

**Recommended Native Plants for Gardeners**  
**The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College**  
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**Sun Perennials**

**Groundcovers (including creeping shrubs)**

<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Canada anemone
<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>	pussy-toes
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	bearberry
<i>Aster pilosum</i> 'Schneegitter'	snowy aster
<i>Coreopsis rosea</i> [T]	rose coreopsis
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	wild strawberry
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	wild geranium
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	alum-root
<i>Houstonia caerulea</i>	bluets
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	creeping juniper
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	horizontal juniper
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	sundrops
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	moss phlox
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's ladder
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	stonecrop
<i>Viola adunca</i>	Labrador violet
<i>Viola conspersa</i>	American dog-violet
<i>Viola cucullata</i>	blue marsh violet
<i>Viola pedata</i>	bird's-foot violet
<i>Viola sororia</i>	common violet

**Low growing sun-lovers for rock gardens, etc.**

<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	wild columbine
<i>Aster linariifolius</i>	stiff leaf aster
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	bluebells-of-Scotland
<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	yellow stargrass
<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i> 'Pygmaea'	hairy beard-tongue
<i>Potentilla tridentata</i>	three-toothed-cinquefoil
<i>Salvia lyrata</i> [E]	lyre-sage
<i>Silene caroliniana</i> var. <i>pensylvanica</i>	wild pink
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	blue-eyed grass

**Short-medium height, average to dry meadow or mixed border**

<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly-weed
<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>	calico aster
<i>Eupatorium rugosum</i>	white snakeroot
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot

<i>Monarda punctata</i>	dotted horsemint
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	garden phlox
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	willow-leaf mountain-mint
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	black-eyed Susan
<i>Scutellaria incana</i> [E]	showy skullcap
<i>Solidago odora</i>	sweet goldenrod
<i>Solidago ohioensis</i> [T]	Ohio goldenrod

**Moist meadow/border, good for rain gardens; require moisture during drought**

<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	New York aster
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	turtleheads
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	boneset
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed
<i>Lobelia syphilitica</i>	great lobelia
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	monkeyflower
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	bee-balm
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	sensitive fern
<i>Phlox maculata</i> [T]	wild sweet-william
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	obediant plant
<i>Senecio aureus</i>	golden ragwort

**Tall meadow, mixed border, average-moist**

<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	common milkweed
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England aster
<i>Aster umbellatus</i>	flat-top white aster
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	spotted Joe-pye-weed
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Joe-pye-weed
<i>Helianthus decapetalus</i>	thin-leaf sunflower
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	ox-eye sunflower
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	brown-eyed Susan
<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	wild senna
<i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks'	rough goldenrod
<i>Thalictrum pubescens</i>	tall meadow-rue
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	blue verbena
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's root
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	ironweed

**Moist meadows, streams and pond edges, rain gardens; these plants require more moisture according to the amount of sun they receive.**

<i>Caltha palustris</i>	marsh marigold
<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	bottle gentian
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	blue flag
<i>Lilium superbum</i>	Turk's cap lily
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal-flower
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	golden alexanders

**Shrubby perennials, average to dry**

*Amsonia tabernaemontana* v. *salicifolia*

*Ceanothus americanus*

*Porteranthus stipulatus* [Extirp.]

*Porteranthus trifoliatus*

willow-leaved blue star

New Jersey tea

American ipecac

Indian physic

Key: T = threatened in NYS, E = endangered in NYS, Extirp. = extirpated from NYS

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