

41 *Halesia carolina*
Carolina silverbell

BE

The drooping clusters of bell-shaped white flowers of this understory tree emerge just before leaf-out in early spring. Attractive seedpods follow. Especially stunning underplanted with native azaleas that bloom at the same time. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 20–40' tall.

42 *Ilex verticillata* 'Winter Gold'
Winterberry

DT BD BF BE

The prolific berries of this variety are golden-orange in color. The fruit of this deciduous shrub persists after the leaves have fallen, providing stunning winter color. As with all *Ilex* species, the females produce fruit only if a male is growing nearby. Moist, acidic soil, sun to shade, 5–8' tall.

43 *Kalmia latifolia* 'Tinkerbell'
Mountain laurel

BD BF BE

Its diminutive size, heavy flowering, and pink blooms differentiate this cultivar from the species, giving small gardens a late spring alternative. Moist to average soil, part shade, 4–5' tall.

44 *Lonicera sempervirens*
Trumpet honeysuckle

BD HB BF

The clusters of red tubular flowers with yellow throats of this twining vine flag down hummingbirds all summer. Blooms through frost in sunny locations. Birds and chipmunks eat the bright-red berries. Average to moist soil, sun to part shade, 6–12' tall.

45 *Physocarpus opulifolius*
'Gumdrop Lemon Candy'
Common ninebark

BD BF BE

A dwarf variety of the popular deciduous shrub—and with chartreuse leaves. The white spirea-like flowers, persistent seed pods, and exfoliating bark make this a plant for all seasons and a beneficial alternative to the non-native, golden-leaved spirea. Of special value to native bees. Dry to moist soil, sun to part shade, 3–4' tall.

46 *Pinus strobus* 'Torulosa'
Eastern white pine

BD

The curled needles of this variety of the classic conifer add a fluffy look and texture to the landscape. Sure to stir up conversation—and the desire to touch the wavy foliage. Attracts birds and mammals for food and shelter. Average to moist, well-drained soil, sun to part shade, 40–50' tall.

47 *Rhododendron periclymenoides*
'Deep Pink'
Pinxterbloom azalea

BD HB BF BE

Fragrant pink flowers emerge just before deciduous foliage in spring. Of special value to bumblebees. Average to moist, well-drained soil, part shade, 5–6' tall.

48 *Thuja occidentalis* 'Rheingold'
Arborvitae

BD

The golden foliage of this dwarf variety of evergreen shrub provides a lovely contrast to green in the landscape and year-round interest to the garden. A good alternative to the non-native, yellow-foliaged *Chamaecyparis*. Average soil, sun to part shade, 3–5' tall.

49 *Viburnum dentatum*
Arrowwood

BD BF BE

The flat-topped clusters of white flowers on this deciduous shrub in spring give way to dark-blue berries relished by birds. Foliage turns yellow to red in fall. Larval host to the spring azure butterfly and of special value to native bees. Dry to moist, acidic soil, sun to part shade, 6–8' tall.

50 *Xanthorhiza simplicissima*
Yellowroot

BD

Delicate stems with inconspicuous purple flowers in spring are followed by star-shaped fruits eaten by birds. But this deciduous, spreading shrub is appreciated more for its foliage, which turns yellow then red and purple in fall. Used for erosion control. Average to wet soil, sun to shade, 2–3' tall.

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PERENNIALS: SPRING TO SUMMER

1 *Anemone canadensis*
Canada anemone

DR DT BF

Single white flowers appear in spring to early summer. Quickly forms colonies, especially in moist soil, making for a lovely groundcover. Endangered in CT. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 12–18" tall.

2 *Aquilegia canadensis* 'Little Lanterns'
Wild columbine

DR DT HB BF

A compact version of the beloved native, the profuse show of red-and-yellow flowers in April to May provide early season nectar for hummingbirds and other wildlife. Average soil, part shade, 8–10" tall.

3 *Chrysogonum virginianum* 'Allen Bush'
Green and gold

DR DT BF BE

Cheerful yellow blooms appear in spring and sporadically afterward on this slow-spreading groundcover. This cultivar is more compact and floriferous than the species. Average to moist soil, sun to shade, 6–8" tall.

4 *Dicentra cucullaria*
Dutchman's breeches

DR

Clusters of fragrant white, pantaloony-shaped flowers rise above dense masses of fern-like leaves. A woodland ephemeral that spreads to cover considerable areas. Moist, rich soil, sun to shade, 8–12" tall.

5 *Geranium maculatum*
Wild geranium

DR BD BE

Masses of lavender-pink flowers appear in May above distinctive pal-

mate leaves. Spreads slowly and reblooms sporadically through summer. Of special value to native bees. Average soil, part shade, 12–15" tall.

6 *Iris cristata*
Dwarf crested iris

DR HB BE

This miniature iris provides a carpet of blue in woodlands in spring. Clusters are formed by underground runners. Average soil, part to full shade, 6–10" tall.

7 *Iris fulva*
Copper iris

DR HB BE

The exceptional terracotta hue of this iris and its slow-spreading, clump-forming habit animate moist spring gardens. These fiery beauties can tolerate drier conditions in summer. Moist soil, sun, 1–3' tall.

8 *Maianthemum racemosum*
(*Smilacina racemosa*)
False Solomon's seal

BD

Gracefully arching stems are tipped with plumes of white flowers from May to July. The flowers give way to decorative red berries that birds enjoy. Average to moist soil, part to full shade, 2' tall.

9 *Mertensia virginica*
Virginia bluebells

DR BE

The pink buds of this spring ephemeral open to sky-blue flowers. The rounded leaves are blue-green when they appear as early as March. Exploitably vulnerable in NY. Moist to average soil, part shade, 8–16" tall.

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10 *Pachysandra procumbens*

Allegheny spurge

DR BE

Fragrant white flower clusters rise above toothed, mottled leaves. This attractive semi-evergreen (in mild winters) spreads slowly with long rhizomes and has a more mounding form than the ubiquitous non-native pachysandra. Moist, rich soil, part to full shade, 10” tall.

11 *Phlox stolonifera*

Creeping phlox

DR DT BF

Masses of purple flowers arise from mat-forming foliage to create a showy carpet in spring. Easy to interplant with other perennials. A must for shade gardens. Average to moist soil, part shade, 8” tall.

12 *Phlox subulata* ‘Purple Beauty’

Moss phlox

DR DT BF BE

This rock garden favorite is a colorful carpet of purple flowers that draw butterflies in May. The moss-like mat creates year-round interest. Lovely over a stone wall or as a groundcover. Early nectar source for butterflies and bees. Average soil, sun to part shade, 4–6” tall.

13 *Polemonium reptans* ‘Touch of Class’

Jacob’s ladder

DR HB BF BE

The variegated white-and-green leaves of this cultivar brighten the shady garden even before the blue-violet flowers appear in May. Of special value to native bees. Average soil, part to full shade, 6–10” tall.

14 *Sedum ternatum* ‘Larinem Park’

Whorled stonecrop

DR DT

This shade-loving sedum is smothered with delicate white flowers in spring. Its slow-creeping habit makes it useful in the rock garden. Average to moist, well-drained soil, shade, 6” tall.

15 *Silene caroliniana*

Wild pink

DT BF

Clusters of rose-pink flowers cover low-mounding foliage in spring. A rock garden favorite that can also grace well-drained garden beds. Exploitably vulnerable in NY. Average soil, sun to part shade, 8–12” tall.

16 *Spigelia marilandica*

Indian pink

DR DT HB

The red tubular flowers with striking yellow throats of this woodland species attract hummingbirds. Slow to emerge in spring, but long bloom time. Average to moist soil, part shade, 12–15” tall.

17 *Tiarella cordifolia*

Foamflower

DR BE

Spikes of creamy white flowers above semi-evergreen leaves carpet the woodland in spring. Creeps by runners, but is not aggressive and mixes well with other woodland plants. Endangered in NJ. Moist soil, part to full shade, 8–12” tall.

18 *Uvularia grandiflora*

Merrybells

DT BE

Pale-yellow, nodding flowers bloom in early spring. A clump former

with lily-like leaves. Especially attractive when massed under trees or in woodlands. Endangered in CT. Moist, rich soil, shade, 12–18” tall.

19 *Viola walteri* ‘Silver Gem’

Prostrate blue violet

DR DT BF

Striking silver-tinted, heart-shaped foliage with contrasting green veins form a tidy clump that spreads slowly. Delicate violet-blue flowers appear in March and persist through fall. Moist to dry soil, part to full shade, 3–5” tall.

PERENNIALS: SUMMER TO FALL

20 *Asclepias incarnata* ‘Ice Ballet’

Swamp milkweed

DR BF BE

A white-flowering variety of the wonderful butterfly magnet. Summer blooms are followed by pods that release silky-haired seeds. Narrow, lance-shaped leaves. Larval host for the monarch butterfly. Of special value to native bees. Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, 3’ tall.

21 *Asclepias purpurascens*

Purple milkweed

DR DT BF BE

This lovely milkweed with magenta flowers is rarely found in nurseries. A larval host for monarch butterflies and of special value to native bees. Of Special Concern in CT. Dry soil, sun, 2’ tall.

22 *Echinacea* ‘Cheyenne Spirit’

Coneflower

DR DT BD BF BE

The vivid orange, red, yellow, and purple flowers of this multi-colored cultivar enliven the sunny border from summer into fall. Strong, bushy branching holds up in wind and rain. Seed heads provide winter interest and food for wildlife. Average to dry soil, sun, 18–30” tall.

23 *Filipendula rubra*

Queen of the prairie

DR BF

Fragrant pink, astilbe-like panicles bloom in midsummer above deeply cut compound leaves. A large plant for meadow or back of the border. Endangered in NJ. Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, 5–8’ tall.

24 *Helenium autumnale* ‘Fuego’

Sneezeweed

DR BF BE

This compact variety is covered in cheery orange-and-gold daisy-like flowers from July until frost. Attracts butterflies and is of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun, 18–24” tall.

25 *Heliopsis helianthoides* var. *scabra*

‘Sunburst’

Oxeye sunflower

DT BF

The variegated white-and-green leaves of this cultivar brighten the middle to back of the perennial border. As the season progresses, the leaves green up and the focus moves to the show-stopping yellow blossoms July–August. Average to dry soil, sun to part shade, 30–36” tall.

26 *Heuchera villosa* ‘Autumn Bride’

Alumroot

DR DT

Above the velvety, lime-green basal leaves of this cultivar burst large

clouds of white flowers on two-foot stalks. Plant in masses for a showy fall border or woodland edge. Moist, well-drained soil, part to full shade, 1–2’ tall.

27 *Lobelia cardinalis* ‘New Moon Maroon’

Cardinal flower

DR WL HB BF

Brilliant-red tubular flowers in late July–August are a hummingbird favorite. On this variety, the flower spikes emerge from red-purple foliage that intensifies with increased sunlight. Moist soil, sun to part shade, 2–4’ tall.

28 *Monarda didyma*

Beebalm

DR BD HB BF BE

Clusters of bright-red flowers from midsummer to fall attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Rarely found in nurseries, this member of the mint family has fragrant leaves and will spread, but not aggressively. Deadhead flowers for longer bloom time. Of special value to native bees. Average soil, sun, 2–4’ tall.

29 *Pycnanthemum virginianum*

Virginia mountain mint

DR BF BE

Clusters of tiny white flowers often with purple spots emerge July to September, hosting masses of pollinators. Spreads when happy, but is less aggressive when grown in drier soils. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun, 2–3’ tall.

30 *Sabatia angularis*

Rose pink

Star-like flowers are pink with a yellow center and appear at the end of erect stems in mid- to late summer. A lovely, delicate addition to the woodland border. Endangered in NY. Moist soil, part shade, 18–24” tall.

31 *Solidago speciosa*

Showy goldenrod

DR DT BD BF BE

Among the most eye-catching of native goldenrods. Bright-yellow flowers grow in erect clusters on red-tinged stalks in August and September, providing a late-season source of nectar for pollinators. Average to moist, well-drained soil, part shade, 2–3’ tall.

32 *Symphotrichum oblongifolium*

‘October Skies’ (*Aster oblongifolius*)

Aromatic aster

DR DT BF BE

A bushy mound of delicate green is ablaze in fall with masses of small daisy-like flowers of deep blue, notable to this cultivar. The low-mounded habit creates a lovely front-of-the-border hedge. Tolerates poor soils. Of special value to native bees. Average to dry soil, sun, 18” tall.

33 *Veronicastrum virginicum* ‘Fascination’

Culver’s root

DT BD HB BF BE

Dramatic spikes of this cultivar’s pale-lavender flowers appear above fern-like foliage in July and August. Attractive in the back of the border; tough and long-lasting once established. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 4–5’ tall.

GRASSES

34 *Carex appalachica*

Appalachian sedge

DR DT

Compact, mounded clumps of fine blades. Use as edging plant, groundcover, or lawn substitute for low-traffic areas. Lovely in a container or window box. Average to dry soil, part to full shade, 3–5” tall.

35 *Sorghastrum nutans*

Indiangrass

DR DT BD

Bluish-green foliage during summer turns deep-gold in fall. Panicles of copper-colored seed heads add to the spectacular show that lasts much of winter. Exceptionally drought resistant and also salt tolerant. Average to dry soil, sun, 3–4’ tall.

FERNS

36 *Adiantum pedatum*

Maidenhair fern

DR DT

A delicate spiral of fronds on black, wiry stems make this fern distinctive. A slow spreader that is drought tolerant once established. Exploitably vulnerable in NY. Average soil, shade, 12–15” tall.

37 *Athyrium filix-femina* ‘Victoriae’

Lady fern

DR DT

The interesting architecture of this cultivar’s frond—its leaflets criss-cross to form x’s—adds a unique feature to the shade garden. Fine and delicate in appearance yet hardy and tolerant of dry and poor soils. Moist soil, part to full shade, 18–24” tall.

SHRUBS, TREES, AND VINES

38 *Calycanthus floridus*

Carolina allspice

DR

Maroon, tulip-like flowers adorn this dense, rounded deciduous shrub in May and June. Blooms have a fruity strawberry-banana-pineapple scent. Fall is met with bright-yellow foliage and brown seed pods that rattle. Will sucker when happy. Beetle pollinated. Average soil, sun to part shade, 6–10’ tall.

39 *Clethra alnifolia* ‘Hummingbird’

Sweet pepperbush

BF BE

A compact, more rounded version of the slow-spreading pollinator magnet. Bottlebrush-like spikes of fragrant white flowers in summer and yellow fall foliage. Good for the rain garden and small spaces. Average to moist soil, sun to part shade, 2–4’ tall.

40 *Gaultheria procumbens*

Wintergreen

DR BD

A stunning, low woody evergreen that spreads slowly. Petite, bell-shaped, white to pale-pink flowers in spring. Shiny dark-green aromatic leaves turn burgundy in fall. Showy red fruits persist through winter. Moist, acidic soil, part shade, 6” tall, 3’ wide.