



THE NATIVE PLANT CENTER

AT WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2021 Native Plant Sale Planting Guide

THANK YOU for ordering from The Native Plant Center's sale. This guide is provided as a reference aid when installing your new plants.

Catalog of Plants

Key: **DR** (deer resistant), **DT** (drought tolerant), **WL** (wetlands),
BD (birds), **HB** (hummingbirds), **BF** (butterflies/moths), **BE** (bees)

- **SUN:** 6 hours or more of direct sun • **PART SHADE:** Less than 4 hours of direct sun or dappled sun
- **SHADE:** No direct sun or sun only in early spring before trees leaf out

PERENNIALS: SPRING TO SUMMER

1 *Amsonia tabernaemontana* 'Short Stack' Eastern bluestar

Clusters of star-shaped sky-blue flowers set above shrubby foliage in spring serve as a nectar source and host plant for several types of pollinators. The shorter height of this variety makes it ideal for front of the border. In fall its willow-like leaves turn a stunning golden-yellow. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 12–18" tall. **DR DT HB BF BE**



2 *Antennaria neglecta* Field pussytoes

Spreading, dense silvery leaf rosettes form a lovely groundcover for dry, sunny areas. In spring thin stalks topped with fuzzy, white-pink flowers that look like "pussy-toes" rise from the foliage. Average soil, full sun, 4–6" tall.

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3 *Aquilegia canadensis* Wild columbine

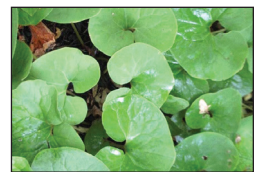
A profuse show in spring of red-and-yellow nodding flowers shaped like lanterns. Though individual plants can be short-lived, it self-sows prolifically. Especially prized by hummingbirds. Average soil, part shade, 12–15" tall.

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4 *Asarum canadense* Canada wild ginger

This spreading deciduous ginger makes a lovely groundcover around other woodland plants. Green, heart-shaped leaves up to six inches wide play the starring role. Interestingly shaped, tiny reddish-brown flowers. Larval host for the pipevine swallowtail butterfly. Of special value to bumblebees. Moist soil, shade, 3–4" tall. **DR BF BE**



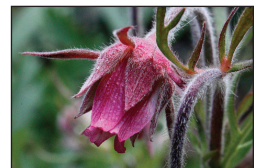
5 *Geranium maculatum* 'Espresso' Wild geranium

Masses of lavender-pink flowers appear in May. The distinctively palmate leaves are a burgundy color on this variety. Spreads slowly and reblooms sporadically through summer. A pollinator favorite for the shade garden; of special value to native bees. Average soil, part shade, 12–15" tall. **DR DT BD BF BE**



6 *Geum triflorum* Prairie smoke

Reddish-purple, bell-like flowers rise above clumps of fern-like basal leaves in spring. Clumps of feathery pink-gray fruits remain much of summer. Setting seeds create a gauzy effect resembling smoke, thus its common name. The leaves turn deep-red in fall. Threatened in NY. Moist to dry soil, sun to part shade, 8–16" tall. **DR DT BF**



7 *Iris* × *robusta* ‘Gerald Darby’

Iris

A stunning hybrid of two natives: *Iris versicolor* and *I. virginica*. Clumps of elegant, sword-shaped, purple-and-green leaves give rise in late spring to showy purple stems bearing blue-violet flowers with yellow centers. Moist to average soil, sun, 2–3’ tall. **DR WL BF BE**



8 *Iris cristata*

Dwarf crested iris

This miniature iris provides a woodland carpet of blue in spring. Clusters are formed by underground runners. Average soil, part shade, 5–10” tall.

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9 *Jeffersonia diphylla*

Twinleaf

Blue-green foliage emerges with dainty white, short-lived blossoms. Leaves expand into pairs of tiny elephant ears. Look beneath in mid-summer to find urn-shaped seed pods that explode when touched, a fun feature in a children’s garden. Clumps expand slowly. Threatened in New York, Endangered in NJ. Moist soil, part shade, 8–12” tall. **BE**



10 *Maianthemum canadense*

Canada mayflower

Also called false lily-of-the-valley, this dainty slow spreader carpets woodlands in spring with white, fragrant, star-shaped flowers. Mottled pale-red fruits ripen in late summer. Thrives in wet or mossy areas. Moist soil, part to full shade, 3–6” tall. **WL BD BE**



11 *Mertensia virginica*

Virginia bluebells

The pink buds of this spring ephemeral open to showy sky-blue flowers, a rare color in the plant world. The rounded leaves are blue-green when they appear as early as March. Early nectar source for native bees. Exploitably Vulnerable in NY. Moist to average soil, part shade, 8–16” tall. **DR BF BE**



12 *Packera aurea*

Golden groundsel

In spring yellow daisy-like flowers appear on erect stems from a mound of green, heart-shaped basal leaves. Lights up the shade garden and will also bloom in sun with adequate moisture. Colonizes and creates an effective low evergreen groundcover. Early nectar source for bees and butterflies. Moist soil, sun to shade, 12–16” tall. **DR BF BE**



13 *Penstemon digitalis* ‘Husker Red’

Foxglove beardtongue

White or light-pink tubular flowers rise above a rosette of basal leaves in early summer. This cultivar has lustrous ru-by-toned leaves. Songbirds feast on the seeds in fall and winter. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun to part shade, 3–4’ tall. **DR DT BD HB BF BE**



14 *Phlox stolonifera* ‘Sherwood Purple’

Creeping phlox

Masses of fragrant blue-purple flowers of this cultivar create a woodland carpet in spring. Thin flower stems shoot up from mats of semi-evergreen foliage. A rapid spreader. Early nectar source for pollinators. Average to moist soil, part to full shade, 6–10” tall. **DR DT BF BE**



15 *Phlox subulata* ‘Amazing Grace’

Creeping phlox

A rock garden favorite that creates a colorful carpet in May; this variety has pale pink flowers with dark pink centers. 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. **DR DT BF BE**



16 *Podophyllum peltatum*

Mayapple

Two palmate leaves atop a foot-high stem give the appearance of a miniature umbrella. In May a single white flower appears, largely hidden by the leaves. Greenish fruit turns golden when ripe and is eaten by turtles. Creates woodland colonies over time. Often goes dormant in summer. Moist to average soil, part to full shade, 10–15” tall. **DR BF**



Have a species suggestion for inclusion in future sales? Let us know!

17 *Polemonium reptans*
Jacob's ladder

Loose clusters of blue-violet, bell-shaped flowers along a slender stalk appear in May. Useful as a groundcover in shady woods or rock gardens. Average soil, part to full shade, 6–10" tall.

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18 *Sanguinaria canadensis*
Bloodroot

Stunning white flowers appear fleetingly in early spring. The large, rounded, deeply lobed leaves of up to eight inches wide create a beautiful display that lasts. Average to moist soil, part to full shade, 8" tall.

BF BE



19 *Thalictrum dasycarpum*
Purple meadow-rue

Tall, stately purple stems are topped by cloud-like masses of tiny white blooms May to July. Flower clusters become long-lasting seed heads beloved by birds. Leaves display shades of purple in fall. Average soil, sun to part shade, 3–5' tall.

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20 *Tiarella cordifolia*
Foamflower

Spikes of creamy white flowers above semi-evergreen leaves carpet the woodland in spring. Creeps by runners but is not aggressive. Early season nectar source. Endangered in NJ. Moist soil, part to full shade, 8–12" tall.

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21 *Zizia aurea*
Golden alexanders

Flat flower clusters in late spring to early summer resemble gold-colored Queen Anne's lace. Ornamental seed heads add visual interest. Will self-sow to form lovely colonies. Larval host for black swallowtail butterfly. Of special value to native bees. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 1–2' tall. **DR WL BF BE**



PERENNIALS: SUMMER TO FALL

22 *Actaea racemosa*
Black cohosh

Spikes of white flowers on tall stems bloom for an extended time in summer. Bushy green foliage with finely toothed leaves add texture to gardens. Spreads slowly to form small colonies. A pollinator magnet for shady sites. Host plant for the spring azure butterfly. Moist soil, part shade, 3–4' tall. **DR BF BE**



23 *Agastache foeniculum*
Anise hyssop

Lavender-blue, long-lasting flowers densely packed along showy spikes in late summer. Aromatic foliage carries a refreshing anise scent. Pollinators swarm to this must-have for the garden that blooms through fall. Of special value to native bees. Average soil, sun to part shade, 2–4' tall. **DR DT HB BF BE**



24 *Asclepias incarnata*
Swamp milkweed

Clusters of deep-pink flowers in summer. Narrow, lance-shaped leaves line the erect stems. Elongated seed pods persist into winter. Larval host for monarch and queen butterflies. Of special value to native bees. Wet to average soil, sun to part shade, 2–4' tall. **DR WL HB BF BE**



25 *Asclepias tuberosa*
Butterflyweed

The brilliant-orange flowers of this milkweed—an unusual color in native gardens—brighten sunny spaces from late June through August. Plants are tap-rooted, form clumps, and do not spread readily. Larval host to monarch butterflies. Of special value to native bees. Exploitably Vulnerable in NY. Dry soil, sun, 18–24" tall. **DR DT HB BF BE**



26 *Echinacea purpurea*
Purple coneflower

Pink-purple flowers with drooping petals and red-tipped orange cones bloom throughout summer. Goldfinches relish the seed heads left after flowering and into winter. Of special value to native bees. Average to dry soil, sun, 2–4' tall.

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27 *Eutrochium purpureum*
Purple Joe-pye weed

The large, domed flower head of this popular butterfly and bee magnet is composed of several branches bearing tiny, pale pinkish-lavender florets. Narrow, lance-shaped leaves are whorled along the erect stem. A must for meadows. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun to part shade, 4–6' tall. **WL BD BF BE**



28 *Heliopsis helianthoides*
Oxeye sunflower

Upright, clump-forming perennial similar to a sunflower—and also known as “false sunflower.” Yellow blooms last throughout summer. Good for a cutting garden, back of the border, or meadow. Spreads when happy. Attracts hummingbirds. Dry to average soil, sun, 3–6' tall. **DT BD HB BF BE**



29 *Liatris spicata*
Dense blazing star

Purple tufted flowers arranged on dense spikes give an overall feathery appearance. Grass-like leaves form attractive basal clumps and extend up the flower stalk. A magnet for monarchs and other butterflies. Of special value to native bees. Moist to average soil, sun, 3–4' tall. **DR DT BD HB BF BE**



30 *Monarda fistulosa*
Wild bergamot

Butterflies and bees flock to the lavender flowers of this reliable bloomer. Like other members of the mint family, it has aromatic foliage and will spread, but not aggressively. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 2–4' tall. **DR DT BD HB BF BE**



31 *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*
Narrow-leaved mountain mint

Clumps of willow-like leaves are topped by tiny white flowers spotted purple. Pollinators adore this plant and flock to it all summer. Lovely golden foliage in fall. Spreads when happy. Average soil, sun, 18–24" tall. **DR DT BD BF BE**



32 *Solidago sempervirens*
Seaside goldenrod

Bright-yellow clusters of flower heads bloom on arching stalks in fall providing an important food source for migrating monarchs. A clump former with somewhat succulent leaves; salt tolerant. Pinch growing tips in June for a more compact plant. Does not spread by rhizomes like more aggressive goldenrods. Of special value to native bees. Dry to moist soil, sun, 3–6' tall. **DR DT BD BF BE**



33 *Symphotrichum novi-belgii*
New York aster

Numerous flower heads ranging from blue-violet to rose, sometimes white, color the fall garden. Lovely in combination with goldenrods and grasses. Earlier blooming and shorter in size than New England aster. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun, 1–3' tall. **DT WL BF BE**



GRASSES AND FERNS

34 *Carex appalachica*
Appalachian sedge

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. Flowers used by pollinators and seeds by birds. Average to dry soil, part to full shade, 3–5" tall. **DR DT BD BF**



35 *Panicum virgatum* ‘Heavy Metal’
Switchgrass

Pinkish flower panicles arise in late summer from the metallic-blue foliage of this standout variety. Its clump-forming, upright stature makes it fitting for the home garden. Golden leaf color in fall turns beige, and along with seed heads makes lovely winter appeal. Highly salt tolerant. Provides food and nesting material for birds; is a larval host for some butterfly species. Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, 3–5' tall. **DR DT BD BF**



36 *Osmunda cinnamomea*
Cinnamon fern

Brilliant-green lacy fronds gracefully arch outward in stately vase-shaped clumps. In late spring narrow cinnamon-red vertical fronds arise. Especially striking when mass planted. Moist to wet soil, part to full shade, 2–4' tall. **WL BD BF**



37 *Polystichum acrostichoides*
Christmas fern

Clump-forming, leathery fern with glossy, evergreen fronds. Robust and easy to establish; provides winter interest in the garden. Moist to dry soil, part to full shade, 1–3' tall.

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TREES, SHRUBS, AND VINES

38 *Amelanchier laevis*
Allegheny serviceberry

A deciduous tree or shrub with silver-gray bark. Clusters of delicate white flowers appear in early spring before leaves emerge and are followed in June by edible berries that ripen from red to purple. Foliage turns a lovely orange-red in fall. A favorite of birds. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun to shade, 15–25' tall. **BD BF BE**



39 *Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brilliantissima'
Red chokeberry

Upright, narrow deciduous shrub good for tight spaces. Clusters of small white flowers in spring are followed by red berries that persist into winter. This variety is more compact and produces more fruit than the straight species, and has striking orange-red foliage. Wet to average soil, sun to part shade, 6–10' tall. **WL BD BF**



40 *Asimina triloba*
Pawpaw

An easy-care fruit tree whose intriguing maroon flowers appear in spring before large, tropical-looking leaves. The fruit, which ripens in late summer, has a banana-like flavor and custardy texture. Larval host plant for the zebra swallowtail butterfly and the pawpaw sphinx moth. Moist soil, part shade to sun, 10–25' tall. **DR BF**



41 *Clethra alnifolia* 'Sixteen Candles'
Summersweet

Fragrant white spires on this must-have shrub perfume the air in summer and attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and other pollinators. This variety is known for its erect spires and compact habit. Tolerates heavy shade but flowers better in sun. A rain-garden staple; good for erosion control. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun to shade, 2–3' tall. **BD HB BF BE**



42 *Comptonia peregrina*
Sweetfern

A nitrogen-fixing deciduous shrub that forms colonies. The aromatic fern-like foliage turns a range of colors in fall. Low, and wide growing habit is useful for erosion control. Catkins form in spring. Sandy to average soil, sun to part shade, 2' tall, 6' wide. **DR BD BF**



43 *Lonicera sempervirens*
Trumpet honeysuckle

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. **DR BD HB BF BE**



44 *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Common ninebark

Dense, fast-growing deciduous shrub. Striking white to pink spiraea-like blooms in May–June. Exfoliating bark adds winter interest. Use as hedge for screening. Many cultivars available, but straight species rarely sold. Of special value to native bees. Moist to dry soil, sun to part shade, 4–8' tall. **DT BD BF BE**



45 *Picea glauca* 'Echiniformis'
White spruce

Slow-growing dwarf conifer that forms a wonderful dense evergreen cushion. Blue-green to gray-green needles add lovely color and texture to the border. Moist to average soil, sun, 1–2' tall.

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46 *Rhododendron atlanticum*
Coastal azalea

The large clusters of fragrant, pinkish-white flowers of this upright deciduous shrub emerge in spring before or with elliptical blue-green foliage. Low-growing habit. Spreads by stolons and colonizes in sandy soils in the wild, but not as much in heavier garden soils. Can tolerate sun in moist conditions. Acidic, sandy to average soil, sun to part-shade, 2–3' tall.

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47 *Salix discolor*
Pussy willow

Silky, silver-gray catkins on males of this deciduous shrub appear before the leaves in early spring. Branch cuttings make for lovely dried arrangements. Early season food source for mammals, birds, and pollinators. Larval host for more than 450 species of butterflies and moths. Of special value to native bees. The plants for sale are not sexed. Moist soil, sun to part shade, 15' tall. **WL BD BF BE**



48 *Symphoricarpos albus*
Common snowberry

Clusters of dainty, bell-shaped pink flowers in early summer are followed by show-stopping white berries that persist into winter on this deciduous shrub. Plant in full sun for best berry production. Good for slopes and erosion control. Average to poor soil, sun to part shade, 3–6' tall. **BD BF BE**



49 *Vaccinium angustifolium*
Lowbush blueberry

Pink-white bell-shaped flowers in spring are followed by sweet, small blueberries in summer and brilliant-red foliage in fall. This small deciduous shrub does well in rock gardens, in mass plantings, or in front of the border. Of special value to native bees. Moist to dry, acidic soil, sun to part shade, 8–16" tall. **DR DT BD BE**



50 *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Highbush blueberry

Highly ornamental deciduous shrub with edible berries. Pinkish bell-shaped flowers in spring. Spectacular flame-orange color in fall. Use as a hedge and substitute for burning bush. Valuable food source for birds and native bees. Moist to average, sun to part shade, 6–8' tall. **BD BF BE**



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