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SPRING 2025 DRAFT

Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Period	Flowers	Height	Light	Soil/Moisture	Notes	Wildlife Benefits
PERENNIALS							
Achillea millefolium Yarrow	Jun-Sep	Flat-topped clusters of whitish flowers grow at the top of the stem.	1'-3'	Sun-Part Shade	Dry	Deer Resistant, Drought Resistant. Resistant to heat, dry soil, salt and rabbits. Used for medicinal purposes by native americans.	Bees, Butterflies, Pollinators
Achillea millefolium 'Paprika' Yarrow 'Paprika'	Jun-Sep	Red	2-3'	Full Sun	Dry-Average	Deer and rabbit Resistant. Drought Tolerant once established	Butterflies Pollinators
Acorus americanus Sweet Flag	Jun-Jul	White-yellow spade-like flower that is followed by dark berries	2-3'	Full-Part Sun	Wet	A vigorous spreader in wet soils that world well for retaining soil at the edge of a stream or pond.	Deer Resistant
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.	Hummingbird, butterflies
Amsonia hubrichtii Threadleaf Bluestar	Apr-May	Large clusters of small pale blue star-shaped flowers	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.	
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
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
Arctostaphylos uva-urs Bearberry	Mar-Jun	White-pink urn-shaped to 1/3 inch	1'-3'	Sun- Shade	Dry-Moist	Avoid compacted soil, do not fertilize. Leaves and berries add red fall color	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
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, orangeWell-draine d/ Dry	Drought tolerant, delicate foliage, does not grow too tall. 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
Baptisia alba White False Indigo	Apr-May	Tall spikes of cream pea-type blossoms on charcoal stems (resemble lupines).	3' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/ Medium 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 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 and drought. Nitrogen fixation. USDA zone 3-7	Butterflies, Native bumblebees
Baptisia sphaerocarpa Wild Yellow Indigo	Apr-Jun	Small, yellow, pea-like blossoms.	2'-3'	Sun - Part Shade		Drought tolerant.	Butterflies
Boltonia asteroides False Aster	Aug-Oct	Dense panicles of ¾" white daisy-like bloom.	3'-5'	Sun-Part Shade	Moist	Deer Resistant. Spreads through creeping rhizomes and seeds. Can be affected by powdery mildew and may require staking	Butterflies, Birds
Caltha palustris Marsh Marigold	Apr-Jun	Large yellow flowers in early spring	1'-2'	Sun-Part Shade	Moist	Can tolerate standing water. Plant along riverbanks.	Deer resistant, Pollinators
Callirhoe involucrata Winecups	Jun-Aug	3" magenta poppies with white centers.	6"	Sun	Average, Well drained/ Dry	Mat-forming. Taproot makes it drought tolerant but hard to transplant. Good in borders, rock gardens, & meadows.	Bees
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 Iyonii '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	Great addition to bog gardens. Deer resistant,	Butterfly host plant
Chrysogonum virginianum Green & Gold	Mar-May	1" golden, 5-petaled flowers.	3" - 6"	Part Shade	Average/ Medium, well drained	Spreads to form a dense semi-evergreen groundcover.	Butterflies, Early bees
Conoclinium coelestinum Blue Mistflower	Jul-Oct	Flat clusters of pale blue-purple flowers top leafy stems.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well drained/ Wet	Flowers resemble the annual Ageratum. Spreads freely – looks good in large masses.	Bees, butterflies
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 verticillata Threadleaf Coreopsis	Jun-Oct	Profuse 1" sulfur yellow daisies.	1.5'- 2'	Sun	Average-Poor, Sandy, Well drained/ Dry-Med	Deer resistant. Vigorous bloomer that keeps going until the first frost. Makes excellent cut flowers.	Butterflies
Dicentra eximia Wild Bleeding Heart	Apr-Sep	Blush pink, drooping heart-shaped flowers strung along leafless stem	1.5'-2'	Part Shade-S hade	Average/Dry-Moist	Showy, unusual addition to garden beds; great for naturalizing wooded areas. Deer resistant	Songbirds, Beneficial insects

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 paradoxa Yellow Coneflower	Jun-Aug	Large yellow flowers with domed brown centers.	3'	Sun-Part Shade	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
Erigeron pulchellus Robin's Plantain	Apr-Jun	Very thin pink/purple/lavender petals around a flat, yellow central disc. Flowers appear in clusters of 2-6 blooms.	1'	Sun-Part Shade	Well-Drained/ Moist	Deer Resistant. Makes a good ground cover.	Butterflies Bees Songbirds
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 the garden even when not in bloom. Host plant for black swallowtail butterflies.	Bees, Butterflies
Eupatorium fistulosum Hollow Joe Pye Weed	Jul-Sep	Large, domed clusters of white-light purple flower heads	6'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich/Medium-Wet	Tolerates temporary standing water. Deer resistant.	Bees, Moths
Eupatorium hyssopifolium Thin-leaved Boneset	Jun-Oct	White tubular disc flowers and no rays in a dense, flat-topped cluster. Can be 5-10 inches across.	1'-3'	Sun-Part Shade	Moist	Drought tolerant. Deer and rabbit resistant. Salt tolerant. Can survive urban conditions	Bees Butterflies Pollinators Songbirds
Eupatorium perfoliatum Boneset	Jun-Oct	Tiny white flowers in fuzzy clusters.	3' - 6'	Sun - Part Shade	Average/ Dry	Dried leaves used to make tonic (boneset tea).	Birds,Butterflies
Eupatorium serotinum Late-Blooming Boneset	Sep-Nov	White, small clustered flowers	1'-3'	Part Shade	Moist/Dry, Clay, Loam	Occurs naturally from prairies to ponds, Great late season nectar source for pollinators, Deer resistant	Butterflies
Eurybia macrophylla Big Leaf Aster	Jul-Oct	White/Purple flowers	1'-3'	Sun-Sha de	Average/Dry-Moist	Great as a groundcover. Host to pearl crescent butterfly.	Butterflies
Eutrochium maculatum Joe Pye Weed	July-Aug	Many, small, rose colored flowers	6'	Sun	Average	Great pollinator plant, long bloom time, tall but sturdy so no staking needed	Pollinators, Birds, Deer resistant
Gaura longiflora Large-flowered Guara	Jul-Sep	Non-symmetric 4-petaled pink flowers	6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/Medium Wet - Dry	Deer resistant. Provides late season blooms	Bees, Butterflies
Helenium autumnale Helen's Flower	Jul-Nov	Golden-yellow petals hang skirt-like around a spherical yellow center.	2' - 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'-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 grosseserratus Sawtooth Sunflower	Aug-Oct	Wide radial yellow flowers, clusters of 3- 5 atop individual stems	8'	Sun-Part Shade	Neutral pH/Medium	Host plant for checkerspot butterfly.	Bees, songbirds, small mammals
Helianthus pauciflorus Showy Sunflower	Jul-Sept	Bright yellow blooms	5'	Sun	Average	Showy yellow blooms that can last for 2 months	Pollinators
Heuchera americana Alumroot	Apr-May	Small pale-green flowers on tall spikes above foliage.	6" - 12"	Part Shade-Sha de	Rich, Well drained/ Moist	Semi-evergreen groundcover – burgundy & silver markings on winter foliage. Deer resistant.	
Heuchera americana 'Dale's Strain' Dale's Strain American Alumroot	May-Jun	1/8 " pinkish white bell-shaped flowers atop long, delicate panicles.	1'-2'	Shade- Part Shade	Moist	Semi-Evergreen. Drought Tolerant, Divide clumps every 3-4 years. Makes good ground cover. Leaves emerge chartreuse with olive-green markings and mature to silvery-green with spruce-green veins.	Pollinators Hummingbirds
Heuchera villosa Maple-Leaved Alumroot	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 a 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 Blazing Star	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

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Lobelia cardinalis Jul-Sep Tall spikes of bright scarlet	2' - 5'	Sun-Part A	Average, Well	Bottom leaves need winter sunlight - do not	Hummingbirds
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Cardinal Flower		tubular flowers.		Shade	drained/ Wet	cover with mulch. Reseeds on wet ground.	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 the wild. Bog/marsh environments. Prefer soil to dry before watering. In mint family	Bumblebees, Skippers
Manfreda virginica False Aloe	Jun-Oct	5' spike of small, fragrant greenish flowers top a 1' rosette of fleshy leaves.	1'-5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Dry-Medium	Semi-evergreen. Flowers are fragrant.Great in rock gardens or dry slopes. Prefers dry, part shade.	Hummingbirds, Sphinx Moth
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 didyma "Jacob Cline" Jacob Cline Bee Balm	Jun-Aug	Large, red, tubular flowers	3-5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average to wet, tolerates salt	Mildew resistant, makes a great cut flower and is loved by pollinators, especially hummingbirds and butterflies. Deer resistant	Butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators
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
Penstemon calycosus Calico Beardtongue	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 digitalis Smooth Beardtongue	May-Jun	Spikes of white snapdragon-like flowers with pink stripes.	2' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Easy, long blooming. Spreads by seed - remove seed heads after flowering to prevent reseeding. Basal leaves evergreen.	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, Bees
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 'Blue Moon' Blue Moon Woodland Phlox			1'-2'	Part Shade	Moist, Well-drained	Drought tolerant once established. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Phlox paniculata 'Jeana' Garden Phlox	Jul-Sep	Lavender-pink clusters with sweet fragrant small flowers	2'-4'	Sun-Part Shade	Clay-poor/ Medium	USDA Zone 4-8. Deer tolerant.	Hummingbirds, Butterflies

Physostegia 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
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
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

Pycnanthemum virginianum Virginia Mountain Mint	Jun-Sep	Small clusters of tiny white to pinkish flowers.	1' - 2'	Sun	Average Well Drained/ Wet 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 fulgida Black-Eyed Susan	Jul-Sep	2"- 4" mustard-gold daisy with dark brown, domed center.	3'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor	Tolerates fairly heavy shade. Deer resistant	Butterflies, Songbirds
Rudbeckia hirta Gloriosa Daisy	Jun-Oct	2"-3" bright yellow daisy-like flowers with dark centers.	2' - 3'	Sun-Shade	Average- Poor	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-Sep	Bright yellow ray flowers surround a dark cluster of disk flowers.	3'-6'	Part Shade	Average/Moist	Special interest for native bees.	Birds, Bees, Butterflies
Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Henry Eilers' Sweet Black-Eyed Susan 'Henry Eilers'							

Rudbeckia triloba Brown-Eyed Susan	Jul-Oct	Profuse 2" orange-gold daisies with brown centers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well drained	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
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
Sedum ternatum Stonecrop	Apr- May	Clusters of small, star-like, white flowers.	2" - 4"	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Medium	Mat-forming. Drape over moist rocks, bricks, or logs for an evergreen cover.	Butterflies
Sedum ternatum 'Larinem Park' Larinem Park Sedum		White	6"	Part Shade- Shade	Average		
Silphium laciniatum Compass Plant	Jul-Sep	Yellow centered flower heads with yellow petals. Multiple heads bloom along the stem towards the plant top	8'	Sun-Part Sun	Rich/Moist	Leaves tend to orient on a North-South axis. Lon life expectancy given proper conditions	Birds, Bees, Goldfinches
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 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, 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
Spiranthes cernua Ladies' Tresses	Sep-Oct	Foot long spires of fragrant white flowers rise above foliage	6"-18"	Sun-Part Shade	Average/Moist	Native orchid with long-lasting flowers great for cutting. Colony-forming where happy	Bees
Stokesia laevis Stoke's Aster	Jun-Aug	Striking, 3", frilly blue to lavender flowers.	6" - 12"	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/	Smooth pale-green leaves persist through winter.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Symphyotrichum cordifolium Blue Wood Aster	Sep-Oct	Profuse .5" blue-lavender daisies with yellow centers.	3,	Part Shade Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/ Medium dry	Great purple aster for the shade garden or woods edge.	Butterflies

Symphyotrichum	Aug-Oct	Clusters of small white to pale purple	1' - 3'	Sun-Part	Average-	Prefers partial shade unless in a moist area.	Butterflies, Bees

lateriflorum Calico Aster		ray flowers surrounding yellow or purple disk flowers		Shade	Poor,		
Symphyotrichum 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
Symphyotrichum oblongifolium October Skies' Aster	Sep-Nov	1-1.5 inch wide composite flowers have 25-30 blue-purple rays with yellow center disc flowers.	1'-3'	Sun	Average	Deer and rabbit resistant. Leaves fragrant when crushed	Butterflies Pollinators Small Mammals Songbirds
Thermopsis villosa Carolina Bushpea	May-Jun	Tall spikes of bright yellow pea-type blossoms (resemble lupines).	3' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor	Showy vertical accent in perennial border. Drought tolerant. Taproot makes transplanting difficult.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Tiarella cordifolia Foamflower	Apr-May	Spikes of tiny white star-flowers.	6" - 12"	Part Shade	Rich-Average	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
Veronicastrum virginicum Culver's Root	Jun-Aug	5" long white spires.	3' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average	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/	Host plant for swallowtails. Best in naturalized meadows or open woodland. Good cut flowers. Host plant for black swallowtail.	Butterflies, Host plant
FERNS							
Adiantum pedatum Maidenhair Fern	NB	Non-blooming.	1' - 3 '	Part Shade Shade	Rich, Well Drained/ Moist	Burgundy red fiddleheads in spring 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.	Toads, salamanders, anoles
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
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.	Frogs

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	Frogs, birds, salamanders

GRASSES/RUSHES/SEDGES Grass. Small, less showy seed 4' Rich/Medium Beautiful fall colors of tan and crimson. Cool Food source Elymus virginicus Jul-Aug Sun -Virginia Wild Rye head - tan Part season, fast growing. Erosion control for various Shade insects 18-24" Eragrostis spectabilis Jun-Aug Light green foliage in summer Sun Average-dry, A moderately small grass that grows slowly. Deer Resistant Purple Love Grass Beautiful foliage and a good choice for dry turning to a bronzy-red in fall salt tolerant areas. Can be used as a groundcover. Muhlenbergia capillaris Sep-Oct Grass. Wispy pink-red flowers 2'-3' Sun-Part Ladybugs Average, Handles heat, humidity, drought. Dried flowers Pink Muhly Grass bloom until frost Shade Well-Drained/ add interest in winter. Clump forming. Cut to 1' Dry-Moist in late winter. Aug-Feb Grass. Purple-bronze flowering 2' - 4' Sun Dried flowers add winter interest. Cut to 1' Songbirds Schizachyrium scoparium Average/ stems that turn silvery when in in late winter for new foliage. Wet-Dry Little Bluestem seed. Bronze-orange fall color. **VINES** Aristolochia serpintaria Apr-Jun Yellow, purple pipe-shaped flowers 1'-3' Shade Avg/Dry Showy groundcover. Host for pipevine Butterflies swallowtail butterflies. Virginia Snakeroot Bignonia capreolata Small yellow-green to white flowers Deciduous vine. Provides cover and food for birds Songbirds Well Sun-Shade May-Jun 12'-36' followed by clusters of red berries. Crossvine Drained/Dry-Moist Campsis radicans Jun-Sep Large orange-red cones. 35' Sun Average Large, bright flowers on a delicate -looking Hummingbird, Trumpetcreeper leaf Pollinators Clematis virginiana Aug-Sep Profusion of 1" cream-colored 20' Sun-Part Average, Well Skin contact with foliage causes short-lived Birds. Bees Virgin's Bower flowers in fall Shade drained/ Wet bumpy rash in some people. Butterflies 6'-12' Clematis crispa Mar-Sep Blue to purple bell shaped flowers Sun-Part All soils/Moist to Long bloom time and interesting flowers make Birds. Bees with curled tips Shade wet this a wonderful addition to gardens Butterflies Blue Jasmine

Gelsemium sempervirens Carolina Jessamine	Jun-Aug	Clusters of maroon or gold star-shaped flowers.	30'	Sun-Part Shade	/ Wordgo,	. , . 3 3	Birds, butterflies
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
Passiflora incarnata Passionvine	May-Jul	3" frilly purple & white flowers, lemon-sized green fruit; very striking	30'	Sun	Average-Poo r/ Wet-Dry	To curb invasiveness, grow in a pot. Needs strong support. Fruit edible when ripe - tastes like fruit punch	Butterfly Host

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
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
Aronia melanocarpa Black Chokeberry	Apr-May Sep-Nov	Clusters of fragrant white blooms with bright pink stamens.	6'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Poor/ Dry-Wet	Crimson red 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
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

Red Twig Dogwood flowers; pale blue fruit in fall Shade winter. Stoloniferous habit, good for soil Songbirds stabilization.

Hamamelis virginiana Witch Hazel	Oct-Dec	Fragrant spidery yellow flowers open as leaves drop in the fall	10'	Part Sun-Shade	Rich-Average/ Well-drained, Medium-Dry	Yellow fall foliage	Bees, Small pollinators
Hydrangea quercifolia Oakleaf Hydrangea	Jun-Sep	Showy white flower heads from early summer on, become purplish-pink when dried.	6'-8'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Distinct, deeply lobed leaves have outstanding fall color.	Roosting and nesting plant
Hypericum prolificum Shrubby St. John's Wort	Jun-Aug	Many small yellow flowers with showy stamens	4'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/Dry	Drought tolerant sun-loving shrub with showy, peeling bark	Bees
llex 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
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
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, gray-blue berries.	Songbirds
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 perseveres, pies, wine	Birds
Stewartia malacodendron American Stewartia	Apr-Jun	Dark-purple stamens, surrounded by large, 2-3" white-cream colored petals	6'-12'	Shade	Acid/Well-drained	Prefers shade in the heat of the day, but thrives on early morning sun	Pollinators
Vaccinium angustifolium Lowbush Blueberry	May-Jun Jul-Aug	Small white to pink tinged bell-shaped flowers hanging downwards.	2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Acidic/ Medium-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 Viburnum	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 the house. Red-maroon fall foliage.	Birds, Butterflies, Small Mammals
Viburnum trilobum American Cranberrybush Viburnum	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							

Acer rubrum Red Maple	Feb-Apr	Clusters of inconspicuous red flowers followed by winged red fruits ("helicopters").	100'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Medium-Wet	Grows quickly. One of the first plants to show fall color, which ranges from red to orange to yellow.	Deer
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
Aesculus sylvatica Painted Buckeye	Apr	Yellow, cream or red or yellow-veined with red, tall clusters of flowers	6'-15'	Part Shade	Rich, Well-drained/Moist	Showy flowers. Can be a shrub or multi-trunked tree.	Hummingbirds Butterflies

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.	Host plant 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
Calycanthus floridus Sweetshrub	Apr-Jun	1" papery maroon flowers with fruity/spicy scent	6'	Part Sun-Shade	Average	Spreads by runners. Flower scent varies – melon, pineapple, juicy-fruit or no-scent.	Beetles, Bees, Hummingbirds
Carpinus caroliniana Musclewood	May-Jun	Catkins in spring.	20'-40'	Sun-Part Shade	Well-drained	Use as a shade tree. Bark on mature trees is rough textures with loose scaly plates.	Pollinators Songbirds Small Mammals
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	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	Well Drained/ Medium	Will begin to bloom when 3' tall. Male trees flower heavier than female. Females produce blue olive-like fruits	Songbirds, Mammals
Cladrastis kentukea Yellowwood	April- May	Panicle of white, fragrant flowers	25-40'	Sun	Average	Lovely shade tree, not too large, Interesting flower and shape or overall tree	Pollinators,
Cornus florida Flowering Dogwood	Apr-May	Large, creamy-white bracts with green centers bloom before foliage.	30'	Part Shade	Average	Beautiful small, stand-alone tree. Leaves turn red and purple in the fall. Scarlet berries often persist into winter.	Songbirds, Small Mammals
Crataegus phaenopyrum Washington Hawthorn	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

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
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 VA species!	Songbirds
Magnolia virginiana Sweetbay Magnolia	May-July	Large, white, fragrant blooms in April	10-35'	Sun-Shade	Moist, acidic	Medium sized tree with fragrant flowers	Birds, Pollinators
Nyssa sylvatica Black Gum	June-July	White strands of flowers resembling lily-of-the-valley flowers.	40'	Sun-Part Shade	Well-drained/ Moist	Rich maroon, scarlet or plum fall color. Source of "sourwood honey".	Bees
Quercus montana Chestnut Oak	April-May	Yellow catkins in spring	40-60'	Sun-Shade	Average	Large shade tree, great for wildlife.	Squirrels, Birds
Sassafras albidium Sassafras	Apr-May	Yellow-green flower balls that turn to dark blue fruits in late Summer	35-50'	Sun-Shade	Average to moist	Beautiful mitten-shaped leaves that turn a gorgeous red/orange/yellow/bronze in the fall	Birds, Butterflies, Songbirds
Styrax americanus American Snowbell	Apr-May	Showy, white bell-like blooms w/large yellow anthers.	15'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average/ Moist-Wet	Use as a specimen planting, along stream edges, to naturalize woodlands.	Songbirds