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Landscaping with Native Plants

A native plant is one which occurred within the state before settlement by Europeans. The species on this list are native plants suggested for landscaping in Pennsylvania. They have been selected because they tend to grow widely throughout the state; they are common and will likely do well if matched to their preferred growing conditions. None of these plants are rare, endangered, threatened, or extinct in the state. The Department of Conservation & Natural Resources advises not to remove native plants from the wild, but instead purchase from a garden center. The following is a list of recommended native plants that are most common in this area. Although we stock a wide variety of native plants, we do not carry everything on this list.

PERENNIALS

Agastache-Anise Hyssop
Allium cernuum-Nodding Onion
Amsonia hubrichtii-Threadleaf Blue-Star
Aquilegia canadensis-Wild Columbine
Arisaema-Jack in the Pulpit
Aruncus dioicus-Goatsbeard
Asarum canadense-Wild Ginger
Asclepias tuberosa-Butterflyweed
Asclepias incarnata-Swamp Milkweed
Aster divaricatus-Wood Aster
Aster novaeangliae-N England Aster
Aster oblongifolius-Aromatic Aster
Baptisia australis-Blue Wild Indigo
Botisia australis-False Indigo
Boltonia ateroides-Star Flower
Chelone-Turtlehead
Chrysogonum virginianum-Grn Gold
Cimicifuga racemes-Bugbane
Coreopsis verticillata-Tickseed
Dicentra eximia-Fringe Bleedg Heart
Echinacea purpurea-Coneflower
Erythronium americanum-Trout Lily
Eupatorium maculatum-Joe Pye Weed
Ferns:
Adiantum pedatum-Maidenhair
Dryopteris marginalis-Evergreen Shield
Osmunda claytoniana-Interrupted
Polystichum achrostichoides-Christmas Fern
Gaura lindheimeri-Whirling Butterflies
Geranium maculatum-Wood Geranium
Helenium autumnale-Sneezewood
Helianthus-Sunflower
Heliopsis helianthoides-False Sunflower
Heuchera americana-Alum Root
Heuchera sanquinea-Coral Bells
Iris cristata-Dwarf Crested Iris
Liatris spicata-Gayfeather
Lilium michiganense-Turk's Cap Lily

Lobelia cardinalis-Cardinal Flower
Lobelia siphilitica-Blue Lobelia
Mertensia virginica-Virginia Blue Bells
Monarda didyma-Bee Balm
Monarda fistulosa-Bee Balm
Oenothera fruticosa-Sundrops
Oenothera perennis-Sundrops
Ornamental Grasses:
Andropogon gerardii-Big Bluestem
Carex lurida-Lurid sedge
Chamanthium latifolium-Wild Oats
Elymus hystrix-Bottlebrush Grass
Elymus riparius-Riverbank Wild ye
Elymus virginicus-Virginia Wild Rye
Eragrosis elliotti-Lovegrass
Muhlenbergia capillaries-Hairgrass
Panicum virgatum-Switch Grass
Schizachyrium scoparium-Little Bluestem
Sorghastrum nutans-Indian Grass
Sporobolus heterolepis-Prairie Dropseed
Penstemon digitalis-Beard Tongue
Phlox divaricata-Woodland Phlox
Phlox maculate-
Phlox paniculata-Garden Phlox
Phlox stolonifera-Creeping Phlox
Physostegia virginiana-Obedient Pt
Polemonium reptans-Jacob's Ladder
Polygonatum pubescens-Solomon's Seal
Pycnanthemum muticum-Clustered Mountainmint
Rudbeckia hirta-Black Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia fulgida-Eastern Coneflower
Rudbeckia lacianata-Cutleaf Coneflower
Rudbeckia maxima-Great Coneflower
Sanquinareia canadensis-Bloodroot
Senecio aureus-Golden ragwort
Siphilitica-Great Blue Lobelia
Sisyrinchium-Blue Eye Grass
Stokesia laevis-Stoke's Aster
Solidago speciosa-Showy Goldenrod

Solidago rugosa-Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod
Symphotrichum oblongifolium-Aromatic Aster
Symphotrichum ericoides-White Heath Aster
Thalictrum pubescens-Meadow Rue
Tiarella cordifolia-Foam Flower
Tradescantia virginiana-Spiderwort
Trillium grandiflorum-Wakerobin
Trollius-Globeflower

SMALL TREES & SHRUBS

Alnus serrulata-Smooth Alder
Amelanchier arborea-Serviceberry
Aronia melanocarpa-Black Chokeberry
Ceanothus americanus-New Jersey Tea
Cephalanthus occidentalis-Buttonbush
Cercis canadensis-Redbud
Cornus alternifolia-Alternate-leaved Dogwood
Cornus amomum-Silky Dogwood
Cornus florida-Flowering Dogwood
Cornus stolonifera-Dwf Red-Osier Dogwood
Hamamelis virginiana-Witch-hazel
Hydrangea arborescens-WildHydrangea
Itea 'Little Henry'
Ilex verticillata-Winterberry
Kalmia latifolia-Mountain Laurel
Lindera benzoin-Spicebush
Photinia pyrifolia-Red Chokeberry
Physocarpus opulifolius-Ninebark
Prunus americana-Wild Plum
Rhododendron maximum-Rosebay
Rhododendron periclymenoides-Pinxter Flower
Salix nigra-Black Willow
Salix sericea-Silky Willow
Sambucus canadensis-Elderberry
Vaccinium angustifolium-Lowbush Blueberry
Vaccinium corymbosum-Highbush Blueberry

Viburnum acerifolium-Maple Leaved

Viburnum prunifolium-Black-Haw

Viburnum recognitum-Arrow Wood