



Lower Shore Land Trust

Native Plant Guide



About the Lower Shore Land Trust

The Lower Shore Land Trust is a non-profit, charitable organization formed in 1990. Since then, the Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) has preserved more than 18,000 acres of land along the Lower Eastern Shore, helping to maintain the character of the region. LSLT ensures that the character of the land and the quality of life it nourishes will remain intact for the benefit and enjoyment of generations to come.

As our Lower Shore population grows and land-use pressures intensify, it is increasingly important that we protect our resources, maintain important habitat, and restore degraded habitat where possible. Working with willing landowners to implement conservation easements, the LSLT has critical natural resources and working landscapes throughout Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

Conservation easements can be tailored to the needs and desires of a property owner to control the future use, appearance, and character of the land. Landowners can continue to farm, harvest timber, and hunt, as well as reserve building rights for future use.

Conservation Easement Benefits for Landowners

- potential federal and state income tax deductions
- potential lower estate taxes
- fifteen-year real property tax credit on unimproved portions of the easement property

Conservation Easement Benefits for Everyone

- preserving forests and farmlands has distinct economic and cultural benefits
- forests and wetlands maintain water quality, offer buffer protection, and flood control
- forests and wetlands, improve air quality
- forests, wetlands, and open spaces enhance plant and animal biodiversity
- our children and grandchildren will have the opportunity to enjoy these special places just as we have enjoyed them

While LSLT generally works to preserve larger land parcels, the importance of habitat and open space can begin in your backyard. By hosting events associated with the annual Native Plant Celebration, LSLT encourages everyone to be involved in these critical issues.

Support the Lower Shore Land Trust and preserve farms and forests!



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Why Use Natives?

Native plants are plants that naturally occur in the region in which they evolved, so they are generally better suited to the local environment. They are well adapted to the local climate and soils, and are resistant to many insects and diseases. Therefore, they require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to maintain. By using native plant species in your landscape, you can enhance numerous ecological services ranging from wildlife habitat to water quality. In addition, these species provide essential habitat for pollinators, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals.

Pollinators– or animals and insects that carry pollen from one plant to another– are essential to our existence. Did you know that one in every three bites of food is attributable to insect pollination? In recent years, there has been a decline in certain pollinator populations. They are threatened by habitat loss, disease, and the excessive and inappropriate use of pesticides.

By contrast, plant species that are not native to a location, instead coming from a different country, region, state, or habitat, can degrade the local environment. Keeping non-native species alive often requires more time, effort, and resources. Non-native plants provide limited benefits to local ecosystems, support fewer wildlife species, and provide a reduced ability to filter air and water or stabilize the soil and buffer run-off. Some non-native species can take over entire locations, creating a monoculture that decreases the overall biodiversity and aesthetics of the area.

When designing a garden or a landscape consider native plantings that will suit your desired outcomes. The removal of existing stands of non-native vegetation can be labor intensive and sometimes costly, however the long-term benefits of a native landscape far outweigh these efforts and expenses.

How to Use this Guide

This guide was compiled as a resource to help you identify native plants that are well suited to your landscape and goals. It includes *all* of the plants LSLT has offered over the years, not just this year's selections.

Information was gathered from a variety of reliable sources, including local nurseries and gardening publications, but you should keep in mind that the plant characteristics listed represent general qualities of the species, and individual plants may vary according to the grower, soils, seasonal changes, and other conditions.

Plants are listed alphabetically by their scientific name (common names are also provided) within four categories:

- Perennials & Groundcovers
- Ferns
- Ornamental Grasses
- Shrubs & Trees

Key to symbols listed under *Characteristics*:

Sunlight (The amount of sunlight a plant requires):



Full Sun: 6 hours of direct sunlight a day



Partial Shade: 3-6 hours of direct sunlight a day



Shade: Less than three hours of direct sunlight or filtered light

This guide also will help you choose plants based on your interests such as attracting birds and butterflies. Wildlife value symbols:



Benefits/attracts birds



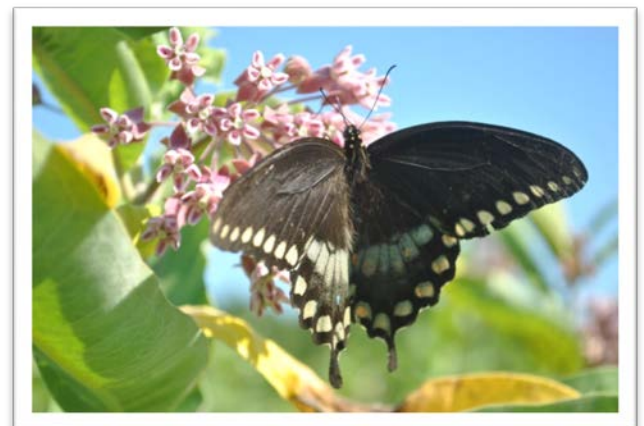
Benefits/attracts butterflies











Benefits/attracts beneficial insects










Benefits/attracts small mammals











| Perennials and Groundcovers | Characteristics | Description |
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| <i>Agastache</i> 'Black Adder' (Hyssop)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Violet- Blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Open on long racemes, each quite small but jammed together so tightly and profusely that the effect is of a long wand of solid color! Buds are nearly black, bursting into rich violet and deep red tones as the petals unfurl. 'Black Adder' has been found to grow successfully in a wide range of climates, from wet and cold to warm and dry, humid to arid. Give it full sun and good drainage, and after the first year you'll find that it even puts up with periods of drought. |
| <i>Agastache</i> 'Tango' (Hyssop)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 14" Bloom Time: June- October Bloom Colors: Orange Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Spikes of bright-orange blooms that are long-lasting and drive the hummingbirds & butterflies wild! Lightly fragrant foliage. |
| <i>Agastache foeniculum</i> 'Golden Jubilee' (Anise Hyssop)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Bluish purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Chartreuse-golden, licorice-scented foliage with blue bottlebrush-like flower spikes in midsummer. Self-sows if allowed to go to seed, or you can deadhead to encourage blooming through October or the first frost. The aromatic herbal leaves can be used in tea or dried for potpourri. Young leaves are great in salad or over fruit. |
| <i>Amsonia</i> 'Blue Ice' (Blue Star)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 15" Bloom Time: May Bloom Colors: Blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | This vigorous and long-blooming Amsonia forms a dense, compact mound of dark green leaves that turn brilliant yellow in the fall. Easy to grow, hardy, and drought tolerant once established. Great for edging and in containers. |





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| <i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> (Eastern Bluestar)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: Light Blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant | Long-lived, clump-forming, herbaceous perennial features three to four weeks of light blue, star-shaped flowers in spring. Terminal flower clusters are succeeded by ornamental seed pods. Narrow, willow-shaped foliage transitions from green into attractive shades of yellow in fall. An easy to grow, no fuss native perfectly suited for the perennial border. |
| <i>Anemone canadensis</i> (Meadow Anemone)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: Mid-Spring to Early Summer Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 *Rain Garden Ready | A strong growing plant that needs room to move. Clear white single flowers. A robust and competitive plant that brightens up woodland edges and shady corners of the garden. Combines well with other spring-blooming perennials. |
| <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> 'Corbett' (Wild Columbine)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 1-3' Bloom Time: April-May Bloom Colors: Red, yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Lemon yellow petals with deep red spurs hang like drifts of softly illuminated lanterns in spring. Native to rocky woods, slopes, cliffs, pastures, and roadside banks. Plants may go dormant in mid summer if stressed by heat or drought, but will emerge again in late winter. |
| <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> 'Little Lanterns' (Dwarf Wild Columbine or Canadian Columbine)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: April-May Bloom Colors: Red, yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | A popular choice in gardens for its unique beauty, hardiness, 3-5 year lifespan, and easy regeneration by seed. Resistant to powdery mildew. Prefers moist to dry, well-drained, slightly acidic soils. |



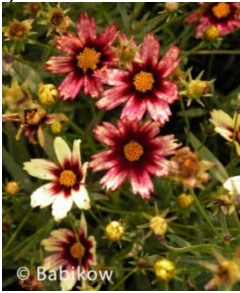

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| <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> `Ice Ballet`  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3'-4' Bloom Time: Late Spring / Early Summer Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant | Long-blooming, bright white selection of swamp milkweed. Clear white flowers and dark green foliage. The plant is used medicinally in the United States for the anodyne properties of its root and its rhizome and root have been employed successfully, both in powder and infusion, in cases of asthma and typhus fever attended with catarrh, producing expectoration and relieving cough and pain. |
| <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (Swamp Milkweed)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-5' Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Rosy pink Wildlife Value: 🦋🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | No butterfly garden is complete without this plant! Clusters of pink flowers smell like vanilla. Important food source for Monarch caterpillars and butterflies. Prefers wet to moist soils. Interesting seed pod. |
| <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> (Butterfly Weed)  <i>Photo Thomas Muller, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Orange Wildlife Value: 🦋🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | A wonderful horticultural plant for landscaping to attract butterflies, particularly monarchs. Easily propagated by both seed and rhizome cuttings, which usually bloom second year. Ideal in semi-dry habitats where it can spread. Prefers sandy, well-drained, moist to dry soils. |
| <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> 'Hello Yellow' (Butterfly Weed)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Orange Wildlife Value: 🦋🦋🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Developed from a native North American wildflower, this is an important source of food for Monarch butterflies. The plant forms an upright clump of narrow green leaves, bearing showy clusters of golden-yellow flowers in mid to late summer. Green fruit will develop after flowering which break open to reveal seeds with the same long silvery-white, silky hairs as its cousin, the common milkweed. The seedpods are excellent used in dried arrangements (pick and dry while still green). Great cut flower. |





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| <i>Aster</i> 'Woods Pink' (Pink Wood's Aster)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12" Bloom Time: September-October Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant | A compact, clump-forming aster that is virtually mildew and rust free. Like all Wood's Asters, it is a wonderful container plant, with a compact habit and unstoppable clear pink flowers with gold centers. A fabulous native perennial alternative for mums. Prefers organically rich soils. Plants may be cut to the ground after flowering. |
| <i>Aster</i> 'Wood's Purple' (Purple Wood's Aster)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12" Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Rain Garden Ready | Perfectly clean foliage loaded with single, clear purple flowers in late summer and early fall. Bred for compact habit, long-bloom time, and heavy flowering, this aster makes a great potted plant and is a perfect native alternative for mums. Mildew and rust resistant. Pinch back for better branching and more flowers. |
| <i>Aster divaricatus</i> 'Eastern Star' (White Wood Aster)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 24-36" Bloom Time: August-September Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | A terrific groundcover that provides nectar for butterflies and seeds for songbirds. Grows very well in dry shade and produces clouds of flowers in late summer and early fall. |
| <i>Aster laevis</i> 'Bluebird' (Smooth Aster)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: Violet blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Rain Garden Ready | Stiffly arching stems are covered with 1", violet-blue-with-yellow flowers from late summer into fall. Pinching back in June will create a more compact, dense plant, but is not essential. Clean foliage is very disease resistant. Loved by monarchs and other butterflies. Great companion for Boltonia 'Snowbank' or Solidago 'Fireworks'. |


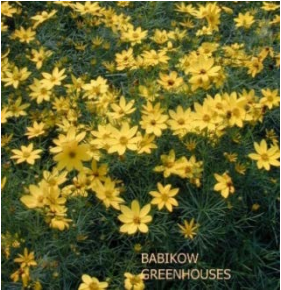


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| <i>Aster novae-angliae</i> 'Purple Dome' (New England Aster)  <p><small>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</small></p> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: September-October Bloom Colors: Deep purple Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Very compact growth habit with low-lying bushy mounds. Important late-season nectar source for butterflies. Pinch plants before July to maintain a cushion effect and divide plants every two to four years. Excellent for cutting. Susceptible to powdery mildew, but will be much less affected if grown in moist, rich, well-drained soil. |
| <i>Aster novi-belgii</i> (New York Aster or Michaelmas Daisy)  <p><small>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</small></p> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: August Bloom Colors: Blue & Purple Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Flowers may vary in shades of pink, purple and white and bloom in early fall. |
| <i>Aster oblongifolius</i> 'October Skies' (Aromatic Aster)  <p><small>© 2018 North Creek Nurseries, Inc.</small></p> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 15-18" Bloom Time: September-November Bloom Colors: Blue-Lavender Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | A very showy, low-growing, bushy plant with hundreds of daisy type 1.25" blue-lavender flowers with yellow centers in fall. Excellent groundcover potential. Fragrant foliage. |
| <i>Baptisia</i> 'Carolina Moonlight' (Wild Indigo)  <p><small>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</small></p> | Sunlight: ☀️ ☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: May-Jun Bloom Colors: Yellow *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Elegant 18" spikes of creamy yellow blooms grace tidy blue-green foliage in early summer. Vigorous, easy to grow, long-blooming and tough, a dazzling addition to the native plant palette. An excellent native substitute for lupine. A hybrid of <i>B. sphaerocarpa</i> and <i>B. alba</i> . Heat loving and drought tolerant. |





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| <p><i>Baptisia australis</i> (False Indigo, Wild Blue Indigo)</p>  <p><i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3'-4' Bloom Time: May-July Bloom Colors: Bluish purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋🐛</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>2010 PPA Perennial Plant of the Year. Upright or spreading habit with large terminal spikes of small, round, showy blue flowers. Cut back dead stems in fall to within 18" of soil. Especially attractive with yellow and white perennials. Prefers moist to dry soils but tolerates poor soils.</p> |
| <p><i>Baptisia sphaerocarpa</i> 'Screaming Yellow' (Yellow Wild Indigo)</p>  <p><i>Photo courtesy of Nancy J. Ondra, Gardening Gone Wild</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: Yellow</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A very sturdy <i>Baptisia</i> with bright, buttery yellow flowers on blue-green foliage. As with all <i>Baptisia</i> species, this plant is taprooted, making it very drought tolerant but challenging to transplant to a new location once established.</p> |
| <p><i>Boltonia asteroides</i> 'Snowank' (Thousand-flowered Aster)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 4'-5' Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: White</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>This vigorous, undemanding perennial lives up to its common name with tons of pale lilac to white daisy flowers in late summer through fall. Great for naturalizing, in the border, and as a cut flower. Benefits from frequent dividing and can be cut back in late spring to create a more compact habit. A great companion to Amsonia 'Blue Ice' and Gaillardia 'Fanfare.'</p> |
| <p><i>Camsis radicans</i> (Trumpet Vine, Trumpet Creeper)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: to 33' Bloom Time: July-August Bloom Colors: Orange to Red</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋</p> | <p>A vigorous, deciduous woody vine, notable for its showy trumpet-shaped flowers. It inhabits woodlands and riverbanks, and is also a popular garden subject. It grows well on arbors, fences, telephone poles, and trees, although it may dismember them in the process. Ruthless pruning is recommended.</p> |





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| <i>Chelone glabra</i> (Turtlehead)  <p>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: July-October Bloom Colors: White, pink, purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Strong grower that thrives in moist and wet soils, making it especially suited to shorelines and along ponds. Also great for cutting. Pinch back stems in spring to reduce mature plant height, especially when plants are grown in lots of shade. Divide in spring. Herbal uses. Host for Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly.</p> |
| <i>Chelone lyonii</i> 'Hot Lips' (Pink Turtlehead)  <p>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Pink</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Similar to <i>Chelone glabra</i> but with lustrous, deeper green foliage and dark purple/red stems that persist most of the season. Prefers moist, rich, humusy soils.</p> |
| <i>Chrysogonum</i> 'Pierre' (Gold Star)  <p>Courtesy of Bluestone Perennials</p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6" Bloom Time: May-October Bloom Colors: Yellow</p> <p>*Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>An excellent low-growing, evergreen groundcover for deep shade or part sun and moist, well-drained soil. Profuse, long-lasting blooms begin in late spring and flower continuously without deadheading. Tolerates limited foot traffic and can be easily divided in late spring. Really pops underneath Tradescantia 'Purple Profusion'.</p> |
| <i>Clematis virginiana</i> (Devil's Darning Needles, Devil's Hair, Love Vine, Traveller's Joy, Virgin's Bower, Virginia Virgin's Bower, Wild Hops, and Woodbine)  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 9' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: White</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>This native vine produces numerous showy clusters of white blossoms, seed provides equal ornamental appeal.</p> |





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| <i>chrysogonum virginianum</i> (Gold Knee)  <i>Photo courtesy of North Carolina Native Plant Society</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12" Bloom Time: May-Oct Bloom Colors: Yellow/ Green Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝 *Birds and Butterflies *Rain Garden Ready | Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers moist, acidic, organically rich soils in part shade. Spreads by rhizomes to form an attractive ground cover, but is easily controlled. Remove spent flower stems for best ground cover appearance. |
| <i>Coreopsis</i> 'Jethro Tull' (Tickseed)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12"-15" Bloom Time: Late Spring-Late Summer Bloom Colors: Golden Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant | Broader fluted petals, a compact habit and an extended flowering season. Responds beautifully to cutting back, but will rebloom without it. |
| <i>Coreopsis</i> 'Redshift Big Bang' (Redshift tickseed)  <small>© Babikow</small> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 24-36" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Yellow, red Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Large creamy yellow blooms completed with a red ring at the center become streaked more deeply with red as the season transitions to having cool nights. Nice mounding habit and very cold hardy, excellent show at the front of the garden border. Best in moist, well-drained soil. |
| <i>Coreopsis</i> 'Sienna Sunset'  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 16-20" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Yellow, red Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready *Drought Tolerant | Outstanding when planted in masses, displaying a long bloom time and large burnt sienna colored flowers. The flowers lighten as they age to a deep orange. This cultivar is well utilized in the front or middle of a perennial border or in mixed containers. |





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| <i>Coreopsis auriculata</i> 'Nana' (Mouse Ear Coreopsis)  <p><i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 8" Bloom Time: May-July Bloom Colors: Orange</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Loaded with brilliant bright orange flowers that are a great source of early spring color. Deep green, shiny leaves form a low clump that, when clustered, helps keep weeds to a minimum. Spreads nicely by seed without being invasive, and works well in a border, edge, or as a shorter cut flower. Prefers average to dry soils.</p> <p><i>Only available in the Birds & Butterflies package!</i></p> |
| <i>Coreopsis rosea</i> 'Limerock Ruby' (Tickseed)  <p><i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 15" Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Pink, red</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> | <p>Stunning ruby red flowers with yellow "eyes" atop needle-like green foliage. Trim plants in July to promote repeat blooming. Excellent for edging borders and in containers. Heat and humidity tolerant. Prefers moist to dry, well-drained soils.</p> |
| <i>Coreopsis rosea</i> 'Sweet Dreams' (Pink coreopsis, tickseed)  <p><i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 18-24" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Bicolor raspberry pink & white.</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A Blooms of Bressingham winner. Stunning bicolor flowers all summer with needle-like foliage. Attracts bees and butterflies. Clumps spread rapidly to form a groundcover. Drought tolerant once established. A light cutback after flowering promotes re-flowering into early fall and also helps promote basal branching.</p> |
| <i>Coreopsis tripteris</i> (Tickseed)  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2'-8' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Yellow</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Lemon yellow flowers with black eye on very strong stems. Easily grown in dry to medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun. Thrives in poor, sandy or rocky soils with good drainage. Plants grown in dry soils tend to be shorter, open and somewhat spindly. Plants grown in medium moisture soils with consistent moisture tend to be taller and fuller.</p> |





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| <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Crème Brulee' (Tickseed)  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-24" Bloom Time: June-October Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | A <i>Blooms of Bressingham</i> winner with larger, longer-lasting flowers than <i>Coreopsis</i> 'Moonbeam'. Fills in quickly with flowers not just above the foliage but down into the foliage, giving a fuller overall appearance Best in full sun and well-drained soil. Mounding habit makes this great for the front of the border. |
| <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Zagreb' (Whorled Tickseed)  <p>BABIKOW GREENHOUSES</p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 8"-18" Bloom Time: Late Summer Bloom Colors: Golden Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant | Winner of the 2001 RHS Award of Garden Merit, the Threadleaf coreopsis has a very compact habit and dense lacey foliage. Removal of dead blossoms encourages longer blooming and healthier flowers. Great in rock gardens and gardens with poor soil. Blooming sometimes extends to first frost. |
| <i>Delphinium exaltatum</i> (Tall Larkspur)  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 4-6' Bloom Time: Jun-Sep Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🦋🐛 *Deer Resistant *Birds and Butterflies | Tall Larkspur is native to Pennsylvania and the Mississippi valley. Large numbers of purple blue flowers appear in June on branched flower stems. Leaves are deeply divided. Pt. shade / shade. Ht. 3-5 feet. Z5-9. |
| <i>Echinacea</i> 'Harvest Moon' (Big Sky Coneflower)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 18-30" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | An exceptionally hardy, well-branched, strong, and bushy perennial ideal for sunny borders or growing in mixed containers. The fragrant blooms are excellent for cutting and last well into fall. Coneflowers can thrive in hot and dry conditions as well as cold conditions. Prefer moist to dry, well- drained soils. |





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| <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> (Purple coneflower)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Lavender/Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | One of the finest border plants with rose pink flowers all summer. Very heat and drought tolerant. Central seed head provides food source for small birds as it matures. |
| <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Doubledecker' (Purple Cone Flower)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 24-36" Bloom Time: July-October Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Rose purple flowers that, by the second year of blooming, have twin flowers emanating from the cone of the mother flower. Coneflowers are sturdy and carefree perennials that adapt to a wide variety of soil conditions. Enjoys moist to dry soil and a wide pH range. |
| <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Magnus' (Purple coneflower)  <p>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Bright purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | 1998 Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year. Tall and sturdy with large dark green foliage and broad, vibrant pinkish purple flowers. Adaptable and reliable, this species was selected by Magnus Nilsson for its fine form, dark hue, and very horizontal petals. Named one of the "Top 10 Perennials of All Time" on Perennials.com. |
| <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Pow Wow Wild Berry' (Purple Coneflower)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 18-24" Bloom Time: Jun-Sep Bloom Colors: Bright rose purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | This All-America Selections 2010 Flower Award Winner has 3-4" flowers that retain brilliant color longer than other purple coneflower selections. This is a bushy, lower growing selection that grows best in well-drained soils. Flowering is long and profuse, even without deadheading. Great for containers or a sunny border. |






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| <p><i>Echinacea Rubinstern</i> "Ruby star"</p>  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 2'-3' Bloom Time: Jun-Sep Bloom Colors: Bright Purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐞</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready *Birds and Butterflies</p> | <p>Carmine-red flowers in June-September. Easy to grow in average to dry soils. Native selection. Plant in full sun. Attracts butterflies. Ht. with flower: 40 inches. Z4-8.</p> |
| <p><i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i> (Hardy Ageratum, Mistflower)</p>  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 18-24" Bloom Time: August -October Bloom Colors: Sky blue</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐞</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Fuzzy blue flowers atop attractive red stems. Naturally found in old fields, meadows, and along stream banks. Naturalizes readily and works well as a filler or groundcover. Excellent cut. Great alternative to annual Ageratum. Prefers moist soil.</p> |
| <p><i>Eupatorium dubium</i> 'Baby Joe' (Dwarf Joe Pye Weed)</p>  <p><i>Photo Courtesy of VanBloem Gardens</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: June-October Bloom Colors: Magenta pink</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐞</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A lovely midsized selection of Joe-Pye Weed, forming a compact, bushy, upright mound of coarse dark-green leaves bearing umbrella like heads of magenta flowers in late summer. A butterfly magnet! Great for middle and back of the border.</p> |
| <p><i>Eupatorium dubium</i> 'Little Joe' (Joe Pye weed)</p>  <p><i>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 36-48" Bloom Time: July-October Bloom Colors: Pink, purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐞</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A perfect size for smaller gardens, the dwarf Joe-Pye weed forms a bushy upright mound perfect for containers and borders. Deer and rabbit resistant. Grows best in wet to moist, acidic, sandy soils, but tolerates a wide variety of soils.</p> |





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| <i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> (Boneset)  <i>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 4'-6' Bloom Time: Jul-Sep Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝 *Birds and Butterflies *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Tiny, white flowers are arranged in fuzzy clusters top the 3-6 ft. stems of this perennial. Hairy plant with dense flat-topped clusters of many dull-white flowers. Paired leaves, united basally, are perforated by the erect stems. |
| <i>Gaillardia</i> 'Burgunder' (Blanket Flower)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 24-36" Bloom Time: May-September Bloom Colors: Wine Red Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Deer Resistant | This gaillardia cultivar is a hybrid typically growing 2-3' tall. Features large, daisy-like, solitary, deep wine red flowers (3-4" diameter) which appear on erect but often sprawling stems. Long summer bloom period. Gray-green basal leaves are narrow, lance-shaped, toothed and lobed. |
| <i>Geranium maculatum</i> (Wild Geranium)  <i>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 1.5'-2' Bloom Time: Apr-May Bloom Colors: Light Purple Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝 *Birds and Butterflies *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | A spreading, clump-forming, adaptable plant with long bloom time and bold deeply cut palmate green foliage. Herbal uses. Semi-evergreen. Great woodland native. Easily grows in average, well-drained soil, preferably moist and humusy. |
| <i>Gaillardia</i> 'Fanfare' (Blanket Flower)  <i>Photos courtesy of by Christy Hallman</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: June-October Bloom Colors: Red, Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Deer Resistant | Long-blooming and somewhat drought-tolerant once established, blanket-flowers are an easy-care favorite of gardeners as specimens, in masses, and in bouquets. Remove faded flowers to encourage constant blooming. Tolerates a variety of soils. |





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| <i>Gaillardia aristata</i> 'Oranges and Lemons' (Blanket flower)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 22-26" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Peachy orange Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Gorgeous flowers in pale orange trimmed with lemon yellow. Stunning in full bloom, easy to grow and attractive. Ideal for hot, dry locations and tolerant of humidity, but not wet feet. Deadheading can increase blooming. |
| <i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i> 'Arizona Sun' (Blanket Flower)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12-15" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Red & yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | A Fleuroselect Gold Medal winner with large, fiery red blooms, tipped by a ring of rich flame yellow. Very compact and uniform growth habit. Requires well-drained soil and full sun. Drought, heat, and salt tolerant. |
| <i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i> 'Mesa Yellow' (Blanketflower)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 16"-18" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Outstanding performers in the landscape or container, the Mesa Yellow features well-branched, uniform habits and will flower in the first year. What separates this Gaillardia from others is its ability to produce many more flowers during its bloom period while the yellow stays intense; never fading from the sun. |
| <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> 'Crimson Butterflies'  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: May-September Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐛 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | This hardy, tap-rooted plant tolerates poor soils as well as high heat, humidity, and some drought. Remove spent flower spikes to prolong bloom period. Less likely to become leggy than other cultivars, crimson butterflies nonetheless benefit from close planting or support from adjacent perennials. Prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun. |






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| <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> 'Siskiyou Pink' (Pink Gaura)  Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 18-24" Bloom Time: May-September Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Willowy stems boast spikes of pink butterfly-like flowers that last all summer! This is a taprooted plant that tolerates drought but does not transplant well once established (can be propagated by division every 2-3 years in spring). Best in full sun. |
| <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> 'Whirling butterfly' (White Gaura)  Photo courtesy of Christy Hallman | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 18-24" Bloom Time: May-October Bloom Colors: White/Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐛 *Drought Tolerant | A compact, more floriferous form with larger flowers than other cultivars. Flowers appear all summer in long, terminal, wand-like panicles. Cut plants back by half in late spring to control size, if desired. Great for borders. Best in full sun. |
| <i>Geranium maculatum</i> (Wild Geranium)  Photos Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-15" Bloom Time: April-July Bloom Colors: Pink/Lavender Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐛 *Rain Garden Ready | A spreading, clump-forming, adaptable plant with long bloom-time and bold deeply cut palmate green foliage. Herbal uses. Semi-evergreen. Great woodland native. Easily grows in average, well-drained soil, preferably moist and humusy. |
| <i>Helenium</i> 'Mardi Gras' (Helen's Flower)  Photos courtesy of Cheryl Nemazie | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 36-40" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Yellow, orange, red Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Rain Garden Ready | Splashy yellow, orange, and red petals give 'Mardi Gras' a dramatic look all summer. Impressive when massed and in perennial borders. Plants may be pinched back in May to encourage branching and can be divided every 3-4 years as desired. Highly prefers moist, rich soils. |

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| <i>Helianthus</i> 'Lemon Queen' (Perennial Sunflower)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 60-84" Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 | A free flowering plant to brighten the late summer garden. Lots of bright yellow single flowers mid-summer through the fall. Plant in dry not-so-fertile soils in full sun. |
| <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> (Swamp sunflower)  <i>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 3'-6' Bloom Time: Oct Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐛 *Birds and Butterflies | A profusion of golden yellow flowers appears for two to three weeks starting in early autumn. Daisy-like flowerheads are 3 inches across with 15 to 20 yellow ray florets radiating from a flat-topped purple or dark brown cone. The entire plant looks like a giant flame, drawing the attention of gardeners and many species of butterflies, bees, and other nectar |
| <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> 'Sommersonne' (Summer Sun)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 36-48" Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 *Drought Tolerant | Long-blooming golden yellow daisy flowers make a great cut flower and a beautiful perennial border. Easily grown in a wide range of soils; best in average, dry, well-drained soils. |
| <i>Heuchera Americana</i> 'Dale's Strain' (American Alumroot, Coral Bells)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ 🌑 🌑 Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Unique silver-blue marbled foliage accented by white flowers on long panicles in the spring. Excellent drought tolerant ground cover. Evergreen. |





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| <i>Heuchera</i> 'Frosted Violet' (Coral Bells)  <i>Photo Courtesy of The Primrose Path</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🐛🐛 *Rain Garden Ready | A vigorous new coral bells sporting velvety purple leaves with darker veins adorn huge 2-foot wide clumps topped with small light pink flowers on 30-inch spikes in late spring. Prefers rich, well-drained soils in partial to full shade, but can easily be grown in full sun if consistent moisture is provided. Divide clumps every 3-4 years. Makes an excellent groundcover. |
| <i>Heuchera</i> 'Plum Pudding' (Coral Bells, Alum Root)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12" Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🐛🐛 | A clump-forming coral bells featuring shiny, dark purple ruffled leaves with faint silver marbling. Can be massed as a ground cover or group; great in rock gardens, borders, and open woodland gardens. Also effective along paths or walkways. Best grown in rich, well-drained soils. |
| <i>Heuchera</i> 'Raspberry Regal'  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: May Bloom Colors: Dark red Wildlife Value: 🐦🐛🐛🐛🐛 *Rain Garden Ready | Blue-green foliage with dark red flowers in profusion. Great cut. Long-lived and usually evergreen. Winter mulch applied after frost will help prevent root heave. Divide clumps every 3-4 years. |
| <i>Heuchera</i> 'Snow Angel'  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: May to June Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🐛🐛 *Rain Garden Ready | This coral bells cultivar is a clump-forming perennial which features a basal mound (typically to 12" tall) of variegated, light-green, heart-shaped leaves having a creamy, mottled appearance and tiny, pink, bell-shaped flowers borne on wiry, branched panicles (flower spikes) extending well above the foliage mound in early summer. Good cut flower. |
| <i>Heuchera</i> 'Southern Comfort' (Coral Bells)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 10-14" (22" with flower) Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦🐛🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | A fabulous, clump-forming coral bells with huge (up to 9" wide), rounded leaves that emerge cinnamon-peach and mature to a burnished copper and amber throughout the growing season. One of the most heat-tolerant heucheras. May be evergreen in mild winters. |





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| <i>Heuchera villosa</i> 'Caramel' (Coral Bells)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: Light pink, cream *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | A vigorous clump-forming Coral Bells that features apricot colored foliate and light pink to cream-colored flowers on 15" scapes June-July. Leaves emerge golden yellow in spring, maturing to amber-apricot caramel by summer. Best color in part afternoon shade. Good groundcover. |
| <i>Hibiscus</i> 'Blue River II' (Hardy Hibiscus)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 4-5' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | This shrub-like herbaceous perennial is a vigorous grower with pure white flowers up to 10" in diameter. The flowers last only for one day, but open daily in succession until the end of the season. Grows easily in consistently moist soils. A great cut. Best effect when planted in clusters of 3 or more plants. |
| <i>Hibiscus</i> 'Fantasia' (Hardy Hibiscus, Rose Mallow)  <i>Photo courtesy of Christy Hallman</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: August-Frost Bloom Colors: Lavender Wildlife Value: 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | A Fleming Brothers hybrid with huge 10" lavender flowers with ruffled edges. Plant has nice compact, rounded habit and maple-like leaves. Best in full sun with rich soils and constant moisture. Cut back stems to 3-4" in Autumn, mulch during winter, and prune in early spring for bushy growth. Best effect when clustered in groups of 3 or more plants. |
| <i>Hibiscus</i> 'Lady Baltimore' (Rosemallow)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: July-Frost Bloom Colors: Lavender Wildlife Value: 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Large delicate pink cone-shaped flowers with a satiny red eye, mid summer to frost. |





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| <p><i>Hibiscus</i> 'Lord Baltimore' (Hardy Hibiscus, Rose Mallow)</p>  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 4-5' Bloom Time: July-August Bloom Colors: Red</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> <p>*Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A profuse producer of large crimson red ruffled flowers. Finely divided foliage creates a nice contrast of textures. Makes a stunning accent plant that sometimes blooms until frost. Can handle some shade, but does well in full sun with consistent moisture. Cut back stems to 3-4" in Autumn, mulch during winter, and prune in early spring for bushy growth. Best effect when clustered in groups of 3 or more plants.</p> |
| <p><i>Hibiscus</i> 'Plum Crazy' (Rosemallow)</p>  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: May-August Bloom Colors: Purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋</p> <p>*Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Needs rich soils, consistent moisture and full sun. Also does well in clay soils. Good air circulation may help to prevent disease. Cut back stems to about 3-4" in Autumn. Mulch during winter to protect roots from frost and prune in early spring for bushier growth. Best effect when planted in groupings of 3 or more.</p> |
| <p><i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> (Marsh Hibiscus)</p>  <p><i>© Barb Kow</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 4-7' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: White, pink, red</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>Often found along edges of salt marshes and in wetlands. Clumps of hibiscus start to grow late in the season and have a long, late-summer bloom period. Prefers wet to moist, alkaline soils, but this vigorous plant also tolerates dry periods. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are particularly attracted to the nectar.</p> |
| <p><i>Iris cristata</i> (Dwarf Crest Iris)</p>  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-8" Bloom Time: April Bloom Colors: Purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐜</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant</p> | <p>The leaves are short, broad and straplike, bending over near the tips. The flowering stem is sheathed by the overlapping leaves which grow finally to about a foot high. The stubby rhizomes are connected by slender runners.</p> |






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| <i>Iris cristata</i> 'Alba' (Dwarf Crested Iris)  <small>Courtesy of the Missouri Botanical Society</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12" Bloom Time: April-May Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | A low-growing, rapidly spreading plant which features unique white flowers with gold crests borne on 6" tall stems. Spreads quickly and forms a low, seasonal groundcover ideal for shady conditions. |
| <i>Iris versicolor</i> (Blue Flag Iris)  <small>©2010 North Creek Nurseries, Inc.</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Purplish Blue Wildlife Value: 🐦 *Rain Garden Ready | Very robust, dramatic display of boldly veined, swordlike leaves and large, violet-blue petals with yellow throats. Petals and sepals spread out flat making it attractive for feeding by hummingbirds. Best in moist locations. |
| <i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i> (Seashore Mallow)  <small>Courtesy of Stefan Bloodworth, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-5' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 | A large, multi-branched plant with attractive 3" hibiscus-like pink flowers that are open during the day and close at night. Prefers sandy soils but will tolerate clay. Naturally found in marshes and along pond edges. |
| <i>Liatris spicata</i> (Gayfeather, Tiny-headed Liatris)  <small>©2009 North Creek Nurseries, Inc.</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 24-36" Bloom Time: July-August Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Forms a low clump of grassy looking leaves, excellent for a sunny border or containers. Clumps may be easily divided every 3-4 years in the spring. May need to be staked. Moist soils are best. |
| <i>Lobelia</i> 'Ruby Slippers'  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 30-36" Bloom Time: August-September Bloom Colors: Ruby Red Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Clump-forming hybrid perennial lobelia which features erect, terminal spikes (racemes) of velvety, ruby to dark red flowers on alternate-leaved stalks growing to 36". Stalks rise up from basal rosettes. Flowers are 2-lipped, with the three lobes of the lower lip appearing more prominent than the two lobes of the upper lip. Long August to September bloom period. In nature, lobelias are typically found in wet areas such as bogs, moist meadows and along streams. |





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| <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> (Cardinal Flower)  <small>Courtesy of Steven Faucette, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Ctr</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3'-5' Bloom Time: July-October Bloom Colors: Red Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | A hummingbird magnet with spikes of scarlet red blooms. Requires consistent moisture, especially when grown in full sun, but is otherwise relatively easy to grow and tolerates a wide soil pH range. Particularly attractive at the edge of a woodland garden or pond. |
| <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (Great Blue Lobelia)  <small>© Babikow</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3'-4' Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: Blue Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | A long-blooming, clump-forming perennial featuring true blue, tubular, 2-lipped flowers that form dense spikes. Provides late summer bloom to the perennial border, woodland garden, or pond edge. Grows best in rich, humusy, medium to wet soils. Consistent moisture is important. |
| <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> (Trumpet Honeysuckle)  <small>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</small> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 8'-15' Bloom Time: May-Jun Bloom Colors: Pink/Red/Orange Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐝 *Birds and Butterflies *Deer Resistant | This vigorous, deciduous, twining trumpet vine is one of the showiest of the vining honeysuckles. Large, narrow, trumpet-shaped scarlet to orangish red on the outside and yellowish inside. Flowers appear in late spring in whorled clusters. Red berries in fall. Native. Sun. Ht. 10-20 feet. Spread: 3-6 feet. Z4-9. |
| <i>Mertensia virginica</i> (Virginia Blue Bells)  <small>www.plantsystematics.org</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 15" Bloom Time: March-June Bloom Colors: Blue *Rain Garden Ready | One of the earliest bloomers, with pink buds opening to blue (sometimes pink or white according to soil acidity) trumpet-shaped flowers. Will form large colonies if undisturbed. Great for wooded areas and is relatively disease resistant. |





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| <i>Monarda</i> 'Raspberry Wine' (Bee Balm)  Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Wine Red Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Highly fragrant, clear wine red flowers are cherished by butterflies and hummingbirds, and strongly avoided by deer. Very mildew resistant. Prefers consistently moist soil. Deadhead to prolong blooming and divide in spring or fall every 3-4 years. |
| <i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Blue Stocking' (Bee Balm)  Courtesy of Budd Gardens | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: Deep purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Fragrant foliage with deep violet blooms in summer. Deadheading will prolong bloom and plants can be divided in spring every 3-4 years. Very vigorous when grown in full sun with well-drained soil. 'Blue Stocking' is more heat, drought, and humidity tolerant than other Monarda varieties and has good mildew resistance. |
| <i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Marshall's delight' (Bee Balm)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: Rose pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Attracts hummingbirds. A fragrant, very vigorous grower with charming, round flowers. Scented foliage attracts bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Deer, rabbit, and mildew resistant. Divide in spring or fall every 3-4 years. |
| <i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Petite Delight' (Bee Balm)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-15" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Deer Resistant | An adaptable, dwarf bee-balm that stands strong even in winds and rain. Showy aromatic flowers in rosy pink attract hummingbirds and other wildlife. Remove spent blooms to prolong flowering. Herbal uses. |






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| <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> (Wild Bergamot)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 24-48" Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Pink / Lavender Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant | A clump-forming, mint family member that grows typically to 2-4' tall. Lavender, two-lipped, tubular flowers appear in dense, globular, solitary, terminal heads atop square stems. Each flower head is subtended by (rests upon) a whorl of showy, pinkish, leafy bracts. Flowers are attractive to bees and butterflies. The toothed, aromatic, oblong, grayish-green leaves (to 4") may be used in teas. Long summer bloom period. |
| <i>Monarda punctata</i> (Horsemint)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 1.5'-2' Bloom Time: Jun-Jul Bloom Colors: Light Purple Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝 *Birds and Butterflies *Deer Resistant *Drought Tolerant | Best grown in dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Tolerates somewhat poor soils and some drought. Plants need good air circulation. Deadhead flowers to prolong summer bloom. Tends to self-seed. This plant is particularly good for honey bees. |
| <i>Oenothera berlanderi</i> 'Siskiyou' (Evening Primrose)  <p><i>Photo courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12" Bloom Time: May-July Bloom Colors: Pink, white Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | This floriferous and compact primrose opens its flowers in the evening, closing them again each morning. A lovely groundcover that is quite hardy and will easily form colonies in a variety of conditions, though it may go dormant in the heat of summer. Readily adapts to a variety of well-drained moist to dry soils. |
| <i>Oenothera fremontii</i> 'Lemon silver' (Lemon Silver Evening Primrose)  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 6" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | A day blooming evening primrose with silver lance shaped foliage with light, clear lemon-colored flowers of tissue paper texture. Plant in dry, well-drained soils. |





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| <i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> 'Fyrverkeri' (Sundrops)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Drought Tolerant | 'Fyrverkeri' (also known as 'Fireworks') is a more compact plant that grows to 18" tall. It features purple-brown flushed foliage, red stems, red flower buds and bright yellow flowers in May-June. Flowers bloom during the day, hence the appropriate common name of sundrops. Each flower is short-lived, but flowers bloom in succession over a fairly long period of two months. |
| <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> 'Husker Red' (Beard Tongue)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 36" Bloom Time: June Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Perennial Plant Association 1996 Perennial Plant of the Year. Deep purple foliage keeps its color most of the year with spikes of porcelain white flowers in June. Tolerates poor drainage and is very drought tolerant. |
| <i>Phlox divaricata</i> 'London Grove Blue' (Wild Blue Phlox, Wild Sweet William)  | Sunlight: ☀️ ☀️ Average Height: 8-10" Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: Light Blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Rain Garden Ready | A delightful spring blooming native, it carpets the shady border with fragrant pale blue flowers. Compact growth habit and evergreen burgundy winter foliage. Simply glows in the garden! Trim back after flowering of the low green foliage for lush new growth. Do not prune in fall, clean-up winter damage in spring. |
| <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'David' (White Garden Phlox, Woodland Phlox)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ ☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Perennial Plant Association 2002 Perennial plant of the year. Pure white, aromatic flowers in large terminal clusters bloom all summer long. A staple of the perennial border and an excellent cut flower, Phlox grows best in rich, medium moisture, well-drained soils and should be watered during dry spells. Remove faded flower panicles to prolong bloom period. Excellent for hummingbird and butterfly gardens. |





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| <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Franz Schubert' (Garden Phlox)  <p><i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Lilac Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | A reliable and unique perennial introduced by <i>Blooms of Bressingham</i> and beloved by butterflies and hummingbirds! Thrives in organic, moist soils in sun or light shade and is drought tolerant once established. Enjoys a layer of compost in early spring. |
| <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Jeana'  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 24-48" Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Lavender-Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Each individual floret has a long corolla tube and five flat petal-like lobes. Butterflies love the flowers. Notwithstanding its attractive flowers, 'Jeana' stands out as having excellent resistance to powdery mildew. |
| <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Laura' (Tall Garden Phlox)  <p><i>BARKOW GREENHOUSES</i></p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-4' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Purple with white eye Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Fragrant phlox with large heads of purple flowers with white eyes. Hardy, easy to grow, and quite mildew resistant. A great cut flower and also excellent for attracting hummingbirds and butterflies. Prefers moist soil. Deadheading can prolong bloom time. |
| <i>Phlox stolonifera</i> (Creeping Phlox)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-8" Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Perennial Plant Association 1990 Perennial Plant of the year. Evergreen, creeping phlox is one of the best native groundcovers given its long bloom time, vigorous growth in all ranges of sunlight, and dense, mat-forming habit. |
| <i>Phlox subulata</i> 'Candy Pink' (Creeping phlox, Moss phlox)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 4" Bloom Time: Apr-May Bloom Colors: Pink & white Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | Low-growing, evergreen moss-like foliage that is covered with fragrant pink and white striped flowers in mid spring. Useful as a groundcover or in a rock garden. Best in poor, sandy soil, but is generally easy to grow in any soil except wet. Dense root system makes it useful for erosion control. Deer and rabbit resistant. |





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| <i>Polemonium</i> 'Stairway to Heaven' (Jacobs Ladder)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-15" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Rain Garden Ready | A unique perennial with colorful variegated foliage that lights up shady areas alongside heucheras and ferns. Hardier than other <i>Polemonium</i> spp. Best grown in moist, well-drained soil in partial shade. May rebloom in early summer if you remove spent flowers in the spring. Named one of <i>Better Homes & Gardens</i> top native plants of the Northeast. |
| <i>Pontederia cordata</i> (Pickerelweed)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 1-3.5' Bloom Time: June-November Bloom Colors: Purplish blue Wildlife Value: 🦉 🐝 🐸 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Heart shaped leaves with showy flowers all summer through fall. Ideal perennial within or along edges of ponds that spreads vigorously. Attractive to wood ducks and black ducks. |
| <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> (Deam's Coneflower)  <i>Photo by Christy Hallman</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: July-November Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦉 🦋 🐝 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | A free-flowering, mound-forming Black-eyed Susan. Plants can be propagated by division in autumn or spring. More drought tolerant than most <i>Rudbeckias</i> , growing best in full sun, and a good substitute for <i>Rudbeckia</i> 'Goldstrum.' A classic and reliable native perennial! |
| <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> (Coneflower)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2' Bloom Time: July-October Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐝 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Shiny deep green foliage and very long bloom time. Excellent cut flower and provides seeds in the winter for birds and nectar for butterflies. Beautiful and versatile! |





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| <p><i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i> (Cut leaf coneflower)</p>  <p><i>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2'-9' Bloom Time: Jul-Sep Bloom Colors: Yellow</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝</p> <p>*Birds and Butterflies *Deer Resistant</p> | <p>Bright yellow somewhat drooping flower heads with green cone. July-September. Native wildflower. Deer resistant. Very adaptable to moist conditions. Sun/ pt.shade. Ht. 5-8 feet. Z3-9.</p> |
| <p><i>Rudbeckia maxima</i> (Giant Coneflower)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 72-96" Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Yellow</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A great plant with big, bold silver-blue leaves and yellow flowers around large dark cones atop a sturdy, tall stalk. Tolerates high humidity and a wide variety of soils.</p> |
| <p><i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i> "Henry Eilers"</p>  <p><i>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 3'-5' Bloom Time: Aug-Sep Bloom Colors: Bluish purple</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready *Birds and Butterflies</p> | <p>Hot new Black Eyed Susan. Strong upright clump with long flower spikes. Unusual 'rolled' bright yellow strap like flowers in August and September. Native. Ht. 4-5 feet. Z5-7.</p> |
| <p><i>Saururus cernuus</i> (Lizard tail)</p>  <p><i>Photo courtesy of Online Plant Guide</i></p> | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 1'-2' Bloom Time: Jun-Sep Bloom Colors: White/Green</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝</p> <p>*Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>An upright, hairy perennial, growing to 4 ft. in height. Slender, nodding, solitary spikes of tiny, white flowers occur opposite a leaf. Leaves are lance-shaped to nearly triangular with a cordate base. Many tiny, fragrant, white flowers are on a slender, tapering, stalked spike with a drooping tip.</p> |



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| <i>Sedum ternatum</i> (Three-leaved stonecrop, Mountain stonecrop)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-6" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Evergreen leaves in whirls of three with delicate star-shaped flowers make sedum a distinctive groundcover. Creeping stems, used in rock gardens. |
| <i>Senecio aureus</i> (Golden Ragwort)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-15" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Golden yellow Wildlife Value: 🐛 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | An excellent native groundcover, preferring moist soils. Golden daisies over deep shiny green leaves. |
| <i>Silene caroliniana</i> 'Short and sweet' (Wild Pinks)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 8-10" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Deep pink Wildlife Value: 🐛 *Rain Garden Ready | Naturally occurs on rocky wooded slopes and open woods. Compact and easy to grow, especially in dry to average soil with good drainage. An excellent choice for bright shade or full sun. A great native substitute for Dianthus. |
| <i>Silene virginica</i> (Fire Pink)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-20" Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: Red Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐛 | Long narrow leaves and bright red flowers are particularly attractive to many bird species. Prefers acidic, rocky, poor soils that are moist to dry and well-drained. |
| <i>Sisyrinchium</i> 'Suwannee' (Blue-eyed grass)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 8-10" Bloom Time: May-August Bloom Colors: Sky blue *Rain Garden Ready | A great native groundcover. Clouds of sky blue flowers last from spring well into summer. Very versatile: sun or shade, moist or dry soils. |



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| <i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i> 'Lucerne' (Blue-Eyed Grass)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 10" Bloom Time: May-August Bloom Colors: Bluish purple *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Bright bluish-purple star-shaped flowers rise above fine grass-like foliage. After flowering and before seeds set shear back by ½. Do not prune again until spring. Plant in groups for best effect, especially along pathways, borders, and in rock gardens. Somewhat drought tolerant once established. |
| <i>Solidago caesia</i> (Bluestem Golderod)  <p><small>Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</small></p> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 1.5'-3' Bloom Time: Aug-Sep Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋🐞 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Birds and Butterflies | Arching wands of pure gold for dry shade. Very nice with native asters and grasses. August- October. Native, found in rich woods and along shaded roadsides. Deer resistant. Sun/ shade. Ht. 1-3.5 feet. Z4-8. |
| <i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks' (Wrinkle Leaf Goldenrod)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 4-5' Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: Golden yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋🐞🐦 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | 'Fireworks' is a tough, compact, heavy-flowering goldenrod that is relatively easy to grow and provides good color and contrast to a garden border or bouquet. Remove spent flowers to encourage additional bloom. Strongly colonial and may need to be divided every two to three years to control growth. Prefers wet soils. **Contrary to popular belief, Solidago does not cause or aggravate hayfever. |
| <i>Solidago sphaecelata</i> 'Golden Fleece'  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: Golden yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋🐞🐦 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Unique foliage and long-blooming golden-yellow flowers. Easy to grow in average soils and tolerates poor, dry soils. Remove spent flower clusters to encourage additional bloom. Mass to create a groundcover (plant 15" apart). **Contrary to popular belief, Solidago does not cause or aggravate hayfever. |





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| <i>Spigelia marilandica</i> (Indian Pink)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 1-2' Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Red & Yellow Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | One of the most striking and beautiful of the native perennials, Indian Pinks are hardy and versatile, growing well in shade or sun with trumpet shaped flowers that last all summer, attracting hoards of butterflies and hummingbirds. Best planted in spring. |
| <i>Stokesia laevis</i> 'Blue Danube' (Stokes' Aster)  <i>Photo Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | The classic blue Stokes Aster. A compact, reliable bloomer from June to August. Tolerates hot and dry conditions in well-drained soils. Butterfly magnet! |
| <i>Stokesia laevis</i> 'Klaus Jelitto' (Stokes' Aster, Cornflower Aster)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Lavender blue Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Deer Resistant | Large 4" lavender blue flowers all summer, sometimes until frost. Thrives in well-drained soils and full sun. Evergreen. Deadhead down to new flower buds to prolong blooming. Cut stalks to base when flowering has ceased. Rabbit resistant. |
| <i>Stokesia laevis</i> 'Purple Parasols' (Stokes Aster)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 12-18" Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: Blue, red, pink Wildlife Value: 🦋 | Large (4") flowers on erect, leafy stems start light blue, becoming darker blue, then bluish purple to reddish purple and finally dark hot pink. Easily grown in average, well-drained soils. Tolerates some shade but prefers full sun and moist, sandy soils, though it has some drought tolerance. |


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| <i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i> (Golden Wood Poppy)  Courtesy Missouri Botanical Garden PlantFinder | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 15" Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: Yellow *Rain Garden Ready | A wildflower occurring most often in moist woodlands and along stream banks. Works well in gardens singly or in small clusters. No serious insect or disease problems. Will naturalize easily by self seeding in optimum conditions. Prefers rich, moist to wet soils. |
| <i>Tiarella cordifolia</i> 'Elizabeth Oliver' (Foamflower)  Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 8-10" Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: Light pink | Excellent, evergreen groundcover with white, foamy flowers and deeply lobed leaves with lots of red markings. Forms slowly spreading clumps. |
| <i>Tierella cordifolia</i> (Foamflower)  Photos courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 9-12" Bloom Time: May Bloom Colors: White/Green Wildlife Value: 🐝 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | This is a perennial plant. Small, white flowers are in a feathery, somewhat elongated, terminal cluster. Makes excellent groundcover for shady, wooded sites. The tiny flowers and fine texture of the stamens resemble foam and account for the common name. |
| <i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i> (Ohio Spiderwort)  Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-4' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Blue *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Bluish grass-like foliage with lightly-fragranced, purple-blue flowers through summer and early fall. Great native addition to the border or naturalized garden. Does better in hot sunny locations than others in the genus. Deadhead to prolong blooming and cut foliage back after flowering. |






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| <i>Tradescantia virginiana</i> 'Purple Profusion' (Spiderwort)  Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 18" Bloom Time: June-August Bloom Colors: Deep purple *Rain Garden Ready | A beautiful hybrid selection often seen in garden borders. Individual blossoms last only 1-2 days, but new blossoms appear daily throughout the spring blooming period. Plants should be trimmed back after the first flush of flowers to rejuvenate foliage and encourage repeat bloom in late summer. Happiest in sunny, moist site but will tolerate partial shade. Divide clumps every 2-3 years. |
| <i>Typha angustifolia</i> (narrow-leaved cattail)  Photos courtesy of Ohio Plants | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 4-6' Bloom Time: Jun-Sep Bloom Colors: Brown/Green Wildlife Value: 🦋🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Preference is full sun, wet conditions, and muddy soil. Narrow-Leaved Cattail is an emergent aquatic that tolerates water up to 1' deep. Drought is tolerated if the soil remains moist. This plant can spread aggressively in suitable habitats. |
| <i>Verbena canadensis</i> 'Homestead Purple'  © Cheryl Nemazie | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 15" Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Deep purple flower clusters in profusion, vigorously spreading into a blanket of color all summer and into early fall. Excellent clean, deep green foliage. Prune if desired for bushier plants. A fabulous plant for the sunny garden! |
| <i>Verbena hastata</i> (American Blue Vervain)  Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 48-72" Bloom Time: June-October Bloom Colors: Blue-violet Wildlife Value: 🐦🦋🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Bright blue/purple flowers in spikes held like a candelabra. Likes moist but well-drained soils. Herbal uses. Readily self-sows where happy. |











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| <i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i> (New York Ironweed)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 3-7' Bloom Time: August-October Bloom Colors: Purple Wildlife Value: 🦋 *Rain Garden Ready | Brilliant flowers, tall upright form adds structure to gardens, spreads. Well suited to border conditions and for cutting. May need staking. Prefers moist soils and tolerates a wide pH range. |
| <i>Viola labradorica</i> (Alpine Violet)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 6" Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Blue, Purple Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐦 *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Dark purple-green foliage all season. An excellent, strong groundcover for moist shady locations. Great for planting with spreading bulbs or under shade perennials. Great for planting among spring bulbs or under shade perennials. Named in the "Top 10 Perennials for Dry Shade" on Perennials.com |











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| <i>Athyrium 'Ghost'</i> (Upright Lady Fern)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 18-24" Foliage Color: Silver-white then green *Deer Resistant | Silver-white fronds age to light green with new fronds appearing throughout the season. Upright habit with a beautiful formal appearance that really stands out in the shady garden. Best in moist, well drained soils. Propagate by division in spring. Great groundcover or garden border. Rabbit resistant. |
| <i>Dennstedtia punctiloba</i> (Hay-scented Fern)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 1.5-3' Foliage Colors: Green Wildlife Value: 🐇 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Bright fresh green. As the common name suggests, the thin-textured fronds smell like newly-mown hay when crushed. Vigorously spreading, this fern is best suited for large gardens where it is an attractive and carefree groundcover. Will tolerate sun if the soil is moist and well-drained. |







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| <p><i>Dryopteris marginalis</i> (Eastern Wood Fern)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-24" Foliage Color: Green</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant</p> | <p>The wood fern is the least fussy of all ferns and tolerates a wide range of conditions, making it one of the most versatile of foliage plants. Semi-evergreen and attractive almost year-round.</p> |
| <p><i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i> (Cinnamon Fern)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Foliage Color: Green</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦🐸</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A robust, upright deciduous fern with fertile, reddish brown fronds and wooly foliage. Enjoys moist to wet acidic soils. Excellent groundcover, great for naturalized areas, water edges, moist shade gardens, and in full sun if kept moist.</p> |
| <p><i>Osmunda regalis</i> (Royal Fern)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 4-5' Foliage Color: Green</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦🐸</p> <p>*Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A tall, strongly upright fern with broad fronds make this fern look almost shrub-like from a distance. It's dramatic, tropical appearance beckons the title "King of the ferns" among some gardeners.</p> |
| <p><i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> (Christmas Fern)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 12-24" Foliage Color: Dark green (evergreen)</p> <p>*Deer Resistant</p> | <p>An evergreen fern that provides excellent groundcover. Silvery fiddleheads in spring give way to leathery, dark green upright fronds. Clumps increase in size over time. Prefers moist to dry soil. Great for woodland gardens, shady perennial borders, and massing on slopes for erosion control.</p> |

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| <i>Andropogon geraldii</i> (Big Bluestem)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 5-7' Bloom Time: August-November Bloom Colors: Red, Blue, Brown Foliage Colors: Green Wildlife Value: 🐦🐛🐌 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | The “king of native grasses,” Big Bluestem boasts Blue-green foliage turns silvery blue in summer and red, orange, and purple in fall. Clump forming with excellent drought tolerance once established. |
| <i>Carex pennsylvanica</i> (Pennsylvania Sedge)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 8" Bloom Time: May Bloom Colors: Reddish brown Wildlife Value: 🐦🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Wonderful native groundcover for average to dry, deciduous shade. Fine texture and soft fountain habit. Semi-evergreen, forming slow-spreading clumps. Most effective when planted in masses, and has even been used as a natural shade lawn! Cut foliage to the ground in early spring before new growth occurs. |
| <i>Carex stricta</i> (Tussock Sedge)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 24-48" Bloom Time: May-August Bloom Colors: Red, brown Wildlife Value: 🐦 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Grows in dense green mounds with long, quarter-inch wide leaves. Spreads by rhizomes. Partially persists in winter, with any decomposing foliage enriching the soil. Tolerates flooding to 6 inches. Plant at or near water line. Great for wetland restorations. |
| <i>Chasmanthium</i> 'River Mist' (Variegated Northern Sea Oats)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: July-September Bloom Colors: Green then tan *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Striking green and white variegated foliage with flat oat-like seed heads in late summer through winter. Prefers consistent moisture in full sun, but tolerates dry shade. One of the easiest ornamental grasses to grow. Pairs well with sedum and coneflowers. |



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| <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> (Northern Sea Oats)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-3' Bloom Time: August-September Bloom Colors: Green *Rain Garden Ready | This clump-forming, upright, ornamental grass is a Missouri native plant which typically grows 2-5' and most often occurs in rich woods or rocky slopes along streams and on moist bluffs. This grass is perhaps most distinguished by the flat, drooping seed heads which hang in terminal clusters on thread-like pedicels from slightly arching stems. Seed heads will flutter when caressed by even the softest of breezes. Seed heads emerge green but turn purplish bronze by late summer. Bright green leaves (5-9" long) turn a coppery color after frost and eventually brown by winter. Excellent for dried flower arrangements. |
| <i>Juncus effusus</i> (Soft Rush, Common Rush)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 2-4' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Dark green Wildlife Value: 🐇 *Rain Garden Ready | A slow-spreading, clump forming, grass-like perennial which emerges from a stout branching rootstock. Excellent choice for shoreline protection, water filtration, and pollution tolerance, and provides food and habitat for waterfowl and other bird species. Prefers wet to moist, acidic soils. |
| <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> (Pink Muhly Grass)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: August-November Bloom Colors: Mauve pink *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | Fine-textured, glossy green leaves topped with cloudlike pink inflorescence. Stunning when massed. |
| <i>Panicum virgatum</i> (Switch Grass)  | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 36-48" Bloom Time: July-October Bloom Colors: Green Wildlife Value: 🐇🐦 *Rain Garden Ready | A very versatile clumping grass tolerant of varied conditions: wet, dry, sun, hot, any soil type. Upright with yellow-orange fall color and an airy cloud of seed heads that persist well into flower. Food for sparrow species; grows in clumps. Good for erosion control. |
| <i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Northwind' (Switch Grass)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️ Average Height: 5-7' Bloom Time: Aug-Nov Bloom Colors: Green/Brown Wildlife Value: 🐇🐦🐇🐦 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant | An upright and sturdy Switch Grass bearing steel blue-green foliage that turns golden yellow in fall. Cut back in early spring to promote new flush of growth. |


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| <i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Shenandoah' (Red Switch Grass)  <i>Courtesy of North Creek Nurseries</i> | Sunlight:  Average Height: 3' Bloom Time: August Bloom Colors: Red Wildlife Value:   *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready | This Panicum is such a bright red, experienced horticulturists have mistaken it for Blood Grass. The green foliage becomes tipped with burgundy red throughout the summer, and by fall the deep red takes over the entire plant. Stunning alone or in clusters. |
| <i>Scirpus validus</i> (Soft-stemmed Bulrush)  | Sunlight:  Average Height: 6-8' Bloom Time: June-September Bloom Colors: Light brown Wildlife Value:     *Rain Garden Ready | Soft-stem bulrush naturally grows in marshes, along lake and stream shores, and in wet meadows. A strong (sometimes aggressive) grower great for erosion control. |

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| <i>Alnus serrulata</i> (Smooth Alder, Hazel Alder)  | Sunlight:  Average Height: 8-12' Bloom Time: March *Rain Garden Ready | Smooth alder is used predominantly for streambank stabilization and wetland restoration. It is also a critical cover component of woodcock habitat. |
| <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> (Serviceberry, Shadbush)   | Sunlight:  Average Height: 35-50' Bloom Time: April-May (flowers), June-July (berries) Bloom Colors: White flowers, purple-black berries Wildlife Value:   *Drought Tolerant | A multi-trunked small tree with edible, dark purple berries cherished by songbirds, and slightly fragrant, showy white flowers with a creamy yellow center. If the birds don't beat you to them, the berries, also known as Juneberries, are sweet and tasty raw or can be made into jams and pies. Beautiful red and orange fall foliage. |
| <i>Aronia prunifolia</i> (Purple Chokeberry)  | Sunlight:  Average Height: 6-9' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White flowers, purple-black berries Wildlife Value:  *Rain Garden Ready | Clusters (corymbs) of 5-petaled, white (sometimes tinged pink) flowers appear in spring. Flowers are followed by abundant purple fruits which appear in dense clusters along the branches. Fruits ripen in late summer and persist throughout fall and well into winter. Foliage turns wine red in autumn. The common name of chokeberry is in reference to the tart and bitter berries which are edible but so astringent as to cause choking in those who try. |

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| <i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> (Groundsel)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: Oct-Nov Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐝 | Groundseltree or sea myrtle's numerous branches from short trunks are covered densely with branchlets. The 6-12 ft., deciduous shrub bears gray-green, somewhat lobed, oval leaves which are semi-persistent in the North. White to green flowers occur in small, dense, terminal clusters. Probably the most significant landscape feature is the silvery, plume-like achenes which appear in the fall on female plants resembling silvery paintbrushes. |
| <i>Betula nigra</i> (River Birch)   | Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 50-75' Bloom Time: April-May Bloom Colors: Dark brown Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | High wildlife value with broad green leaves and attractive peeling bark. Good for stream bank stabilization and grows very well on moist river bottom soil, though it has also proven to be adaptable to dried sites. Can grow 30-40' in ten years. Yellow fall color. |
| <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> (Buttonbush)   | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: Jun Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐝 *Rain Garden Ready | Common buttonbush is a multi-stemmed shrub which grows 6-12 ft. or occasionally taller. Leaves in pairs or in threes, petiolate; with a pointed tip and rounded to tapered base, smooth margins and glossy upper surface, lower surface duller. Glossy, dark-green leaves lack significant fall color. Flowers small, borne in distinctive, dense, spherical clusters (heads) with a fringe of pistils protruded beyond the white corollas. Long-lasting, unusual blossoms are white or pale-pink, one-inch globes. Subsequent rounded masses of nutlets persist through the winter. Trunks are often twisted. Spreading, much-branched shrub or sometimes small tree with many branches (often crooked and leaning), irregular crown, balls of white flowers resembling pincushions, and buttonlike balls of fruit. |
| <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> (Sweet Pepperbush)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: July-August Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 🐝 🐌 *Rain Garden Ready | Fragrant white flowers in spikes attract butterflies and beneficial insects. Very high wildlife value. A broad-leaved, deciduous shrub that tolerates a variety of settings but does best in partial shade. Nice yellow color in fall. |

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| <p><i>Cornus amomum</i> (Silky dogwood)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White/Cream</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐼</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready</p> | <p>A common, medium-sized shrub with white flowers and purplish-blue berries. Often found along streams and in other wet areas. Clusters of small white flowers appear in late spring or early summer, serving as a favorite nectar source for butterflies. High wildlife value.</p> |
| <p><i>Cornus racemosa</i> (Gray Dogwood)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 10-15' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐼</p> <p>*Rain Garden Ready *Deer Tolerant</p> | <p>Foliage turns an interesting dusky purplish red in fall. Terminal stems holding the flowers are distinctively red and provide interesting contrast to the clusters of small white berries which form after the flowers have dropped. Red stem color is more easily seen after the fruits are gone, and red color often persists into early winter.</p> |
| <p><i>Cornus sericea</i> (Redosier Dogwood)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 4.5-20' Bloom Time: May-April Bloom Colors: White/Cream</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐼</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant</p> | <p>Often incorporated into landscapes for its beauty, wind-buffering, and attractiveness to wildlife. Its fleshy fruits, twigs, and foliage are a valuable source of food for wildlife including many bird species, especially the American goldfinch. Prefers moist to dry soils. Also a good stream bank stabilizer.</p> |
| <p><i>Diospyros virginiana</i> (American Persimmon)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 50' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐼 🐻 🐼</p> <p>*Drought Tolerant</p> | <p>A slow-growing deciduous tree that produces fragrant flowers and edible orange fruit. Very high wildlife value. The key to exquisitely flavored persimmons is letting the fruit ripen completely, which usually requires a good frost (you'll know they're ripe if they fall with a light shaking of the branch). Prefers light, sandy, well-drained soil, but will also grow in richer soils.</p> |
| <p><i>Ilex glabra</i> (Inkberry)</p>  | <p>Sunlight: ☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: Greenish white</p> <p>Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐼</p> | <p>High wildlife value. Berries persist through winter, male and female flowers on separate plants; tolerates some salt flooding. Evergreen. Excellent foundation plant that adds nice texture to the landscape.</p> |

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| <i>Itea virginica</i> (Virginia Sweetspire)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 3-8' Bloom Time: June-July Bloom Colors: White flowers, red foliage in autumn *Rain Garden Ready | The long tassels of white flowers and red fall foliage make this an attractive ornamental. Most effective in massed plantings, as single plants tend to be scraggly. |
| <i>Lindera benzoin</i> (Spicebush)  <small>Photo from Fine Gardening</small> | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: Mar Bloom Colors: Yellow Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Deer Resistant *Rain Garden Ready *Birds and Butterflies | Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Fall color is best in sunny areas. Tolerates full shade, but habit becomes more open and wide-spreading. Shrub borders, shade or woodland gardens, moist areas along streams or ponds, native plant gardens or naturalized plantings. |
| <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> (Sweetbay Magnolia)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-15' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | A broad-leaved, evergreen shrub with creamy white, vanilla-scented blooms that flower best in partial shade. Scarlet berry clusters in erect follicles. A graceful specimen that is good for small areas and has many wildlife benefits. Widely adaptable in a variety of soils. |
| <i>Morella cerifera</i> (Wax Myrtle)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-20' Bloom Time: Evergreen Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦 🦋 *Drought Tolerant *Rain Garden Ready | Serves as an excellent screen plant. The leaves are aromatic, with an appealing, piquant fragrance when crushed. Colonists separated the fruits waxy covering in boiling water to make fragrant-burning candles, |
| <i>Morella pensylvanica</i> (Bayberry)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-15' Bloom Time: May Bloom Colors: Green Wildlife Value: 🦋 🐛 *Drought Tolerant *Birds and Butterflies | A spreading, much-branched shrub, 3-12 ft. tall. Glossy, fragrant gray-green, egg-shaped leaves remain on the plant in the southern part of its range, or turn tan-colored and persist into winter farther north. Green catkins appear before leaves. Clusters of small, round, hard, white berries remain on the female plant all winter. |

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| <i>Rosa palustris</i> (Swamp Rose)  | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 8' Bloom Time: July-August Bloom Colors: Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🐿️ | High wildlife value. Edible, berry-like fruit. Tolerates flooding to 3 inches. Great for hedges, walls, fences, or trellises for climbing, edges for low selections, for massing, and in raised beds. Year round beauty and attractiveness make it a garden favorite, but it is highly susceptible (as are most roses) to pests and disease. Prefers wet, acidic soils. |
| <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> (Elderberry)   | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White Wildlife Value: 🐦🐿️ | A graceful, deciduous shrub with edible purple berrylike fruit relished by birds and mammals. Ripe elderberries can be made into delicious pie, jam, or syrup. Fragrant white flowers in large, flat-topped clusters appear in late spring/early summer. Grows best in acidic soils. |
| <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> (Highbush Blueberry)   | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 10-13' Bloom Time: April-June Bloom Colors: White, Pink Wildlife Value: 🐦🐼🐿️ | The perfect plant! White flowers in spring, delicious blueberries in July (loved by humans and wildlife, especially birds), and brilliant red foliage in fall with red twigs that persist through winter. Grown commercially throughout the US. Thrives in acidic soils and full sun or partial shade. Prune in late winter or early spring. |
| <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> (Arrowwood)   | Sunlight: ☀️☀️☀️ Average Height: 6-12' Bloom Time: May-June Bloom Colors: White, pink flowers, blue berries Wildlife Value: 🐦🐿️ *Rain Garden Ready | High wildlife value. Stems very straight, nice structure in winter. When in bloom, the white flowers are held in a cluster and contrast nicely with dark green, toothed leaves. Later, flowers give way to blue fruits that are very valuable to birds and wildlife. |

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