

Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Period	Flowers	Heig ht	Light	Soil / Moisture	Notes	Wildlife Benefit
PERENNIALS							
Agastache nepetoides Yellow Giant Hyssop	Jul-Sep	Delicate clustered showy yellow flowers, with fragrant foliage sit at the tips of green stalks - early bloom	3' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Special value to native bumble bees	
Amsonia hubrichtii Threadleaf Amsonia	Apr-May	Large clusters of small pale blue stars.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well- drained/ Wet-Moist	Deer and rabbit resistant. Leaves turn bright yellow in fall and stems turn white for winter interest.	butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, bees
Amsonia tabernaemontana Bluestar	Apr-May	Large clusters of small pale blue stars.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well- drained/ Dry-Wet	Drought tolerant. Deer and rabbit resistant. Leaves turn a bright yellow in fall. Cut back to the ground in winter.	butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, bees
Anemone canadensis Canada Anemone	Apr-Jun	Each stem 1-3 peduncles topped with a 5-petaled, bright white flower.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well- drained / Wet- Medium	Spreads by rhizomes. Each rhizome produces 2-3 crowns that are 6"± tall. Each crown produces 1-3 heavily branched stems.	birds, butterflies
Anemone virginiana Thimbleweed	May-Jul	Each stem is topped with a 5-petaled, cream-colored bloom.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well- drained / Wet- Medium	Thimble-shaped seedheads fluff out like cotton balls when ripe. Rabbit resistant.	bees
Aquilegia canadensis Wild Columbine	Apr-Jun	Profuse red & yellow dangling flowers.	1' - 3'	Sun-Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Moist-Dry	Short lived but self-seeds. Drought tolerant. Dead-head for second bloom. Deer resistant.	Hummingbirds
Aristolochia serpintaria Virginia Snakeroot	Apr-Jun	Yellow, purple pipe-shaped flowers	1'-3'	Shade	Avg/Dry	Showy groundcover. Host for pipevine swallowtail butterflies.	Butterflies
Asarum canadense Wild Ginger	Apr-May	Three-lobed & purple brown, underneath the foliage. Not showy.	6" - 12"	Part Shade- Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet-Moist	Plant as shady groundcover. Will naturalize. Prefers consistently soil moist.	small pollinators
Asclepias incarnata Swamp Milkweed	Jul-Sep	Flat-topped clusters of rose-pink flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet-Moist	Use to naturalize wet areas. Very showy flowers. Orange aphids are common pests; can be dislodged w/water spray.	Butterflies, Monarch host
Asclepias syriaca Common Milkweed	Jun-Aug	Large round clusters of fragrant dusky brownish-purple flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average/ Dry- Medium, well drained	Will tolerate heavy clay soil. Spreads by under-ground runners. Decorative dried pods. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Monarch host
Asclepias tuberosa Butterflyweed	Jun-Sep	Flat-topped clusters of bright orange flowers.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well- drained/ Dry- Medium	Drought tolerant. Doesn't transplant well. Comes up late & dies back early, esp. when young - mark location so you don't disturb or lose it. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Monarch host
Asclepias verticillata Whorled Milkweed	Jun-Sep	Clusters of white flowers atop stems of slender grassy foliage.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well- drained/ Dry	Drought tolerant, delicate foliage, does not grow too tall. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Monarch host
Baptisia australis Blue False Indigo	Apr-May	Tall spikes of blue-purple pea-type blossoms (resemble lupines).	3' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well- drained/ Dry	Drought tolerant. Plant it where it has room to grow - can not be moved once established. Deer and rabbit resistant.	Bumblebees, Butterfly host
Blephilia ciliata Downy Wood Mint	May-Aug	2" whorled tiers of pale purple, tubular flowers.	1 - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Medium- Dry	Beautiful in open woodland gardens. Drainage is important to prevent powdery mildew.	Hummingbirds
Boltonia asteroides False Aster	Jul-Sep	Small white daisy-flower with yellow center.	5' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet-Dry	Tolerates a wide range of soils. Profuse blooms nearly cover plant in late summer and early autumn. Deer resistant.	Butterflies
Callirhoe involucrata Winecups	May-Jun	3" magenta poppies with white centers.	6"- 12"	Sun	Average, Well- drained/ Moist-Dry	Mat-forming. Taproot makes it drought tolerant but hard to transplant. Good in borders, rock gardens, & meadows.	Bees
Caltha palustris Marsh Marigold	Apr-Jun	1", shiny yellow flowers, resembling huge buttercups.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet- Moist	Attractive roundish heart-shaped leaves. Use to naturalize wet areas, in ponds.	Songbirds
Campanulastrum americanum American (Tall) Bellflower	Jun-Aug	1" star-shaped blue flowers along a tall spike.	2' - 6'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich-Average/ Moist- Dry	Annual/biennial. Allow to reseed naturally. Good for dry woodland gardens or shady borders.	Bees, Butterflies

Chelone obliqua Rose Turtlehead	Jul-Aug	Large, tubular pink flowers resemble turtle heads.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Humusy/ Wet-Medium	Needs mulch in full sun. Pinch off stem buds in spring for a bushier plant. Baltimore checkerspot host.	Butterfly host plant
Chrysopsis mariana Maryland Golden Aster	Sep-Oct	Plants are topped with clusters of yellow 1" daisies.	1' - 2'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Moist-Dry	Blooms late summer into fall. Very drought tolerant. Leaves are long and silvery, esp. when young.	Butterflies
Conoclinium coelestinum Blue Mistflower	Aug-Oct	Flat clusters of pale blue-purple flowers top leafy stems.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Flowers resemble annual Ageratum. Spreads freely – looks good in large mass.	bees, butterflies
Coreopsis auriculata Eared Coreopsis	May-Jun	2" yellow-orange daisies with yellow centers and shallow-lobed petals.	6" - 18"	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Ave., acid, Well-drained/ Moist-Medium	Divide every few years & discard older woody portions. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Coreopsis lanceolata Lance-Leaf Coreopsis	May-Jun	2" yellow-orange daisies with yellow centers and shallow-lobed petals.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Divide every few years & discard older woody portions. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Coreopsis tripteris Tall Tickseed	May-Sep	2" Yellow-orange daisies with dark centers and shallow-lobed petals.	3' - 10'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Dry-Moist	Flower has anise scent. Rarely needs staking. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Birds
Delphinium exaltatum Tall Larkspur	Jul-Sep	6" clusters of drooping, deep purple flowers.	4' - 6'	Sun	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Wet	Appreciates some afternoon shade. Stake if necessary. Deadhead for more blooms. Toxic if ingested.	Butterflies
Doellingeria umbellata Flat Topped Aster	Jul-Sep	A rigid, upright stem bearing a flat-topped cluster of flower heads with white petals.	5'	Full-Part Sun	Medium/Wet	USDA Zone 3-8. Thrives on spring moisture, prefers well drained soils. Great for early pollinators.	Bumblebees
Echinacea pallida Pale Coneflower	Jun-Jul	Large daisies with slender pale-pink drooping petals around a domed orange center.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Good meadow species with grasses. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Echinacea paradoxa Yellow Coneflower	May-Jun	Large yellow flowers with domed brown centers.	2 - 3'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Deer resistant. (Nearly Native).	Bees, Butterflies, Songbirds
Echinacea purpurea Purple Coneflower	Jun-Sep	Large pink/purple daisy-flower with domed orange center.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Alkaline, Well-drained/ Medium	Prefers basic soil, add lime if soil is acidic. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Echinacea tennesseensis Tennessee Coneflower	Jun-Aug	Slightly upturned purple petals around a coppery-orange cone.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Dry	Like purple coneflower but slightly smaller with upturned petals and a less vigorous habit. Deer resistant. RARE.	Birds, butterflies
Equisetum hyemale Horsetail/ Scouring Rush	May-Sep	A non-flowering plant related to ferns; spores produced in terminal cone-like structures.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet-Moist	Often used in arrangements. Can be aggressive in wet sites/heavy clay. Good grown in a garden pool. Toxic if ingested.	reptiles, amphibians, dragonflies
Eryngium yuccifolium Rattlesnake Master	Jun-Aug	Silvery white spiky spheres of small flowers.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Moist-Dry	Drought tolerant. Spiky yucca-like basal leaves add interest to garden even when plant not in bloom. Dried seed heads showy.	Bees, Butterflies
Eupatorium maculatum Joe-Pye Weed	Jul-Sep	Large flat-topped cluster of fuzzy dull rose-pink flower heads.	2' - 7'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Rich/ Moist	Very tall in ideal site, tends to stay shorter in drier conditions. Spreads by runners. Deer and rabbit resistant.	Butterflies, Songbirds, Bees
Eupatorium perfoliatum Boneset	Jun-Oct	Tiny white flowers in fuzzy clusters.	3' - 6'	Sun-Shade	Average/ Dry - Moist	Dried leaves used to make tonic (boneset tea).	Birds, Butterflies
Euphorbia carollata Flowering Spurge	Jul-Sep	White 1/4" wide flowers surrounded by 5 white bracts in an open cluster.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Medium-Dry	Deer and Rabbit Resistant.	Butterflies, Bees
Eurybia divaricata White Wood Aster	Aug-Oct	Profuse 1" white daisies with sparse rays and yellow centers.	1' - 2.5'	Part Shade-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Moist	Few rays on each flower show the foliage underneath, giving it a white & green speckled appearance from afar to interesting effect.	Butterfly host plant
Eurybia macrophylla Bigleaf Aster	Jul-Oct	White/Purple flowers	1'-3'	Sun-Shade	Average/Dry-Moist	Great as a groundcover. Host to pearl crescent butterfly.	Butterflies
Eutrochium purpureum Sweet Joe Pye Weed	Jul-Oct	Large domed cluster of small dull rose-pink flower heads.	2' - 7'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Dry-Moist	Behaves like other Joe-Pye species, but tolerates drier, shadier spots. Crushed leaves vanilla scented.	Butterflies, Songbirds,
Geranium maculatum Wild Geranium	Apr-May	2" pale pink to lilac, five-petaled flowers.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-poor, Well-drained/ moist	Great for woodland gardens. Prefers rich soil, but will take poor soil.	Butterflies

Helenium autumnale Helen's Flower	Jul-Nov	Golden-yellow petals hang skirt-like around a spherical yellow center.	1.5' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist-Wet	Self sows. Also called sneezeweed for early medicinal use as snuff. Does NOT cause allergies.	Bees, Butterflies
Helenium flexuosum Dark-Eyed Helen	Jun-Oct	Golden-yellow petals hang skirt-like around a spherical purple-brown center.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist-Wet	Self sows. Also called sneezeweed for early medicinal use as snuff. Does NOT cause allergies.	Bees, Butterflies
Helianthus angustifolius Swamp Sunflower	Sep-Nov	Prolific 3" golden daisies with yellow or dark red centers.	4' - 6'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Once established a single plant can produce dozens of flowers - making for a stunning show in late fall.	Butterflies, Songbirds
Helianthus divaricatus Woodland Sunflower	Jul-Sep	2" butter-yellow sunflowers with yellow centers.	1.5' - 6.5'	Part Shade	Dry-Moist	Colony-forming over time. Divide every 3-4 years to maintain vigor and control spread. Makes great cut flowers.	Butterflies, Songbirds,
Helianthus mollis Downy Sunflower	Jul-Sep	Bright yellow flowers contrast with the fuzzy gray foliage.	3' - 4'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Moist	Very drought tolerant, spreads by rhizomes. Best planted in a naturalized area.	Birds
Heliopsis helianthoides False Sunflower	Jun-Sep	1.5'-2' yellow disk flowers on slender stalks	5'	Sun-Part Shade	Dry-Moist	Deer resistant. Recommended for home landscaping.	Bees, Butterflies, Birds
Heuchera villosa Maple-Leaved Alum Root	Jun-Oct	Small flowers with white or pink petals.	1' - 3'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich/ Dry-Moist	Can grow in full sun if kept moist. Dead-head for continued blooms. Good for groundcover. Deer resistant.	bees, butterflies
Hibiscus moscheutos Rose Mallow	Jul-Sep	6" flowers with flaring white or pink petals, maroon throat, & bright yellow stamens.	4' - 6'	Sun	Rich-Average, Well drained/ Wet	Tolerates brackish water. Likes to be fertilized and kept moist. Breaks dormancy relatively late in the growing season. Deer resistant.	Hummingbirds
Iris cristata Dwarf Crested Iris	Apr-May	Pale purple & white iris flowers on 6" stalks.	4" - 6"	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/ Moist-Dry	Spreads to form a colony/groundcover. May be divided after several years.	butterflies, hummingbirds
Iris fulva Copper Iris	May-Jun	3" deep copper irises with no beard or crest.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist-Wet	Plant in wet site or in a pot submerged in a garden pool. Will naturalize.(Nearly Native).	Hummingbirds
Iris versicolor Blue Flag Iris	May-Jun	3" blue/purple irises with narrow petals.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet	Plant in wet site or in a pot submerged in a garden pool.	butterflies, hummingbirds
Liatris microcephala Dwarf Blazingstar	Aug-Sep	Dense clusters of deep purple flowers.	1' - 2.5'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry	Plant in mass on slopes where water does not collect. Drought tolerant. Unlike most Liatris, blooms top to bottom!	Birds, Butterflies Hummingbirds
Liatris spicata Gayfeather	Jul-Sep	Tall densely flowered spikes of bright purple flowers with feathery stamens.	3' - 5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Dry-Moist	Needs more moisture than other blazingstars. Water in drought periods. Good for clay soils.	Birds, Butterflies Hummingbirds
Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal Flower	Jul-Sep	Tall spikes of bright scarlet tubular flowers.	2' - 5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Bottom leaves need winter sunlight - do not cover with mulch. Reseeds on wet ground.	Hummingbirds, Moths, Bees
Lobelia siphilitica Blue Lobelia	Jul-Sep	Spikes of blue tubular flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, well-drained/ Medium-Wet	Bottom leaves need winter sunlight - do not cover with mulch. Reseeds readily on wet ground.	Hummingbirds, Butterflies
Ludwigia alternifolia Seedbox	Jun-Aug	0.5" butter-yellow flowers.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average, Sandy/ Moist-Wet	Box-like seed pods rattle when shaken, giving the alternate name, rattlebox. These seed pods are great for dried arrangements.	Bees
Macbridea caroliniana Bird's in a Nest	Aug	1" purplish/pink flowers with white streaks on petals.	1' - 2'	Sun	Rich/ Moist-Wet	Endangered in wild. Bog/marsh environments. Prefers soil to dry before watering. In mint family.	Bumblebees, Skippers
Meehania cordata Meehan's Mint	May-Jul	Clusters of 1" tubular violet flowers with spotted throats.	6" - 10"	Sun-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Moist	Deer resistant. Keep soil moist. Spreads for a good shade groundcover or looks great trailing from a pot.	Bees, butterflies, birds
Monarda bradburiana Bradbury's Monarda	Jun-Jul	Pink to purple clusters of tube flowers.	2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/Medium - Medium Dry	Deer resistant. Minty smell. Attracts numerous pollinators.	Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Monarda didyma Bee Balm	Jun-Aug	3" heads of tubular, scarlet flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Minty foliage. Spreads outward - divide every few years discarding old stems. Leaves traditionally used to make tea.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds,
Monarda punctata Spotted Horsemint	Jun-Sep	Swirls of yellow, red-spotted flowers with leafy, pinkish bracts.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Moist	Minty foliage. Unusual layered flowers & pink bracts. Spreads by runners.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Oenothera macrocarpa Large Fruited Primrose	May-Sep	Yellow flowers. Foliage silver grey.	6" - 18"	Sun	Average/ Dry-Medium	Long blooming perennial is a nice addition to beds. Drought tolerant.	Hawk moth, bees
Oligoneuron album Upland White Goldenrod	Aug-Sept	1"-2" white flower and yellow center	1'-2'	Sun	Well Drained/Dry-average	Goldfinches love to eat seeds	Birds, Butterflies

Packera aurea Golden Ragwort	Mar-May	3"- 5" flat-topped clusters of profuse bright yellow flowers followed by downy, white seed-heads.	6" - 12"	Sun-Shade	Average/ Medium-Wet	Hardy; semi-evergreen; will naturalize and works well around ponds or streams. Good groundcover under trees or in swampy areas. Drought tolerant. Deadhead to prevent spread.	Butterflies-nectar
Parthenium integrifolium Wild Quinine	Jun-Oct	Flat topped clusters of small bright white flowers.	2' - 5'	Sun	Average-Poor Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Very long blooming. Sand, clay, and drought tolerant. Great in a naturalized meadow.	Butterflies
Penstemon calycosus Calico Beardtounge	May-Jul	Spikes of pink-purple snapdragon-like flowers.	2' - 5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Average-Dry	Good for naturalizing dry woods, rocky slopes.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Penstemon laevigatus Eastern Smooth Beardtongue	May-Jul	Large tubular, pale purple to almost white snapdragon-like flowers .	1' - 3.5'	Sun-Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Medium	Easy, even in poor soils. Spreads by seed - remove seed heads to prevent reseeding.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Penstemon smallii Small's Beardtongue	May-Jun	Deep pink 1" long snapdragon-like flowers.	1' - 2'	Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Dry	Good drainage is important. Short-lived, so allow to reseed. Good at the front of a perennial border.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Phlox paniculata Garden Phlox	Jun-Sep	Fragrant l" pinkish-purple flowers clustered in round blooming masses.	3' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Tolerates light shade. Wet foliage can lead to mildew. Dead-head for best blooms. Will grow under black walnut trees.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Phlox stolonifera Creeping Phlox	Apr-Jun	Fragrant, profuse blue-purple blooms mass on top of foliage.	6" - 10"	Part Shade-Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Mountain and piedmont species. Great woodland groundcover - forms a dense carpet of foliage and fragrant blooms in spring.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Physotegia virginiana False Dragonhead	Aug-Sep	Spikes of bright pink tubular flowers.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet-Medium	Spreads & can be aggressive, divide or remove excess every few years.	Hummingbirds
Pityopsis graminifolia Silky Golden Aster	Jun-Nov	1" bright golden yellow, occuring in clusters.	18" - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Drought tolerant. Linear, grass-like leaves are covered with silky white hair.	Bees, Birds, Butterflies
Pontederia cordata Pickernelweed	Jun-Sep	6" spikes of pale blue/lavender flowers rise above rounded leaves.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Clay/ Wet	Spreads by rhizomes to form dense stands. Plant at pond edges or in soil that is consistently moist. Provides shelter for wildlife.	Bees, butterflies, aquatic life
Porteranthus trifoliatius (Gillenia) Bowman's Root	May-Jul	Profuse smattering of 1"-2" strappy, white stars.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Dry	Drought tolerant and deer resistant. AKA American Ipecac- Ingestion will induce vomiting.	Skippers, Bees
Pycnanthemum muticum Clustered Mountain Mint	Jun-Sep	Clusters of small white feathery flowers that are not as showy as the surrounding silver, blue, grey bracts.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Wet-Medium	Deer resistant. Fragrant blue - grey foliage which spreads to form large clumps.	Butterflies
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium Slender Mountain Mint	Jun-Aug	Small clusters of tiny white to pinkish flowers.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Deer resistant. Strongly fragrant feathery foliage which spreads to form large clumps.	Butterflies
Ratibida pinnata Gray-headed Coneflower	Jun-Oct	Down drooping yellow petals with a protruding center disk	3'-5'	Sun	Well Drained/Dry-Moist	When brushed, the central disk exudes an anise scent.	Butterflies
Rudbeckia hirta Gloriosa Daisy	Jun-Oct	2"-3" bright yellow daisy like flowers with dark centers.	2' - 3'	Sun-Shade	Rich-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry-Wet	Deer Resistant.	Butterfly host, Bees, Birds
Rudbeckia laciniata Green Coneflower	Jul-Sep	Large yellow daisy with domed green center.	2' - 6'	Sun-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Grows tall in sun, shorter in shade. Cut back halfway before buds form to get shorter, bushier plants. Spreads by seed.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Rudbeckia maxima Great Rudbeckia	Jul-Aug	Large yellow daisies with long, 4" brown centers.	5' - 7'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Dry	Large, evergreen cabbage-like leaves. Drought tolerant. Dead-head for more blooms.	Songbirds, Butterflies
Rudbeckia subtomentosa Sweet Black-eyed Susan	Jul-Sept	Bright yellow ray flowers surround dark cluster of disk flowers.	3'-6'	Part Shade	Average/Moist	Special interest for native bees	Birds,Bees,Butterflies
Rudbeckia triloba Tri-Lobed Coneflower	Jul-Oct	Profuse 2" orange-gold daisies with brown centers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Dry	Produces large clusters of 2" flowers. Short-lived perennial, but self seeds.	Butterflies, Goldfinches

Ruellia humilis Wild Petunia	May-Sep	2" pale lavender-blue flowers that look like they're made of tissue paper.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Dry	Attractive ground cover, long bloom time. Drought tolerant.	Butterfly host
Sabal minor Dwarf Palmetto	May-Jun	Clusters of white flowers followed by blue fruit	3'-6'	Sun-Shade	All types/Moist-Dry	Evergreen. Adds variety and interest to shady areas.	Bees, songbirds, small mammals
Salvia lyrata Lyre-Leaved Sage	Apr-Jun	Whorls of 1" lavender-blue flowers on upright spikes.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Moist-Wet	These subtle flowers are beautiful when massed in a meadow.	Bees, Butterflies, Birds
Saururus cernuus Lizard's-tail	Jun-Sep	5" drooping spike of tiny white flowers.	1' - 5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Wet	Fragrant flower, attractive heart-shaped foliage. Can be used around and in shallow ponds, in wet or mucky areas with clay.	waterfowl
Scutellaria integrifolia Hyssop Skullcap	May-Jul	Spikes of 1" soft purple flowers that resemble small snapdragons.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet-Dry	May spread readily by seed - remove seed heads before they split to prevent this.	Butterflies
Silene virginica Fire Pink	Apr-Jul	Profusion of 1" scarlet stars.	1' - 2'	Part Shade	Poor-Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Mulch carefully if at all - too much moisture will cause plant to rot. Needs good drainage.	Hummingbirds
Silphium perfoliatum Cup Plant	Jun-Aug	Tall clusters of large yellow daisies with yellow centers.	4' - 8'	Sun	Average/ Well-drained	Big - needs space. Birds and butterflies will sip water from the cupped leaves. Spreads by seed.	Butterflies, Bees Goldfinches
Solidago caesia Blue-Stem Goldenrod	Aug-Sep	Small golden flowers scattered along delicate leafy stalks.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Moist-Medium	Does NOT cause allergies! Long flowering stalks are used to make wreaths. Not as invasive as some goldenrods.	Butterflies, Birds, Bees
Solidago rugosa Rough-Leaved Goldenrod	Aug-Oct	Long plumes of tiny fragrant golden flowers.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average-Poor/ Well-drained-Dry	Does NOT cause allergies. Interesting textured foliage. Drought tolerant.	Butterflies
Solidago sempervirens Seashore Goldenrod	Sep-Nov	Dense plumes of golden flowers top stalks.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Does NOT cause allergies. Salt tolerant. Evergreen.	Butterflies, Birds, Bees
Stokesia laevis Stoke's Aster	Jun-Aug	Striking, 3", frilly blue to lavender flowers.	6" - 12"	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Smooth pale-green leaves persist through winter.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Symphotrichum cordifolium Blue Wood Aster	Sep-Oct	Profuse .5" blue-lavender daisies with yellow centers.	1' - 5'	Part Shade- Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Great purple aster for the shade garden or woods edge.	Butterflies
Symphotrichum ericoides Heath Aster	Aug-Sep	Clusters of small daisy-like white, yellow centered flowers along the plant stem	2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/Medium-Dry	USDA ZONE 3-9 Host of the Pearl Crescent butterfly, blooms may occasionally look light blue or pink	Butterflies
Symphotrichum laeve Smooth Blue Aster	Sep-Oct	Large clusters of 1" Wedgwood blue daisies with yellow centers.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average/ Well-drained	Foliage also has a wonderful blue-green cast to it. Drought tolerant.	Butterflies
Symphotrichum lateriflorum Calico Aster	Aug-Oct	Clusters of small white to pale purple ray flowers surrounding yellow or purple disk flowers	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/Wet	Prefers partial shade unless in moist area.	Butterflies, Bees
Symphotrichum novae-angliae New England Aster	Jul-Oct	Many 1" violet daisies with golden centers.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Wet	Stake to prevent drooping. Cut back before buds form for bushier plants.	Butterflies
Symphotrichum oblongifolium Aromatic Aster	Sep-Oct	Numerous blue-lavender daisies with yellow centers.	1' - 3'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Dry	Low shrubby aster with highly fragrant foliage when brushed. Drought tolerant.	Butterflies
Symphotrichum patens Late Purple Aster	Sep-Oct	Small deep purple daisies with yellow centers.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well drained/ Wet	Airy open plant with widely spaced leaves. great mixed among other fall bloomers.	Butterflies
Symphotrichum shortii Shorts Aster	Aug-Oct	Clusters of pale blue rayflowers with yellow centers turning redish purple with	3'	Part Shade- Shade	Lam-Sand/Medium-Medium Dry	Pair with blue wood aster, calico aster, big leaf aster, and blue stem goldenrod.	Butterflies, Bees Songbirds
Thalictrum dasycarpum Purple Meadow Rue	Mar-Jul	Occur in loose, delicate, terminal clusters, creamy-green with petal-like sepals.	3' - 6'	Part Shade	Rich/ Moist	Makes an interesting background plant in designed beds.	Butterflies
Tradescantia ohiensis Ohio Spiderwort	Apr-Jul	Clusters of 1"- 2" rose pink flowers; 3 petals with bright yellow anthers.	1' - 2'	Sun	Average/ Dry- moist	Smooth blue-green foliage. Spreads and multiplies by runners - divide every few years.	Butterflies, Bees
Tradescantia virginiana Virginia Spiderwort	May-Aug	Bright blue-purple 3-petaled flowers in terminal clusters. Showy stamens.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/ Wet	Smooth blue-green foliage. Spreads and multiplies by runners - divide every few years.	Butterflies, Bees
Vernonia glauca Upland Ironweed	Aug-Sep	Clusters of wispy purple-pink flowers.	3' - 5'	Sun	Average/ Wet-Dry	Drought tolerant. Self-sows.	Butterflies

Veronicastrum virginicum Culver's Root	Jun-Aug	5" long white spires.	3' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well- drained/ Wet	Whorled leaves. Unusual addition to perennial border.	Butterflies
Viola labradorica Labrador Violet	Apr-May	Pale purple violets with white & purple striped tongues and orange centers.	2" - 6"	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Medium- Moist	Low-growing with glossy heart-shaped leaves tinged with purple. Spreads by creeping stems and self-seeding.	Butterflies
Viola primulifolia Primrose-leaf Violet	Mar-May	White violets with pale yellow throats.	3" - 6"	Sun-Shade	Average/ Moist- Wet	Low-growing. Spreads by creeping stems and seed.	Butterflies
Zizia aurea Golden Alexander	May-Jun	Golden flowers like Queen Anne's lace.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Medium- Wet	Host plant for swallowtails. Best in naturalized meadows or open woodland. Good cut flowers. Do not let dry out.	Butterflies

FERNS

Adiantum pedatum Maidenhair Fern	NB	Non-blooming.	1' - 3'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich, Well Drained/ Moist	Burgandy red fiddle heads in sprig can colonize well.	Amphibians
Athyrium filix-femina Lady Fern	NB	Non-blooming.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich, Well-drained/ Moist	Deciduous. Tolerates some dryness, and can tolerate full sun if kept consistently moist. Protect delicate fronds from strong wind.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Dryopteris marginalis Marginal Woodfern	NB	Non-blooming, Evergreen.	1'-2'	Part Shade- Shade	Average-Rich, acidic, Well-drained/ Moist-	Evergreen. Can tolerate dry soil and deep shade.	Toads
Matteuccia struthiopteris Ostrich Fern	NB	Non-blooming.	3'-6'	Part Shade- Shade	Average-Rich/ Moist- Wet	Deciduous. Moist soil is key. Prefers cool places. Good to plant beside hostas and spring ephemerals.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Erect, brown, spore-bearing fronds 1' high. Not conspicuous.	1' - 2'	Sun-Shade	Average, Slightly Acidic/ Moist-Wet	Dies back after first frost. Colony-forming. Beautiful shade groundcover. Will tolerate sun if kept moist.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Osmunda cinnamomea Cinnamon Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Erect, spore-bearing spikes in Apr-May are attractive; resemble cinnamon sticks.	2' - 5'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist- Wet	Tolerates drought. Hummingbirds use frond-fuzz to line nests.	Frogs, Grouse, Hummingbirds
Osmunda claytoniana Interrupted Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Sterile fronds form vase shape around fertile fronds.	3'-6'	Shade	Acidic - Average/Moist		
Osmunda regalis Royal Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Large, attractive, spore-bearing fronds in Apr-Jun.	2' - 6'	Sun-Shade	Average, Sandy/ Moist-Wet	Provides a great hiding spot for amphibians & small mammals.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Polystichum acrostichoides Christmas Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Evergreen.	6" - 2'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich-Average/ Moist- Wet	Clump-forming. Easily grown in rock gardens, slopes, & shaded areas. Tolerates all soil types & some dryness.	Toads
Thelypteris palustris Marsh Fern	NB	Non-blooming	1'-2.5'	Sun-Part Shade	Moist-Dry	Host plant for marsh fern moth. Provides cover for small animals.	frogs, birds, salamanders

GRASSES/RUSHES/SEDGES

Bouteloua gracilis Blue Grama	Jul-Oct	Grass. Yellow bloom turning into a bluish green seed head.	1'-3'	Sun	Dry	Most drough-tolerant native turf grass. Larval host for Skippers.	Birds, Butterflies
Chasmanthium latifolium River Oats	Jul-Sep	Grass. Ornamental grass-green flowers & tan, heart-shaped seedheads are very showy.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average, Well- drained/ Wet	Spreads. Cut flowering stems when green, and dry for use in dried arrangements. Cut back to the ground in early spring.	Quail
Cinna arundinacea Wood Reed Grass	Aug-Sept	Tall seed heads turn to tan as they rippen.	3'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich/Wet-Medium	Deer resistant.	
Schizachyrium scoparium Little Bluestem	Aug-Feb	Grass. Purple-bronze flowering stems that turn silvery when in seed.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average/ Wet-Dry	Dried flowers add winter interest. Cut to 1' in late winter for new foliage. Bronze-orange fall color.	Songbirds

VINES

Bignonia capreolata Crossvine	Apr-Jun	Large tubular flowers have gold petals & brick-red throat.	20'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Wet	Evergreen vine, needs strong support or wall to climb, climbs high to find sun if planted in shade.	Hummingbirds
Celastrus scandens American bittersweet	May-Jun	Small yellow-green to white flowers followed by clusters of red berris.	12'-36'	Sun-Shade	Well Drained/Dry-Moist	Deciduous vine. Provides cover and food for birds	Songbirds
Clematis virginiana Virgin's Bower	Aug-Sep	Profusion of 1" cream-colored flowers in fall.	20'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Skin contact with foliage causes short-lived bumpy rash in some people.	Birds, Butterflies, Bees
Clematis crispa Blue jasmine	Mar-Sep	Blue to purple bell shaped flowers with curled tips	6'-12'	Sun-Part Shade	All soils/Moist to wet	Long bloom time and interesting flowers make this a wonderful addition to gardens	Birds, Butterflies, Bees
Gelsemium sempervirens Yellow Jessamine	Mar-May	Fragrant 1-1.5" yellow trumpet-shaped flowers, evergreen foliage.	10 - 20'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Moist	Beautiful bright yellow flowers in spring. Can be used as a groundcover or climbing vine, good for erosion control. Toxic if ingested.	Hummingbirds, Birds
Lonicera sempervirens Coral Honeysuckle	Apr-Jun	Semi-evergreen vine with terminal clusters of red, yellow throated tubular flowers.	20'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Medium-Moist	Drought tolerant. Deer resistant. Blooms new growth from second year wood.	Hummingbirds, Songbirds

SHRUBS

Amorpha fruticosa Indigo Bush	May-Jun	Profuse spikes of deep purple flowers with dark orange pollen.	12'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet	Commonly found along stream and pond banks. Very showy in bloom.	Bees
Aronia arbutifolia Red Chokeberry	Mar-May Sep-Dec	Clusters of fragrant white blooms with bright pink stamens.	13'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Dry-Wet	Brilliant red & purple fall color; red berries.	Bees, Birds, Butterflies
Baccharis halimifolia Groundsel Tree	Aug-Oct	Small cream white flowers turn to feathery white tufts that turn the shrub silvery.	15'	Sun	Rich-poor/ Moist-Wet	Semi-evergreen. Drought, heat, and salt tolerant. Naturally occurs in wetlands, and makes a good border to naturalized areas.	Waterfowl, songbirds
Callicarpa americana Beautyberry	Jun-Jul Aug-Oct	Pale lavender flowers. Hot raspberry pink fruit clusters that persist after leaves fall.	5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Flowers & fruit form on new growth, cut back every few years after fruit is gone to maintain size & good fruit set.	Birds; Catbirds & Mockingbirds esp.
Calycanthus floridus Sweetshrub	Apr-Jun	1" papery maroon flowers with fruity/spicy scent.	6'	Part Sun-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Spreads by runners. Flower scent varies – melon, pineapple, juicy-fruit or no-scent.	Beetles, Bees, Hummingbirds
Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush	Jun-Aug	1" spherical clusters of white flowers hang from branch tips.	6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet	Commonly found along stream and pond banks. Excellent for butterflies.	Butterflies
Clethra alnifolia Sweet Pepperbush	Jun-Jul	4" spikes of heavily fragrant white flowers	5'	Part Shade-Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Tolerates clay and other poorly-draining soils. Fragrance can be nearly overpowering on hot days.	Bees, Butterflies
Cornus racemosa Grey Dogwood	Apr-May Aug-Sep	Flat cluster of small white flowers, white fruit in fall.	8'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet-Dry	Multi-stemmed spreading shrub, young twigs red, white berries on red stems, maroon fall foliage.	Butterflies, Songbirds
Corylus americana Hazelnut	Aug-Sep	Male catkins, insignificant female flowers; edible nuts.	8'	Sun-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet-Medium	Multi-stemmed spreading shrub produces edible nuts relished by humans and wildlife.	Birds, Mammals
Euonymus americanus Strawberry Bush	May-Jun	Pale green flowers in spring followed by red "strawberry" shaped seed pods in fall.	6' - 12'	Part Shade-Shade	Average/ Moist-Dry	Unusual showy fruits and good fall color. DEER CANDY.	Songbirds, Mammals
Ilex glabra Inkberry Holly	Sep-May	Tiny white flowers, showy black fruit in fall & winter on female plants.	8'	Sun-Part Shade	Acid/ Moist-Well drained	Evergreen, older branches may lose leaves - prune occasionally to maintain lush foliage.	Butterflies, Songbirds
Ilex verticillata Winterberry Holly	Sep-Jan	Tiny white flowers, showy red fruit in fall & winter on female plants.	10'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Deciduous holly. DIOECIOUS	Birds, robins/waxwings
Ilex vomitoria Yaupon Holly	Sep-Jan	Tiny white flowers - showy red fruit in fall & winter on female plants.	15'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry	Glossy coral-colored fruits. Drought tolerant. DIOECIOUS.	Birds, Henry's Elfin Butterfly host
Itea virginica Virginia Sweetspire	Jun-Jul	Elongated arching white blooms, fragrant.	10'	Sun-Shade	Average/ Medium-Wet	Suckering habit, so good for naturalizing wet, woody areas. Tolerates flooding to 6".	Songbirds
Lindera benzoin Spicebush	Mar-Apr	Tiny yellow-green flowers before leaves, shiny red fruit on female plants.	6'	Part Shade-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Spicy scented leaves. Male & female plants – need both to get shiny red berries.	Swallowtail host plant
Magnolia virginiana Sweetbay Magnolia	May-Jul	3" cream-colored, very fragrant flowers.	15'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Semi-evergreen single or multi-stem small tree. Spicy scented foliage.	Bees, Tiger Swallow-tail host

Myrica cerifera Wax Myrtle	Sep-Apr	Fruits on female plants. Berries used for scented "bayberry" candles.	30'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Dry-Wet	Evergreen. Tolerates low salinity. Nitrogen fixer. Fragrant leaves. Male & female plants – need both to get waxy, grey-blue berries.	Songbirds
Physocarpus opulifolius Ninebark	May-Jul	2" clusters of small white flowers, followed by red seed pods in fall.	10'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Dense leafy deciduous shrub as broad as tall, good cover & nest space for birds. Attractive arching habit.	Songbirds, Butterflies
Sambucus canadensis Elderberry	May-Jun	Conspicuous white clusters, fragrant	6-12'	Part Shade	Moist - Wet	Purple berries are inedible when fresh and raw but are used for making jelly, pies, and wine	Birds
Spiraea latifolia Meadowsweet	Jun-Sep	4"- 6" long clusters of small white to pale pink flowers.	6'	Sun	Average/ Moist	Leaves can be used to make a sweet tea.	Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Deer
Spiraea tomentosa Steeplebush	Jul-Aug	5" terminal spike of small rose-pink flowers.	4'	Sun	Average/ Medium-Wet	A great small shrub for sunny wet meadows and ditches. Flower spikes resemble butterfly bush.	Butterflies
Vaccinium corymbosum Highbush Blueberry	Mar-May Jun-Aug	Small white to pink tinged bell-shaped flowers hanging downwards.	12'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor, Acidic/ Wet-Dry	Requires acidic soil. Good yellow/red fall color. Blue to black edible berries.	Birds, Butterflies, Small Mammals
Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood Viburnum	May-Jun	3" wide, flat-topped clusters of creamy white flowers.	9'	Sun-Part Shade	Average Well Drained/ Medium	Porcelain blue berries following flowers are very attractive, but rarely seen for long as birds eat them greedily.	Songbirds
Viburnum prunifolium Black Haw	Mar-Apr	Flat clusters of small, cream-colored flowers, blue-black fruits.	12' - 15'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Flowers have an acrid smell and decaying leaves may be malodorous – better for wood edges than close to house. Red-maroon fall foliage.	Birds, Butterflies, Small Mammals
Viburnum trilobum American Cranberrybush	May-Jul	Flat clusters of white flowers followed by red - orange berries.	6'-12'	Part Shade	Moist/Average/Well Drained	Flood, disease, and insect tolerant. Host to spring azure.	Birds, Butterflies, Small mammals

TREES

Aesculus pavia Red Buckeye	Mar-May	6"-10" spikes of bright red flowers atop medium textured foliage.	12'-36'	Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Rich yellow fall color.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Amelanchier canadensis Serviceberry	Apr-May	Petite white flowers resemble cherry blossoms.	25'	Part Shade-Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet-Medium	Edible, red-purple fruit ripens in summer. Red to orange foliage in the autumn.	Songbirds
Betula alleghaniensis Yellow Birch	Apr	Monoecious inconspicuous male and female catkins.	50' - 75'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Medium	Grown for its yellow fall color and attractive amber to silver peeling bark in sheds or rolls.	Deer, Songbirds
Cercis canadensis Redbud	Apr-May	Very showy clusters of purple-pink flowers appear all over the tree in early spring.	25'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Loamy/ Medium	Showy small tree. Nitrogen fixer. Yellow fall color. Shade tolerant.	Butterflies, Songbirds
Chionanthus virginicus Fringe Tree	Apr-May	Clusters of delicate, fragrant white flowers look like shredded coconut.	20'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well Drained/ Medium	Will begin to bloom when 3' tall. Male trees flower heavier than female. Females produce blue olive-like fruits.	Songbirds, Mammals
Crataegus phaenopyrum Washington Hawthorn	Jun-Jul	Flowers are white and ½" diameter. Fruit is a bright glossy red.	30'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet-Medium	Beautiful fall color including oranges, reds and purples. Also new foliage starts off redish purple and gradually matures to dark green.	Songbirds
Diospyros virginiana Persimmon	Apr-Jun Aug-Oct	Flowers inconspicuous	40' - 60'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Drought Tolerant	Nectar source and host plant for Luna moth. Produces fruit when 7-8 years old. DIOECIOUS.	Songbirds, Mammals, Moth
Styrax americanus American Snowbell	Apr-May	Showy, white bell-like blooms w/large yellow anthers. Petals recurved.	15'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average/ Moist-Wet	Use as a specimen planting, along stream edges, to naturalize woodlands.	Songbirds