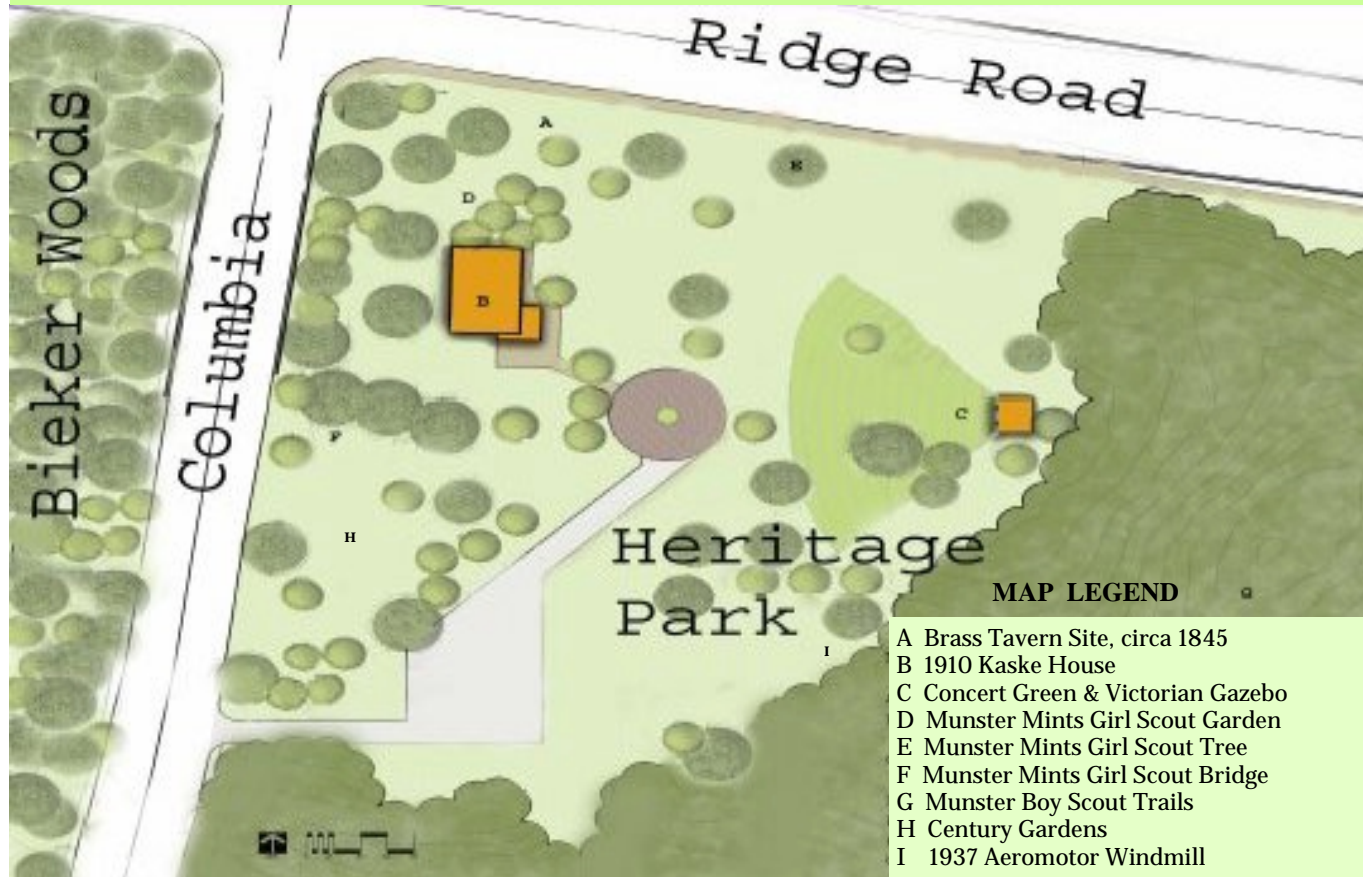
Ruff Grouse



Mandarin Duck



Golden Pheasant





# Native Plants of Heritage Park & Bieker Woods

**Oak Woodland Restoration**  
Heritage Park is located on the narrow sand ridge, once the Lake Michigan shoreline, and is home to native Black and White Oaks. Without management for 75 years, the woodland had become crowded with non-native or invasive tree and shrub species. Dying trees, lack of oak regeneration, and native plant suppression are problems the site faced. In 2008, a tornado tore thru the woodland, causing considerable tree damage.

Munster Parks & Recreation, thru various grants, obtained funding for restoration projects administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal zone program, to aggressively restore 11.2 acres of historic oak savannah/woodland on the site of the historic 1845 Brass Tavern stagecoach stop.

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## NATIVE TREES



*Sassafras albidum* (Nutt.) Nees "Sassafras"



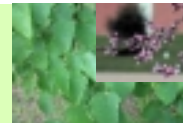
*Ulmus rubra* Muhl. "Slippery Elm"



*Ulmus americana* L. "Elm"



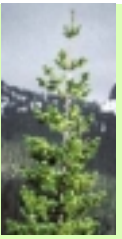
*Liriodendron tulipifera* L. "Tulip Tree"



*Cercis canadensis* L. "Eastern Redbud"



*Quercus alba* L. "Black Oak"



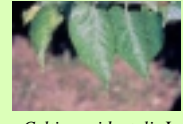
*Pinus monticola* Dougl. ex D. Don "Western White Pine"



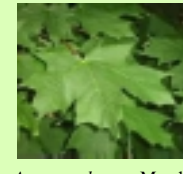
*Fraxinus americana* L. "White Ash"



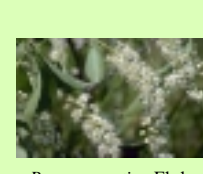
*Quercus alba* L. "White Oak"



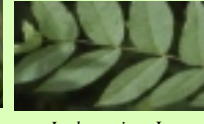
*Celtis occidentalis* L. "Common Hackberry"



*Acer saccharum* Marsh. "Sugar Maple"



*Prunus serotina* Ehrh. "Black Cherry"



*Juglans nigra* L. "Black Walnut"

## NATIVE GRASSES



*Bouteloua curtipendula* "Side-Oats Granna"



*Andropogon scoparius* "Little Bluestem"



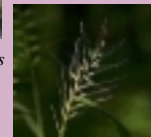
*Elymus canadensis* "Canada Wild Rye"



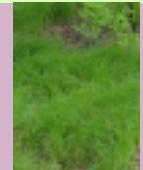
*Carex blanda* "Woodland Sedge"



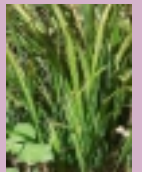
*Sporobolus heterolepis* (Gray) "Gray Prairie Dropseed"



*Elymus vilosus/Hystrix patula* "Silky Wild Rye/Bottlebrush"



*Carex pensylvanica* "Penn Sedge"

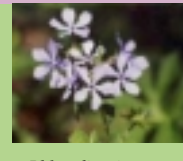


*Diarrhena americana* "Beak Grass"

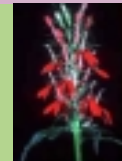
## NATIVE FORBS



*Sedum ternatum* "Woodland Stonecrop"



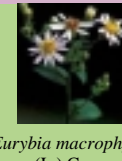
*Phlox divaricata* "Wild Blue Phlox"



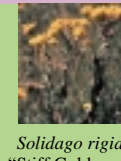
*Lobelia cardinalis* "Cardinalflower"



*Rudbeckia hirta* L. "Blackeyed Susan"



*Eurybia macrophylla* (L.) Cass. "Bigleaf Aster"



*Solidago rigida* "Stiff Goldenrod"



*Asclepias tuberosa* "Butterfly Milkweed"



*Geum triflorum* Pursh "Prairie Smoke"



*Dalea candida* Michx. ex Willd. "White Prairie Clover"



*Geranium maculatum* "Spotted Geranium"



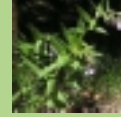
*Hydrangea arborescens* "Smooth Hydrangea"



*Echinacea pallida* (Nutt.) Nutt. "Pale Purple Coneflower"



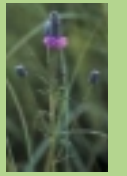
*Lupinus perennis* L. "Sundial Lupine"



*Mertensia virginiana* "Bluebells"



*Coreopsis lanceolata* L. "Sand Coreopsis"



*Dalia purpurea* Vent. "Purple Prairie Clover"

## NATIVE SHRUBS



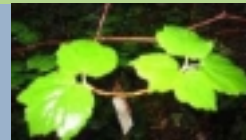
*Amelanchier canadensis* "Serviceberry"



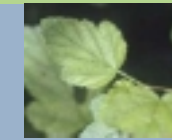
*Amelanchier laevis* Wieg. "Allegheny Serviceberry"



*Euonymus atropurpurea* "Burningbush"



*Viburnum acerifolium* L. "Maple Leaf Viburnum"



*Physocarpus opulifolius* (L.) Maxim. "Common Nine Bark"



*Hydrangea arborescens* "Smooth Hydrangea"



*Diervilla lonicera* "Bush Honeysuckle"



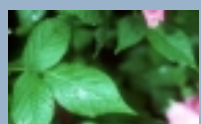
*Hamamelis virginiana* L. "American Witchazel"



*Amelanchier arborea* (Michx. f.) Fern. "Common Serviceberry"



*Viburnum nudum* L. var. *cassinoides* L. Torr. And Gray "Withe-rod"



*Rosa setigera* Michx. "Climbing Rose"