

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 'Oertel's Rose' 'Oertel's Rose' Yarrow	August	Flat-topped clusters of pink flowers grow at the top of the stem.	1' - 3'	Sun	Dry/Average	Deer Resistant. Drought tolerant once established. Resistant to heat, dry soil, salt and rabbits.	Bees, Butterflies, Pollinators
Achillea millefolium 'Terracota' 'Terracota' Yarrow	Jun- Aug	Flat-topped clusters of earth-tone (peach, copper, reddish) flowers.	2'	Sun	Average	Tolerant of heat and humidity. Drought tolerant once established.	Bees, 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 work well for retaining soil at the edge of a stream or pond.	Deer Resistant
Agastache nepetoides Yellow Giant Hyssop	Jul-Sep	Whorls of tiny, greenish-yellow flowers closely packed into 5" terminal spikes.	4' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Medium, Well-drained	Tolerant to summer heat and humidity. Long, late summer bloom. Deer resistant.	Butterflies
Allium tricoccum Wild Leeks	May-Jul	Small white flowers occurring in hemispherical terminal cluster	1'	Shade	Moist/ Rich mesic	Grows best in areas with sunny conditions in early spring. Edible in small quantities. Edible parts: leaves, bulbs, and bulbets. Contains sulfides.	Pollinators
Amsonia hubrichtii Threadleaf Bluestar	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
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.	Butterflies
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-S 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
Aristolochia serpentaria Virginia Snakeroot	Apr-Jun	Yellow, purple pipe-shaped flowers	1'-3'	Sun	Avg/Dry	Showy groundcover. Host for pipevine swallowtail butterflies. Toxic to grazing animals when consumed (goats, sheep, etc.)	Butterflies

Aruncus dioicus Goatsbeard	May-Jul	Large plumes of tiny white flowers, resembles Astilbe.	3'-5'	Part Shade-Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Wet-Average	Beautiful in a mass towards the back of a garden. Deer resistant.	Bees, butterflies
Asarum canadensis 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 moist soil. Is not related to the commercial, consumable ginger.	Host for Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly
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
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 sphaerocarpa Wild Yellow Indigo	Apr-Jun	Small, yellow, pea-like blossoms.	2'-3'	Sun - Part Shade	Rich, well drained soils.	Drought tolerant.	Butterflies
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	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
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
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
Carrissa scilloides Wild Hyacinth	Mar-Jun	5-7" spikes of fragrant lavender flowers top 1-2' stalks.	1'	Part Shade-Shade	Dry-Moist/Well Drained	Works well in small clusters. Only green in early spring.	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	Great addition to bog gardens. Deer resistant.	Butterfly host plant
Chrysogonium virginianum Green and 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 verticillata Threadleaf Coreopsis	Jun-Oct	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
Corydalis sempervirens Pale Corydalis	May-Sep	Only basal foliage appears in the first year. Drooping, tubular, pink and yellow flowers appear in the second year.	2'	Part Shade	Poor, dry	Biennial. Interesting seedpods that are thin and are very noticeable on the plant.	Butterflies, Early bees
Dicentra eximia Wild Bleeding Heart	Apr-Sep	Blush pink, drooping heart-shaped flowers strung along leafless stem	1.5'-2'	Part Shade- Shade	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	Good for early pollinators. Can spread aggressively in an area.	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. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Echinacea purpurea 'White Swan' 'White Swan' Purple Coneflower	Jun-Sep	Large white daisy-flower with domed center.	2'-3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Alkaline, Well-drained/ Medium	Prefers basic soil. Deer resistant	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Erigeron pulchellus Robin's Plantain	Apr-Jun	Very thin pink/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.	Bees, Butterflies, Host plant
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 Boneset	Sep-Nov	Small white flowers on dense flower heads. Flower heads have 12-15 blooms.	3' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Wet, Medium, Medium-Dry	Deer resistant. The overall size of the plant is dependent on soil moisture. Does not handle drought well.	Butterflies, Bees
Eutrochium 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
Eurybia macrophylla Big Leaf Aster	Jul-Oct	White/Purple flowers	1'-3'	Sun-Shade	Average/Dry-Moist	Great as a groundcover. Host to pearl crescent butterfly.	Butterflies
Fragaria virginiana Virginia Wild Strawberry	May-Jun Jul-Aug	Small bright white, 5 petals, with yellow centers.	2" - 6"	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Don't confuse with Indian strawberry that has yellow flowers! Excellent ground cover, spreads by clumping and runners. Thin colonies in fall for best fruiting.	Butterflies, Songbirds, Small Mammals
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
Gillenia trifoliata 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.	
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
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
Helianthus pauciflorus Showy Sunflower	Jul-Sept	Bright yellow blooms	5'	Sun	Average	Showy yellow blooms that can last for 2 months	Pollinators
Heuchera americana Coral Bells	Apr-May	Small pale-green flowers on tall spikes above foliage.	6" - 12"	Part Shade-Shade	Rich, Well drained/ Moist	Semi-evergreen groundcover – burgundy & silver markings on winter foliage. Deer resistant.	Pollinators

Heuchera americana 'Dale's Strain' Dale's Strain American Alumroot	May-Jun	½" 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
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.	Bees, butterflies
Liatris spicata Blazing Star	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 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. These seed pods are great for dried arrangements.	
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
Mertensia virginica Virginia Bluebells	Mar-Jun	1" azure flowers in hanging clusters from lavender-pink buds.	1' - 2.5'	Part Shade- Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist-Wet	Wet woody areas will also grow in mucky, muddy areas. Dormant in summer so interplant with other species to fill in the gap.	Pollinators
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
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 filiformis Large-Flowered Gaura	Jul-Sept	Small pinkish flowers in branching spikes. Blooms open in the evening.	6' - 9'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Wet, Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry	Good for prairie planting. Provides late season blooms and establishes itself quickly.	Bees, butterflies

Oenothera pillosela Prairie Sundrops	May-Jun	Yellow, fragrant flowers. Similar in shape to evening primrose	2'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Wet, Medium, Medium-Dry	Forms dense mats, with shallow roots. Can tolerate periods of drought and light shade	Bees
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 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. Spread by seed - remove the 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
Penstemon pallidus Pale Penstemon	May-Jul	White tubular flowers	1'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Dry, Dry	Blooms earlier than most <i>Penstemon</i> species. The whole plant is covered in small white hairs. Typically deer and rabbit resistant.	Bees,
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 divaricata 'May Breeze' 'May Breeze' Woodland Phlox	Apr-May	Fragrant white flowers. Will take on a lavender blush as the flowers age.	15"-18"	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Moist/Wet	Tolerant of shade and most soil. Drought tolerant once established. Deer resistant	Butterflies, Humminbirds
Phlox paniculata 'Jeanna' Garden Phlox 'Jeanna'	Jul-Sep	Lavender-pink clusters with sweet fragrant, small flowers.	2'-4'	Sun-Part Shade	Clay-poor/ Medium	Deer tolerant	Hummingbirds, Butterflies
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, Humminbirds
Phlox stolonifera 'Pink Ridge' Creeping Phlox 'Pink Ridge'	May-Jun	Fragrant bright pink flowers.	2'-4'	Part Shade-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet Medium	Dense, mat forming foliage. Continues to spread and grow after flowering. Can be susceptible to powdery mildew. Deer resistant	Humminbirds, Bees, 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.	
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 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 triloba Brown-Eyed Susan	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
Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Henry Eilers' 'Henry Eilers' Sweet Rudbeckia	June-Sept	Bright lemony-yellow flowers with a brown center. Petals are thin and resemble an asterisk.	4-5'	Full sun	Normal clay soil	An interesting tall nativar that is unique looking and brightly colored	Bees, Birds, Butterflies
Salvia azurea Azure Blue Sage	Jun-Sep	Blue flowers accented by silvery foliage.	4' - 6'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Deer resistant. Excellent for adding height and color to beds.	Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Salvia lyrata Lyre-Leaf Sage	Mar-Jun	Tubular whiteish-blue flowers arranged in whorls around the stem.	1' - 2'	Sun-Shade	Average, Dry-Medium	Tolerates periodic flooding. Can take some drought and overwatering. Adaptable ground cover.	Hummingbirds, Butterflies
Scutellaria incana Downy Skullcap	Jul-Sep	Bluish-purple flowers appear in branching racemes.	2'-3'	Sun- Part Shade	Dry-Moist, Acidic	Tolerant of heat and drought. Typically are deer and rabbit resistant. Larval host to moths	Bees, Moths, Birds
Sedum ternatum Stoncrop	Apr- May	Clusters of 0.5", 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
Silene virginica Fire Pink	Sep-Oct	Profusion of 1" scarlet stars.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet-Dry	Very reliable perennial for fall gardens	Bees, butterflies
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. Long 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
Sisyrinchium angustifolium Blue-eyed Grass	Mar-Jun	Blue-violet star-shaped flowers with yellow center. Typically only one flower at a time.	18"	Sun- Part Shade	Moist, Poor-Average	Spreads through rhizomes. Leaves were cooked and eaten by Native Americans.	Birds, Butterflies, 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, bees
Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks' 'Fireworks' 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
Stylophorum diphyllum Celandine Poppy	Mar-May	1"- 2" yellow 4-petaled flowers.	12" - 18"	Part Shade-Shade	Rich-Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Beautiful foliage for the shade garden. Spreads by seed - remove seed pods to prevent this.	
Symphotrichum 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
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,	Prefers partial shade unless in a 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 urophyllum Arrow-Leaved Aster	Aug-Oct	Showy clusters of white-blue blossoms	3'	Sun - Part Shade	Medium, medium-Dry	Wide-set branches can cause drooping while blooming	
Thalictrum dioicum Early Meadow Rue	Apr-May	Small greenish blooms shaped like lanterns. Plant is mainly grown for its foliage.	1' - 2'	Sun- Part Shade	Medium-Wet, Medium, Medium-Dry	Plants are dioecious. Attractive foliage that provides unique interest. Deer resistant. Spreads very slowly through rhizomes.	Pollinators
Thermopsis villosa Carolina Bushpea	May-Jun	Yellow sweet-pea like flowers, 1-3" in size.	3' - 5'	Sun - Part Shade	Moist, Well-draining	Seed pods have long shaggy hairs and slit open when dry. Displays from July to September	Pollinators

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
Trillium grandiflorum Great White Trillium	Apr-May	2" white, three-petalled flowers that age to pink.	1'	Part Shade-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Moist	Drought tolerant once established. Great for naturalizing under trees. Dormant in the summer.	
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	May-Jun	Spikes of ¼" tubular, white to pale lavender flowers open from top down.	4' - 7'	Sun - Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Moist	Deer resistant. Very adaptable in gardens. Good at woodland edges.	Butterflies
Viola labradoria Labrador Violet	Mar-May	Lilac violets with paler throats and orange stamens	3" - 6"	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Moist	Low-growing. Can be used as ground cover for smaller areas. Leave undisturbed and allow it to spread.	Birds
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
Dryopteris cristata Crested Woodfern	NB	Non-blooming.	1'-3'	Sun-Part Shade	Acidic, Moist Wet	Evergreen. Can tolerate less moisture	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
Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive 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	Hummingbirds
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	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

Carex grayi Gray Sedge	May-Aug	Star-like flower in summer	3'	Sun-Shade	Wet, Medium	Can grow in moist environments. Can tolerate occasional flooding	
Eragrostis spectabilis Purple Love Grass	Jun-Aug	Light green foliage in summer turning to a bronzy-red in fall	18-24"	Sun	Average-dry, salt tolerant	A moderately small grass that grows slowly. Beautiful foliage and a good choice for dry areas. Can be used as a groundcover.	Deer Resistant
Muhlenbergia capillaris Pink Muhly Grass	Jun-Oct	Grass. Fluffy white flowers tinged with pink.	5' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/Medium-Wet	Blue-green foliage. Drought tolerant once established. Important hay crop	Livestock, Deer, Birds
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.	

VINES

Campsis radicans Trumpet Creeper	Jun-Sep	Showy red-orange trumpet shaped flowers.	35'	Sun-Part Shade	Well-drained, Average	Should be grown on sturdy structures. Drought tolerant. Skin contact with foliage can cause redness and itching in some people. Larval host for Plebeian Sphinx moth.	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, Bees Butterflies
Gelsemium sempervirens Carolina 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

TREES & SHRUBS

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							
Aesculus sylvatica Painted Buckeye	Apr-May	Yellowish-white upright panicle flowers.	10' - 20'	Sun-Part Shade	Well-drained/ Moist	Deer resistant. Fast-growing and thicket forming. Leaves are some of the first to emerge in spring and first to drop in the fall.	Butterflies Bees Hummingbirds
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; black/purple berries.	Bees, Birds, 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 for Zebra Swallowtail
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
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	May-Jun	Catkins in spring.	20'-40'	Sun-Part Shade	Well-drained	Use as a shade tree. Bark on mature trees has a sinewy texture.	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

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, Songbirds
Cornus florida Flowering Dogwood	Apr-May	Large, creamy-white bracts with green centers bloom before	30'	Part Shade	Average, Acidic,	Beautiful small, stand-alone tree. Leaves turn red and purple in the fall. Scarlet berries often	Songbirds, Small mammals

		foliage.			Well-drained - Medium	persist into winter.	
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 Twig 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. Stolonerous habit, good for soil stabilization.	Butterflies, Songbirds
Diospyros virginiana Persimmon	Apr-Jun Aug-Oct	Subtle white-yellow upside down bell-shaped flower	40' - 60'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Drought Tolerant	Nectar source and host plant for Luna moth. Produces edible fruit when 7-8 years old.	Songbirds, Mammals, Moth
Euonymus americanus Heart's-a-Bustin'	Apr-May Jul-Sep	Pale green flowers that turn into unusual red fruits.	>12'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium - Moist	Interesting red, inedible fruit. Good fall color.	Songbirds, Mammals
Ficus carica 'Celeste' 'Celeste' Fig Tree	Apr-May Jul-Sep	Inconspicuous flowers give rise to medium size sweet brown fruit	20'	Sun	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Moist	Edible fruit	Birds, bees
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
Ilex opaca American Holly	Apr-Jun	Greenish white flowers. Male flowers in 3-12 flowered clusters. Female flowers appear solitary or in 2's or 3's.	40'- 60'	Sun - Part Shade	Average, Well-drained, Occasionally Dry.	Moderately salt tolerant. Deer resistant. Larval host for Henry's Elfin. Red berry-like drupes appear on female plants. DIOECIOUS. Has spiny toothed leaves.	Henry's Elfin, Birds
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
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 grandiflorum Southern Magnolia	May-Jun	Creaky white 8-12" flowers, solitary and fragrant bearing cone-like rusty red fruits.	60'-80'	Sun - Part Shade	Good drainage, Moist	Moderately deer resistant. Highly salt tolerant. Provides	Pollinators, Small Mammals, Birds
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
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
Sambucus canadensis Black 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
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, Song
Spiraea virginiana Virginia Meadowsweet	May-Jul Jun-Sep	Cream to greenish-yellow colored flowers.	2' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Well-drained	Grows well in riparian habitats.	Pollinators
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
Vaccinium corymbosum 'Bluecrop' Highbush Blueberry 'Bluecrop'	Blooms in May; Fruit in July	White urn-shaped flowers bloom in the spring. Flowers can have a pale pink hue to them as well.	4'-6'	Full Sun-Part Sun	Moist, Well-drained	Edible dark blue berries. Deciduous shrub that grows in moist woods, bogs, swamps and low areas. Foliage turns coppery red in fall. Plant more than one variety that blooms at the same time to cross-pollinate for better crops.	Bees, Birds, Butterflies
Vaccinium corymbosum 'Bluejay' Highbush Blueberry 'Bluejay'	Blooms in May; Fruit in July	White urn-shaped flowers bloom in the spring. Flowers can have a pale pink hue to them as well.	4'-6"	Full Sun, Part Shade	Average-Moist, Acidic, Loamy, Well-drained	Edible dark blue berries. Deciduous shrub that grows in moist woods, bogs, swamps and low areas. Foliage turns coppery red in fall. Plant more than one variety that blooms at the same time to cross-pollinate for better crops.	Bees, Birds, Butterflies
Viburnum nudum Possumhaw	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 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