

Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Period	Flowers	Height	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	
Allium cernuum Nodding Onion	Jul-Sep	3" domed clusters of pale pink, nodding flowers on long stalks.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Wet-Dry	Leaves have an onion scent when crushed. Dainty flowers are showy in mass.	Hummingbirds, Butterflies
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
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
Arisaema triphyllum Jack in the Pulpit	Apr-Jun, fruit Aug-Sep	3" flowers: whitish finger-like "Jack" inside a leaf-like spathe ("pulpit"). Light green, w/purple striping.	1' - 3'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich-Average, Organic / Wet-Moist	Fruit cluster of bright red berries. May need more than 1 plant for berries & may take several years to begin fruiting. Toxic if ingested.	Birds, Mammals
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 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
Baptisia australis var. minor Dwarf Blue Indigo	May-Jun	Tall spikes of blue-purple pea-type blossoms (resemble lupines).	1'-3'	Sun	Average, Well- Drained	Shorter variety, tolerant of heat an drought. Nitrogen fixation. USDA zone 3-7	Butterflies, Native bumblebees
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 glabra White Turtlehead	Aug-Oct	Large, tubular white flowers resemble turtle heads.	2' - 3'	Part Shade- Shade	Average, Humusy, Well-drained/ Wet- Moist	Usually found in moist areas along streams with ferns & cardinal flower. Pinch stem buds in spring for bushier plants.	Butterfly host plant
Chelone lyonii 'Hot Lips' Pink turtlehead	Aug-Oct	Large, tubular pink flowers resemble turtle heads. Bears a brown/copper, green fruit.	2'-3'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Loam/ Wet-Medium	Hardiness zone 3a-8a. Great addition to bog gardens.	Deer resistant, buttefly host plant

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. Great for early pollinators. Aggressive	Bumblebees, butterflies
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
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 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
Eupatorium serotinum Late-Flowering Boneset	Sep-Nov	White, small clustered flowers	1'-3'	Part Shade	Moist/Dry, Clay, Loam	Occurs naturally from Praries to Ponds, Great late season nectar source for pollinators, Deer resistant	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-petalled 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
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,
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
Liatis 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 Liatis, blooms top to bottom!	Birds, Butterflies Hummingbirds
Liatis 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
Lilium canadense Canada Lily	Jun-Aug	Nodding yellow-orange lilies with dark-speckled interiors.	1.5' - 6.5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Sandy/ Moist-Wet	A single plant can produce more than a dozen flowers.TOXIC if ingested.	Butterflies, hummingbirds
Lilium superbum Turk's Cap Lily	Jul-Aug	Nodding, 3" orange-red flowers with deeply recurved petals, resembling a Turkish hat.	3' - 8'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, acidic, Well-drained/ Moist-Wet	America's tallest lily. Slowly spreads to form colonies if soil is kept moist. Do not let soil dry out for prolonged periods.	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
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
Oligoneron 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
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 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 divaricata Wild Blue Phlox	Apr-May	Clusters of 1" blue flowers; slightly fragrant.	1' - 2'	Part Shade-Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Good woodland ground cover. Appreciates mulch and fertilizer. Deadhead to prevent powdery mildew.	Butterflies, hummingbirds

Phlox paniculata Garden Phlox	Jun-Sep	Fragrant 1" 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, occurring 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
Polemonium reptans Jacob's Ladder	Mar-May	Clusters of pale blue, 0.5" bells.	6" - 12"	Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet-Medium	Beautiful mounds of delicate foliage topped with clusters of small blue flowers - spreads to become a groundcover.	Bees, Butterflies
Porteranthus trifoliatus (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
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
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 wreathes. Not as invasive as some goldenrods.	Butterflies, Birds, Bees
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 centers.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/Wet	Prefers partial shade unless in moist area.	Butterflies, Bees
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 shortii Shorts Aster	Aug-Oct	Clusters of pale blue rayflowers with yellow centers turning redish purple with age	3'	Part Shade-Shade	Loam-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
Tiarella cordifolia Foamflower	Apr-May	Spikes of tiny white star-flowers.	6" - 12"	Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Wet	Good woodland ground cover. Appreciates mulch and fertilizer. Deadhead to prevent powdery mildew.	Hummingbirds, Bees, 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
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
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	Aug-Sep	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	Apr-May	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	Fertile part of the frond is within the middle of the frond, leaving a gap or interruption once done.	

Osmunda regalis Royal Fern	Apr-Jun	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
Sisyrinchium angustifolium Blue-Eyed Grass	Apr-Jun	Small blue iris-like flowers with a yellow eye.	6" - 12"	Sun	Poor-Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Moist	In the iris family. Likes it dry in summer, don't over-water.	Bees, Butterflies

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
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
Wisteria frutescens American Wisteria	May-Jun	Fragrant clusters of lilac colored flowers.	25' - 30'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Medium	Host plant for Marine blue butterfly and skippers. Very deer resistant.	Butterflies

SHRUBS

Aesculus parviflora Bottlebrush Buckeye	Jul - Jun	White flower clusters spiking upwards like a bottlebrush	15'	Part-Shade	Shallow, rich/Moist	Known to retain foliage, in good condition, into fall. Good understory tree.	Hummingbirds, butterflies
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 amomum Silky Dogwood	May-Jun	Flat clusters of small white flowers, dark blue fruit in fall	10'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Large spreading shrub usually grows in moist areas, fruit favored by wildlife.	Butterflies, Songbird
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
Cornus sericea Red Osier Dogwood	May-Jun	Flat clusters of small, white flowers; pale blue fruit in fall	10'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Moist	Vigorous, bright red shoots add interest in the winter. Stoloniferous habit good for soil stabilization.	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 favorite.	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 'Nana' Dwarf Yaupon Holly	NA	Tiny white flowers, does not get fruit.	4'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry		Birds
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 macrophylla Bigleaf Magnolia	May-Jun	Creamy white 8-14" flowers, solitary and fragrant bearing egg shaped rose colored fruit	30'-72'	Part Shade	Rich-acidic/	Largest leaves and flowers of all native NA species!	Songbirds
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
Persea borbonia Red Bay	May-Jun	Small panicles of pale-yellow, bearing dark-blue fruit.	36-72'	Part Shade	Acidic/Moist	Aromatic foliage. Host plant for the Palamedes Swallowtail butterfly.	Bird, Swallowtail host
Rhododendron arborescens Sweet Azalea	Jun - Jul	Clustered funnel shaped, white/pink-tinged flowers with red stamens	8'-12'	Part Shade	Average/Moist	Drought sensitive. Foliage turns red to deep purple in fall.	Birds, Hummingbirds

Rhododendron viscosum Swamp Azalea	May-Aug	Very fragrant, sticky white flowers.	10'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Poor, Acidic, Well-drained/ Medium-Wet	Will tolerate some drought. Forms a thicket with age.	Small mammals, Waterfowl
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
Asimina triloba Pawpaw	Apr-Jun Aug-Sep	Distinctive rich, purplish-brown flowers 1-1.5" wide bloom before leaves.	40'	Sun-Shade	Rich-Poor Well- drained/ Medium	Largest edible fruit native to the US; looks and tastes like a short banana. Suckering habit. Protect from high winds and drought. Needs shade until 3+ years old.	Butterfly host- Zebra Swallowtail
Betula nigra River Birch	Apr-May	Green male catkins and reddish-green female catkins are inconspicuous.	70'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet-Medium	Grown for its yellow fall color and attractive peeling bark that sheds horizontally to reveal orange-brown and creamy colors.	Deer, Songbirds
Carpinus caroliniana Musclewood	Mar-May	Red/Green/Brown catkins with female primarily white, and male primarily green	12'-36'	Part Shade- Shade	Sandy, Loam, Acidic/Moist	Native butterfly host. Works best as an understory tree. Tolerates periodic flooding. Slow grower. Good fall color.	Birds, Butterfly host - Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
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
Juniperus virginiana Eastern Red Cedar	NA	Grey blue berry-like cones in fall.	20' - 40' X 10' - 20'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Drought Tolerant	Evergreen conifer. Aromatic heartwood used for cedar chests. Female plants produce cones. DIOECIOUS.	Songbirds, Small mammals