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2022 Native Plant Pre-Sale Planting Guide

THANK YOU for ordering from The Native Plant Center's pre-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 *Actaea pachypoda* White baneberry

White flowers in late spring give way in fall to showy white berries on bright-red stems. Green toothed leaves attractive all season. Plant parts are toxic, but the berries are consumed by birds. Moist soil, shade, 12–30" tall.

DR BD BE



2 *Amsonia tabernaemontana* Eastern bluestar

Clusters of star-shaped powder-blue flowers set above shrubby foliage in spring serve as a nectar source and host plant for several types of pollinators. In fall its willow-like leaves turn a stunning golden-yellow. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 2–3' tall. **DR DT HB BF BE**



3 *Aquilegia canadensis* 'Little Lanterns' Wild columbine

A compact version of the beloved native. The profuse show in spring of red-and-yellow nodding flowers shaped like lanterns provide early season nectar for hummingbirds and other wildlife. Average soil, part shade, 8–12" 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. In spring, tiny reddish-brown flowers appear. Larval host for the pipevine swallowtail butterfly. Of special value to bumblebees. Moist soil, shade, 3–4" tall. **DR BF BE**



5 *Baptisia tinctoria* Yellow wild indigo

Terminal clusters of yellow to cream-colored, pea-like flowers appear in spring above clover-like foliage. Ornamental seed pods rattle when ripe. Bushy in appearance with a deep root system. Larval host to various butterfly and moth species, and of special value to native bees. Dry to average soil, sun, 1–3' tall. **DR DT BF BE**



6 *Delphinium tricorne* Dwarf larkspur

Clusters of striking violet-blue flowers appear in April–May followed by ornamental seed heads with three horn-like structures. Lovely planted with ferns. Of special value to native bees. Moist soil, part shade, 1–2' tall.

DR HB BF BE



7 *Dicentra cucullaria*
Dutchman's breeches

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

DR BE



8 *Dodecatheon meadia*
Shooting star

Basal rosette of smooth green leaves gives rise to a slender stem bearing clusters of nodding, sharply pointed flowers with backswept white to light-pink to purple petals. A spring ephemeral that is dormant by mid-summer. Of special value to bumblebees. Moist soil, part shade, 8–14" tall. **DR BE**



9 *Erythronium americanum*
Yellow trout-lily

This delicate ephemeral's yellow nodding, bell-shaped flower above lovely mottled leaves is among the first to appear in the spring woodland. Forms large colonies over time. An important early nectar source for pollinators. Moist soil, part shade, 6" tall. **DR DT WL BE**



10 *Gillenia trifoliata* 'Pink Profusion'
Bowman's root

The long-petaled pink flowers of this cultivar hang daintily above reddish leaves on deep-red stems. Lovely when massed and its flowers shimmer in the breeze. Seed heads persist into winter. Somewhat slow to establish but worth the wait. Average soil, part to full shade, 2–3' tall. **DR DT BE**



11 *Iris prismatica*
Slender blue iris

Violet-blue flowers adorn this beauty in late spring. Similar to the larger blue flag iris but with thinner, grass-like leaves. Thrives in wetlands. Threatened in New York. Moist soil, part shade, 1–3' tall.

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12 *Meehania cordata*
Creeping mint

Delicate, trailing stems take root as they run across the ground, creating a green carpet. Lavender-blue flowers with spotted throats emerge in late spring. Lovely combined with foamflower, violets, and other woodlanders. Moist soil, part to full shade, 2–5" tall. **DR BF BE**



13 *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. Moist to average soil, part shade, 8–16" tall. **DR BF BE**



14 *Oenothera fruticosa*
Sundrops

A tough, reliable, long-blooming plant for sunny, dry sites. The red buds open into bright-yellow flowers in early summer. Spreads when happy. Of special value to native bees. Dry soil, sun, 15–18" tall.

BD HB BF BE



15 *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 evergreen ground-cover. Early nectar source for bees and butterflies. Moist soil, sun to shade, 12–16" tall. **DR BF BE**



16 *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**



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

17 *Phlox subulata* 'Emerald Blue'
Moss phlox

A rock garden favorite that creates a colorful carpet in May; this variety has pale-blue flowers. 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**



18 *Sedum ternatum* 'Larinem Park'
Whorled stonecrop

This shade-loving sedum is smothered with delicate white flowers in spring. Its slow-creeping habit makes it ideal for the rock garden. Average to moist soil, shade to sun, 3–6" tall.

DR DT BF BE



19 *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* 'Lucerne'
Blue-eyed grass

Though this clump-forming perennial's foliage is grass-like, it is actually a member of the Iris family. Darling violet-blue flowers create a carpet of color in late spring. This variety is known for its compact habit, floriferous nature, and larger flower size. Good for pathway or streamside edging. Offers early season pollinator support. Seeds are eaten by birds. Average soil, sun to part shade, 6–12" tall. **DR BD BF BE**



20 *Tiareella 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.

DR WL BE



21 *Waldsteinia fragarioides*
Barren strawberry

The low, strawberry-like growing habit of this multi-season groundcover makes it a terrific substitute for the non-native vinca. The five-petaled, golden-yellow flowers create a striking contrast above lush, evergreen foliage in late spring. Average soil, sun to part shade, 6" tall. **DR DT BE**



PERENNIALS: SUMMER TO FALL

22 *Aruncus dioicus*
Goat's beard

Feathery creamy-white, astilbe-like plumes in early summer bring texture to the garden. When massed, foliage can serve as a type of hedge. Beloved by small pollinators and host plant for some butterfly species. Birds eat the seeds. Moist soil, sun to part shade, 3–5' tall. **DR BD BF BE**



23 *Asclepias syriaca*
Common milkweed

This conspicuous milkweed re-seeds readily to form large colonies. Pink to purplish fragrant flowers in summer. Stems and leaves exude a milky sap when cut. Does well in poor soils. Nectar source for many butterflies and larval host for monarch butterflies. Of special value to native bees. Dry soil, sun, 2–3' tall. **DR DT BF BE**



24 *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. Dry soil, sun, 18–24" tall. **DR DT HB BF BE**



25 *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb'
Threadleaf coreopsis

Cheerful bright-yellow, daisy-like flowers cover this showy favorite from summer through early fall. The slender foliage adds texture to the garden. This compact variety was selected for its long bloom time and drought resistance. Birds eat the seeds. Average to dry soil, sun, 12–18" tall. **DR DT BD BF**



26 *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**



27 *Lobelia cardinalis*
Cardinal flower

Brilliant-red flower spikes in summer are favored by hummingbirds. The flowers emerge from greenish-purple basal rosettes. Multiplies readily by self-sowing and offsets. Moist soil, sun to part shade, 2–3' tall.

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28 *Monarda punctata*
Spotted beebalm

This unusual, fragrant beauty beloved by hummingbirds has multiple whorls of tubular yellow flowers spotted purple from June to July. Attractive showy bracts are pinkish-purple and green on erect stems. Self-sows in sunny, well-drained sites. Nectar source for butterflies; of special value to bees. Average to dry soil, sun, 12–18" tall. **DR DT HB BF BE**



29 *Pycnanthemum muticum*
Broad-leaved mountain mint

The topmost bracts turn silver in midsummer and frame delicate button-shaped white inflorescences that attract an abundance of pollinators. Delightful minty fragrance especially when brushed. Spreads slowly to form handsome colonies. Of special value to native bees. Threatened in NY. Average to moist soil, sun to part shade, 2–3' tall. **DR DT BF BE**



30 *Rudbeckia laciniata*
Cutleaf coneflower

Yellow sunflower-like blooms dance above the perennial border, dangling from leaved stalks. The center cone elongates, turning from green to brown as seeds ripen and attract birds. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 4–8' tall.

DT BD BF BE



31 *Solidago sphacelata* 'Golden Fleece'
Autumn goldenrod

This darling compact goldenrod variety was introduced by Mt. Cuba Center. Bright-yellow clusters of flower sprays bloom in fall providing an important food source for pollinators. Its well-behaved manner suits formal beds as well as containers. Pair with asters and grasses. Average to dry soil, sun to part shade, 12–18" tall. **DR DT BF BE**



32 *Symphotrichum ericoides*
White heath aster

This bushy compact aster is thought to resemble heather, thus its common name. Sprays of daisy-like flowers are mostly white with a yellow center but can sometimes show with blue or pink petals. Brightens the fall garden and attracts late-season pollinators. Of special value to native bees. Average to moist soil, sun, 1–3' tall. **DT BD BF BE**



33 *Vernonia glauca*
Broadleaf ironweed

Dramatic purple flower clusters in summer adorn this shorter ironweed. A marvelous addition to the middle or back of the border, and a magnet for butterflies and other pollinators. Moist to dry soil, sun, 3–5' tall.

DT BF BE



GRASSES

34 *Carex bicknellii*
Prairie sedge

Grass-like, clumping perennial with narrow green blades. Blooms from April to July. Can tolerate a wide range of conditions. Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, 18–36" tall.

DR DT WL



35 *Deschampsia cespitosa*
Tufted hairgrass

One of the few ornamental grasses that does well in moderate shade. Golden inflorescences form a shimmering cloud over the foliage in summer. Spectacular in masses or as edging of borders and paths. Adds an architectural element to the winter landscape. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 1–2' tall. **DR WL BD BF**



FERNS

36 *Athyrium filix-femina* 'Lady in Red'
Lady fern

The red stems of this cultivar are surrounded by lacy, symmetrical, tapering fronds. Fine and delicate in appearance yet hardy and tolerant of dry and poor soils. Provides cover and nesting material for birds. Moist soil, part to full shade, 15–24" tall. **DR DT BD BF**



37 *Osmunda regalis*
Royal fern

Majestic fern that bears rounded leaflets similar to locust trees. Fronds crowned in summer by fertile “flowers.” Vase-shaped clumps can withstand flooding. Great near ponds and streams but also happy in average to moist woodland border. Moist to wet soil, sun to part shade, 2–6’ tall. **DR WL**



TREES, SHRUBS, AND VINES

38 *Adlumia fungosa*
Allegheny vine

White to pale-pink bleeding-heart type flowers cover this delicate vine June through September. A cousin of *Dicentra* species, this ethereal climber displays the same ferny foliage but romps merrily over walls and arbors. A biennial that self-sows when happy. Average soil, part shade, 6–10’ tall. **BE**



39 *Betula populifolia*
Gray birch

Narrow deciduous tree noted for its white bark, which darkens with age. Attractive catkins decorate the tree in spring. Larval host for eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly. Average soil, sun to part shade, 20–40’ tall.

DT BD BF



40 *Ilex glabra* ‘Densa’
Inkberry

Broadleaf evergreen in the holly family provides a year-round presence. All plants of this compact, dense, full-shaped variety are females. Inconspicuous white flowers in spring are followed by black berries if a male inkberry is nearby. Takes pruning well. Excellent as a hedge or foundation planting. Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, 4’ tall. **DT, BD, BF, BE**



41 *Lindera benzoin*
Spicebush

Fragrant yellow flowers cover this deciduous shrub in March before leaf-out, providing an early source of nectar as well as color to awakening woodlands. Aromatic leaves turn yellow in fall. Only female plants bear brilliant-red fruit attractive to birds and need a male pollinator. Note: The plants offered will be of undetermined sex. Larval host to the eastern tiger swallowtail and spicebush swallowtail butterflies. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 6–12’ tall. **DR WL BD BF BE**



42 *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 eat the bright-red berries. Average to moist soil, sun to part shade, 6–12’ tall.

DR BD HB BF BE



43 *Physocarpus opulifolius* ‘Little Devil’
Common ninebark

This compact cultivar has maroon-purple leaves that create a lovely counterpoint to the white-pink spiraea-like flowers in spring. Exfoliating bark makes this deciduous shrub an all-season winner. Of special value to bees. Dry to moist soil, sun to part shade, 3–4’ tall. **BD BF BE**



44 *Prunus maritima*
Beach plum

In May, clusters of white showy flowers cover this upright deciduous shrub and member of the rose family. Purple edible fruits ripen in late summer. Can spread to form thickets. Often found near the seashore, it thrives in poor, sandy soil and is drought resistant. Of special value to native bees. Dry soil, sun, 6’ tall. **DR BD BF BE**



45 *Rhus aromatica* ‘Gro-Low’
Fragrant sumac

Low-growing and fast spreading, this dwarf variety provides an excellent deciduous shrub groundcover for banks and areas with poor soil. Fragrant foliage turns a spectacular red in fall. Yellow flowers in April. Of special value to native bees. Poor to average soil, sun to part shade, 1–2’ tall, 5’ wide. **DR BF BE**



46 *Rosa carolina*
Pasture rose

An abundance of fragrant pink flowers on this thorny stemmed shrub rose in late spring are pollinator magnets. The bright-red rosehips continue the showiness and provide a food source for birds. Will form colonies via suckering when happy. Tolerates some shade. Dry to wet soil, sun to part shade, 3–4’ tall. **DT BD BF BE**



47 *Spiraea tomentosa*
Steeplebush

This compact, tough shrub has showy pink spires in late summer. Adaptable to many conditions. Useful as a low, deciduous hedge. Moist to average soil, sun to part shade, 18–24" tall.

DR DT BF BE



48 *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 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 BF BE**



49 *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 soil, sun to part shade, 6–8' tall. **DT BD BF BE**



50 *Viburnum nudum* 'Winterthur'
Possumhaw

Flat clusters of aromatic white flowers adorn this deciduous shrub in spring. Berries turn from pink to blue to purple as they ripen in summer. Shiny foliage turns red in fall. This cultivar is compact and has glossier leaves than the straight species. Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, 6–8' tall. **BD BF BE**



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