

Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Period	Flowers	Height	Light	Soil / Moisture	Notes	Wildlife Benefit
PERENNIALS							
Agastache scrophulariifolia Purple Giant Hyssop	Jul-Sep	3", upright spike of deep purple flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Average, Well- drained/ Moist	Fragrant flowers and licorice-scented foliage. Deadhead for a second bloom.	Butterflies, Birds, 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.	
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.	
Anaphalis margaritacea Pearly Everlasting	Jun-Oct	Globular whiter flowers with yellow centers on stalks with grey-green leaves.	1-3'	Sun-Part Shade	Sandy/gravelly/Dry	Dried flowers work well in flower arrangements. Used as salve for burns in folk medicine. Food source for adult American Lady butterfly, larval host for Painted Lady butterfly and skippers. Deer resistant.	Bees, Butterflies, Birds
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.	
Antennaria neglecta Field Pussytoes	Apr-Jun	Small white flowers resembling cottonballs.	0-1'	Sun	Clay-Loam/Dry	Creates an interesting ground cover. Host plant for American Lady butterfly. Supports conservation biological control.	Birds, 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. Deadhead for second bloom. Deer resistant.	Hummingbirds
Aquilegia canadensis 'Corbett' Yellow Columbine	Apr-Jun	Profuse, dangling, pale yellow flowers.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Moist-Dry	Short lived but self-seeds. Drought tolerant. Deadhead for second bloom. Deer resistant.	Hummingbirds
Arenaria stricta Stiff Sandwort	May-Jul	Large white flowers on short linear leaved stems	8"	Sun-Part Shade	Sandy/Dry	Theatened due to grazing. USDA Zone 3-8	
Arisaema triphyllum 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
Aristolochia serpentina Virginia Snakeroot	Apr-Jun	Yellow, purple pipe-shaped flowers	1'-3'	Shade	Avg/Dry	Showy groundcover. Host for pipevine swallowtail butterflies.	Butterflies
Asarum canadense Wild Ginger	Apr-May	Three-lobed & purple brown, underneath the foliage. Not showy.	6" - 12"	Part Shade- Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet-Moist	Plant as shady groundcover. Will naturalize. Prefers consistently soil moist.	
Asclepias incarnata Swamp Milkweed	Jul-Sep	Flat-topped clusters of rose-pink flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet-Moist	Use to naturalize wet areas. Very showy flowers. Orange aphids are common pests; can be dislodged w/water spray.	Butterflies, Monarch host
Asclepias syriaca Common Milkweed	Jun-Aug	Large round clusters of fragrant dusky brownish-purple flowers.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average/ Dry- Medium, well drained	Will tolerate heavy clay soil. Spreads by under-ground runners. Decorative dried pods. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Monarch host

Asclepias tuberosa Butterflyweed	Jun-Sep	Flat-topped clusters of bright orange flowers.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry-Medium	Drought tolerant. Doesn't transplant well. Comes up late & dies back early, esp. when young - mark location so you don't disturb or lose it. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Monarch host
Asclepias verticillata Whorled	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 Indigo Blue False	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 bracteata Cream White Indigo	May-Jun	Drooping clusters of cream to light yellow flowers.	2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/medium/ Medium Dry/ Dry	Drought tolerant, deer resistant. USDA Zone 4-9	Bumblebees.
Baptisia tinctoria Indigo Yellow False	Jul-Aug	Loose clusters of yellow pea-type blossoms.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry	Drought tolerant. Leaves can be used to make a very weak indigo dye. Does not transplant well once established. Deer and rabbit resistant.	Bumblebees, Butterfly host
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.	
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
Camassia 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. Used as food source by Indians and early explorers.	Bees, Butterflies
Chrysogonum virginianum Gold Green &	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
Claytonia virginica Spring Beauty	Mar-May	Pinkish white flowers with darker pink veins in a loose cluster in the top part of the stem.	4"-12"	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium	Attractive spring perennial is spectacular in large patches. Edible tubers. Dies back after seed capsules have ripened.	
Conoclinium coelestinum Blue Mistflower	Aug-Oct	Flat clusters of pale blue-purple flowers top leafy stems.	1' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Wet	Flowers resemble annual Ageratum. Spreads freely – looks good in large mass.	
Coreopsis auriculata Coreopsis Eared	May-Jun	2" yellow-orange daisies with yellow centers and shallow-lobed petals.	6" - 18"	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Ave., acid, Well-drained/ Moist-Medium	Divide every few years & discard older woody portions. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches
Coreopsis lanceolata Lance-	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,
Dicentra eximia Bleedingheart Pink Fern Leaf	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 woody areas. Deer resistant.	Songbirds, Beneficial insects
Echinacea pallida Coneflower Pale	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 Coneflower Purple	Jun-Sep	Large pink/purple daisy-flower with domed orange center.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Alkaline, Well-drained/ Medium	Prefers basic soil, add lime if soil is acidic. Deer resistant.	Butterflies, Goldfinches

Echinacea tenesseeensis Tennessee Coneflower	Jun-Aug	Slightly upturned purple petals around a coppery-orange cone.	1'- 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Moist-Dry	Like purple coneflower but slightly smaller with upturned petals and a less vigorous habit. Deer resistant. RARE.	Birds, butterflies
Equisetum hyemale Horsetail/ Scouring Rush	May-Sep	A non-flowering plant related to ferns; spores produced in terminal cone-like structures.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Wet- Moist	Often used in arrangements. Can be aggressive in wet sites/heavy clay. Good grown in a garden pool. Toxic if ingested.	
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,
Eupatoreum serotinum Late Flowering Boneset	Aug-Nov	Tiny white flowers in fuzzy clusters.	1'-3'	Part Shade	Moist- Sandy or Clay	Deer resistant	Butterflies, Birds
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
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
Gaura longiflora Large-flowered Beeblossum	Jul-Sept	Non-symetric 4 petaled pink flowers	6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/Medium Wet - Dry	Deer resistant. Provides late season blooms.	Bees, Butterflies
Geranium maculatum Wild Geranium	Apr-May	2" pale pink to lilac, five-petaled flowers.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-poor, Well- drained/ moist	Great for woodland gardens. Prefers rich soil, but will take poor soil.	Butterflies
Helenium autumnale Helen's Flower	Jul-Nov	Golden-yellow petals hang skirt-like around a spherical yellow center.	1.5' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist-Wet	Self sows. Also called sneezeweed for early medicinal use as snuff. Does NOT cause allergies.	Bees, Butterflies
Helenium flexuosum Helen Dark-Eyed	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 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
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.	
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.	
Iris cristata 'alba' White Dwarf Crested Iris	Apr-May	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.	
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	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.	
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

Liatris spicata Gayfeather	Jul-Sep	Tall densely flowered spikes of bright purple flowers with feathery stamens.	3' - 5'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Dry-Moist	Needs more moisture than other blazingstars. Water in drought periods. Good for clay soils.	Birds, Butterflies Hummingbirds
Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal	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.	
Macbridea caroliniana Bird's in a Nest	Aug	1" purplish/pink flowers with white streaks on petals.	1' - 2'	Sun	Rich/ Moist-Wet	Endangered in wild. Bog/marsh environments. Prefers soil to dry before watering. In mint family.	
Mimulus alatus Winged Monkeyflower	Jun-Sep	1" pink snapdragon-like flowers along a tall spike.	1 - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average/ Moist-Wet	Best in part shade and wet soil. Will naturalize if happy.	
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,
Monarda punctata Spotted	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 fruticosa Sundrops	Apr-Jun	Profuse clusters of 1", sunny yellow 4-petaled flowers.	1' - 2'	Sun	Average, Well-Drained/ Medium-Dry	Leaves often spotted with red. Basal leaves remain green through winter.	Butterflies
Oenothera macrocarpa Lg 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.	
Oligoneuron album Upland White Goldenrod	Jul-Aug	White daisy-like flowers with yellow centers in flat clusters on 12-18" stems.	12"- 18"	Sun	Neutral, Sandy loam/Dry	Grows more robust in fertile soils.	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,
Penstemon hirsutus Hairy Beardtounge	May-Jul	Open stalked clusters of 1" lavender, snapdragon-like flowers with white lips.	12" - 18"	Sun-Part Shade	Rich-Poor Well-drained/ Medium	Tolerates poor soil. Good rock garden plant that naturalizes easily in shade. Remove seed heads to prevent reseeding.	Butterflies,
Penstemon laevigatus Eastern Smooth Beardtounge	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,
Penstemon smallii Small's Beardtounge	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,
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 Dragonhead	False	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	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,	
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.		
Pontederia cordata Pickernelweed	Jun-Sep	6" spikes of pale blue/lavender flowers rise above rounded leaves.	2' - 3'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Clay/ Wet	Spreads by rhizomes to form dense stands. Plant at pond edges or in soil that is consistently moist. Provides shelter for wildlife.		
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.		
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	
Ratabida pinnatta Greyhead Coneflower	May - Sept	Yellow drooping petals surrounding a greyish central disc.	3' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Wide range of soils/ Dry-Moist	May need support without competition.	Birds, Butterflies, Bees	
Rudbeckia hirta Gloriosa	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 subtomentosa Sweet Black-eyed Susan	Jul-Sept	Bright yellow ray flowers surround dark cluster of disk flowers.	3'-6'	Part Shade	Average/Moist	Special interest for native bees	Birds, Bees, Butterflies	
Rudbeckia triloba Tri-Lobed Coneflower	Jul-Oct	Profuse 2" orange-gold daisies with brown centers.	2' - 4'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Dry	Produces large clusters of 2" flowers. Short-lived perennial, but self seeds.	Butterflies, Goldfinches	
Ruellia humilis Wild Petunia	May-Sep	2" pale lavender-blue flowers that look like they're made of tissue paper.	1' - 2'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Medium-Dry	Attractive ground cover, long bloom time. Drought tolerant.	Butterfly host	
Salvia azurea Azure 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-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	
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	
Scutellaria ovata Heart-Leaf	Apr-May	Spikes of 1" violet-blue flowers that resemble small snapdragons.	1' - 2'	Part Shade- Shade	Average-Poor, Well drained/ Dry	Foliage has a purple metallic appearance.	Butterflies, Bees	
Sedum ternatum Stonecrop	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	

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
Silphium trifoliatum Rosinweed Whorled	Jun-Sep	Branched clusters of large yellow daisies atop tall stems.	4' - 6'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Rich, Well-drained/ Moist-Medium	Will take more shade than most yellow daisies. Spreads by seeds scattered by goldfinches. Drought tolerant.	Butterflies, Bees Goldfinches,
Sisyrinchium angustifolium Grass Blue-Eyed	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.	
Solidago caesia Goldenrod Blue-Stem	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,
Solidago odora Goldenrod Sweet	Jul-Sep	Plumes of tiny gold flowers. Leaves smell like anise.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Dry	Does NOT cause allergies. Crushed leaves smell like licorice. Flower heads make good cut flowers.	Butterflies, Birds, Bees
Solidago rugosa Rough-	Aug-Oct	Long plumes of tiny fragrant golden flowers.	2' - 3'	Sun	Average-Poor/ Well-drained-Dry	Does NOT cause allergies. Interesting textured foliage. Drought tolerant.	Butterflies
Solidago sempervirens Seashore	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,
Stokesia laevis Stoke's	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,
Symphotrichum cordifolium Aster Blue Wood	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 laeve Smooth	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 patens Late	Sep-Oct	Small deep purple daisies with yellow centers.	2' - 4'	Sun	Average-Poor, Well-drained/ Wet	Airy open plant with widely spaced leaves. great mixed among other fall bloomers.	Butterflies
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.	
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
Vernonia glauca Upland	Aug-Sep	Clusters of wispy purple-pink flowers.	3' - 5'	Sun	Average/ Wet-Dry	Drought tolerant. Self-sows.	Butterflies
Viola primulifolia Primrose-leaf Violet	Mar-May	White violets with pale yellow throats.	3" - 6"	Sun-Shade	Average/ Moist- Wet	Low-growing. Spreads by creeping stems and seed.	Butterflies
Zephyranthes atamasco Atamasco Lily	Apr-May	Large white lilies that turn pink as they fade.	6" - 12"	Part Shade-Shade	Average, Well-drained/ Moist-Wet	Summer dormant, new leaves in late fall. Divide bulbs as clumps increase. TOXIC if ingested. Also called Jamestown lily.	
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							
Athyrium felix-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. Urn-like cluster of fronds. Colony forming.	3'-6'	Part Shade- Shade	Average-Rich/ Moist-Wet	Deciduous. Moist soil is key. Prefers cool places. Good to plant beside hostas and spring ephemerals.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Erect, brown, spore-bearing fronds 1' high. Not conspicuous.	1' - 2'	Sun-Shade	Average, Slightly Acidic/ Moist-Wet	Dies back after first frost. Colony-forming. Beautiful shade groundcover. Will tolerate sun if kept moist.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Osmunda cinnamomea Cinnamon Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Erect, spore-bearing spikes in Apr-May are attractive; resemble cinnamon sticks.	2' - 5'	Sun-Shade	Average-Poor/ Moist-Wet	Tolerates drought. Hummingbirds use frond-fuzz to line nests.	Frogs, Grouse, Hummingbirds
Osmunda claytoniana Interrupted Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Sterile fronds form vase shape around fertile fronds.	6'	Shade	Acidic - Average/Moist		
Osmunda regalis Royal Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Large, attractive, spore-bearing fronds in Apr-Jun.	2' - 6'	Sun-Shade	Average, Sandy/ Moist-Wet	Provides a great hiding spot for amphibians & small mammals.	Frogs, birds, salamanders
Polystichum acrostichoides Christmas Fern	NB	Non-blooming. Evergreen.	6" - 2'	Part Shade- Shade	Rich-Average/ Moist-Wet	Clump-forming. Easily grown in rock gardens, slopes, & shaded areas. Tolerates all soil types & some dryness.	Toads
GRASSES/RUSHES/SEDGES							
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.	
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							
Celastrus scandens American bittersweet	May-Jun	Small yellow-green to white flowers followed by clusters of red berris.	12'-36'	Sun-Shade	Well Drained/Dry- Moist	Deciduous vine. Provides cover and food for birds	Songbirds
Clematis virginiana Virgin's Bower	Aug-Sep	Profusion of 1" cream-colored flowers in fall.	20'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet	Skin contact with foliage causes short-lived bumpy rash in some people.	
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
Decumaria barbara Woodvamp	May-Oct	Round to oval smooth shiny deciduous leaves with fragrant flowers in flat topped terminal clusters.	12 - 36'	Part Shade	Rich, Acidic, Well- drained/ Moist	Great for South East gardens with seasonal flooding. Can be used as a ground cover or climber (only blooms when climbing). Maintains full leaf coverage from ground to canopy.	
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							
Amorpha fruticosa Indigo	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.	

Aronia arbutifolia Red	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 &
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.	
Cephalanthus occidentalis	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 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	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,
Cornus racemosa 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 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,
Corylus americana Hazelnut	Aug-Sep	Male catkins, insignificant female flowers; edible nuts.	8'	Sun-Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet- Medium	Multi-stemmed spreading shrub produces edible nuts relished by humans and wildlife.	Birds, Mammals
Euonymus americanus Strawberry Bush	May-Jun	Pale green flowers in spring followed by red "strawberry" shaped seed pods in fall.	6' - 12'	Part Shade- Shade	Average/ Moist-Dry	Unusual showy fruits and good fall color. DEER CANDY.	Songbirds, Mammals
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	Clear yellow fall foliage.	
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	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
Itea virginica Virginia	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
Magnolia virginiana Sweetbay	May-Jul	3" cream-colored, very fragrant flowers.	15'	Sun-Part Shade	Average, Well- drained/ Wet	Semi-evergreen single or multi-stem small tree. Spicy scented foliage.	Bees, Tiger Swallow-tail host
Myrica cerifera Wax Myrtle	Sep-Apr	Fruits on female plants. Berries used for scented "bayberry" candles.	30'	Sun-Part Shade	Average-Poor/ Dry- Wet	Evergreen. Tolerates low salinity. Nitrogen fixer. Fragrant leaves. Male & female plants – need both to get waxy, grey-blue berries.	Songbirds
Rhododendron arborescens Sweet Azelea	Jun-Jul	Groups of white to pink flowers with protuding stamens appear after leaf growth	8'-12'	Part Shade	Moist/Well Drained/ Acidic	Latest blooming native azelea. Red to purple leaf color in fall.	Bees
Rhododendron atlanticum Dwarf Azelea	Apr-May	Clusters of white to pinkish flowers with protuding stamens	1'-3'	Part Shade	Well Drained/Sandy/ Dry	Special interest to bumble bees	Birds,Bees

Rhododendron calendulaceum Flame Azalea	May-Jun	Clusters of red, orange, yellow flowers.	6'-12'	Part Shade	Moist/Well Drained/ Acidic	Subdued yellow to red fall color.	Birds,Bees
Rhododendron viscosum Azalea Swamp	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
Rosa carolina Carolina Rose	May	Showy fragrant pink flowers.	1' - 5'	Sun	Average - Poor, Well-drained/ Medium - Wet	Spreads by runners to form clumps/colonies. Mulch in summer to retain moisture and again in late fall to protect roots. Bright red hips in summer.	Songbirds, Butterflies
Sambucus canadensis Elderberry	May-Jun	Small white flowers in flat clusters up to 10 inches or more in diameter which are followed by clusters of small dark purple berries.	6'-12'	Part Shade	Most/Wet-Dry	Prefers rich,moist, slightly acidic soils. Provides nesting material for native bees. Supports conservation biological control. Berries can be used in jelly, preserves, pies, and wine.	Bees, Butterflies, Birds, mammals.
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,
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	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,
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 lentago Nannyberry	May Sep-Dec	Small white flowers in 4"-5" flat clusters give rise to blue-black fruits.	14' - 16'	Sun-Part Shade	Average Well- drained/ Medium	Variable fall color from greenish yellow to reddish purple.	Songbirds, Small mammals
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,
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
Aesculus paviflora Bottlebrush Buckeye	Jun-Jul	Long spikes of cylindrical white flowers.	6'-12'	Part Shade	Average/Moist/Well Drained	Good fall color.Tolerant of disease and insects. Good specimen plant under shade trees.	Hummingbirds,butt erflies,bees
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
Cercis canadensis Redbud	Apr-May	Very showy clusters of purple-pink flowers appear all over the tree in early spring.	25'	Sun-Part Shade		Showy small tree. Nitrogen fixer. Yellow fall color. Shade tolerant.	Butterflies, Songbirds

