

Landscaping with Native Plants

What are Native Plants?

Native plants are those that evolved naturally in North America. They are trees, shrubs, grass, wildflowers, or groundcovers that grow in a specific area without direct or indirect influence from people. In other words, native plants are usually ones that do not need human intervention to become established or to survive.

Why Landscape with Native Plants

- Unlike non-natives, over long periods of time native plants have acclimated themselves to local conditions. They are vigorous and hardy, so they can survive winter cold and summer heat.
- Once established, they require no irrigation or fertilization.
- They are resistant to most pests and diseases.
- Native plants provide food and shelter for birds, butterflies and other desirable wildlife.
- Natives often naturalize themselves in your garden, making it easier to maintain.
- Because of the large selection of native plants in this area, you have the opportunity for year round color, texture, and interest in the garden.

Selecting Native Plants

Consider the land and climate you have to work with. Is it a sunny or shady location? Is the soil wet (a low point in your yard, or close to a swale or rain gutter spout), or sandy and dry? There are native plants that were originally found in sunny prairies, shady wood lands, or moist areas. It is important to choose native plants which will thrive on the current conditions of your site.

Native Trees

<i>Acer rubrum</i>	American Red Maple	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch-hazel
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottle-Brush Buckeye	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red Buckeye	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Serviceberry	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweet Bay Magnolia
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum
<i>Carya laciniosa</i>	Shellbark Hickory	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark Hickory	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	American Sycamore
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	Mockernut Hickory	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	Sawtooth Oak
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	Catalpa	<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak
<i>Chioanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Alternate Leaf Dogwood	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Eastern Dogwood	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak
<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	Hawthorn	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress
<i>Franklinia alatamaha</i>	Franklin Tree	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	American Arborvitae
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Canadian Hemlock
<i>Halesia carolina</i>	Carolina Silverbell		

Native Shrubs

<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Creeping Juniper
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Beautyberry	<i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i>	Drooping Leucothoe
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Sweetshrub	<i>Mahonia pennsylvanica</i>	Oregon Grape Holly
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet	<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	Bayberry
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-Osier Dogwood	<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Mountain Jade
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	Dwarf Fothergilla	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Hibiscus moschuetos</i>	Giant Hardy Hibiscus	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Potentilla
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Wild Hydrangea	<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i>	Catawba Rhododendron
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Oakleaf Hydrangea	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>	Lavender Pink Rhododendron
<i>Hypericum fron. 'Sunburst'</i>	Hypericum	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Elderberry
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry Holly	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	Cranberry Viburnum
<i>Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Yucca species</i>	Yucca

Native Grasses, Vines and Perennials

<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Columbine	<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	Joe Pye Weed
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium
<i>Aster laevis</i>	Smooth Aster	<i>Guara lindheimeri</i>	Guara
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Indigo	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Spike Gayfeather
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Honeysuckle Vine
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Northern Sea Oats	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Bugbane	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf Coreopsis	<i>Phalaris arundinacea picta</i>	Ribbon Grass
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted Hair Grass	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Black Eyed Susan
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	Fringed Bleeding Heart	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Running Foam Flower