



AMERICAN BEAUTIES
**NATIVE
PLANTS**

GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS





Yard Work

VS.

Gardening

Take the guess work out of gardening by providing plants that fit your site

- Sun
- Shade
- Wet
- Dry
- Sand
- Clay
- Woodland
- Deer pressure



Make your garden come alive!



What is a “native plant”?

- At American Beauties Native Plants, our definition is:
 - “**Native plants** are straight species and their cultivars, which are open pollinated selections of straight species.”
- **A cultivar is** a plant that has been selected and cultivated because of some unique quality such as: disease resistance, cold hardiness, height, flower form or color.
 - Sometimes interesting varieties are found in nature and brought into cultivation making them cultivated varieties or cultivars.

Aren't native plants just weeds?



Asclepias tuberosa
Butterfly Weed



Asclepias syriaca
Milkweed



Eupatorium maculatum
Joe Pye Weed

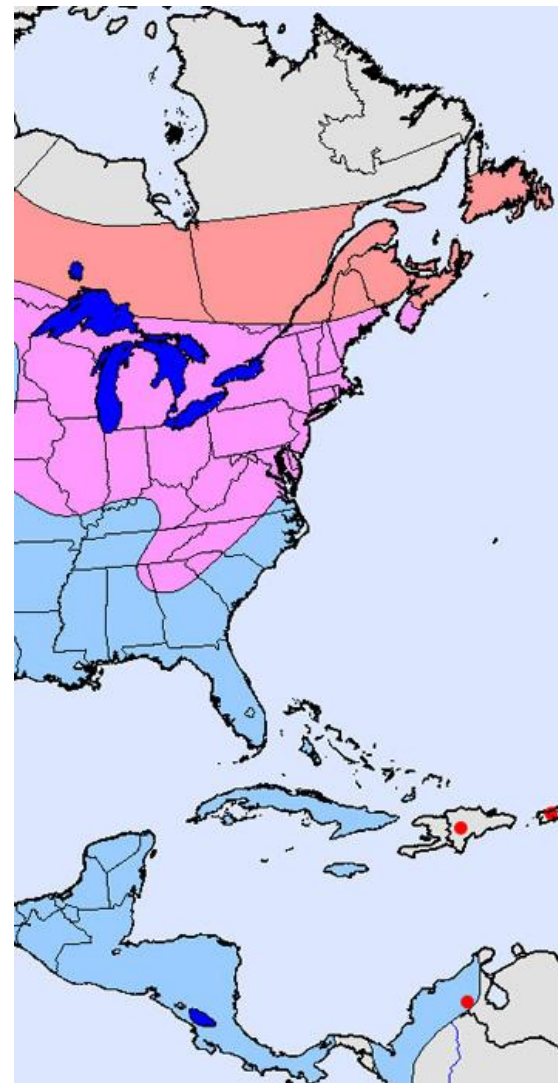
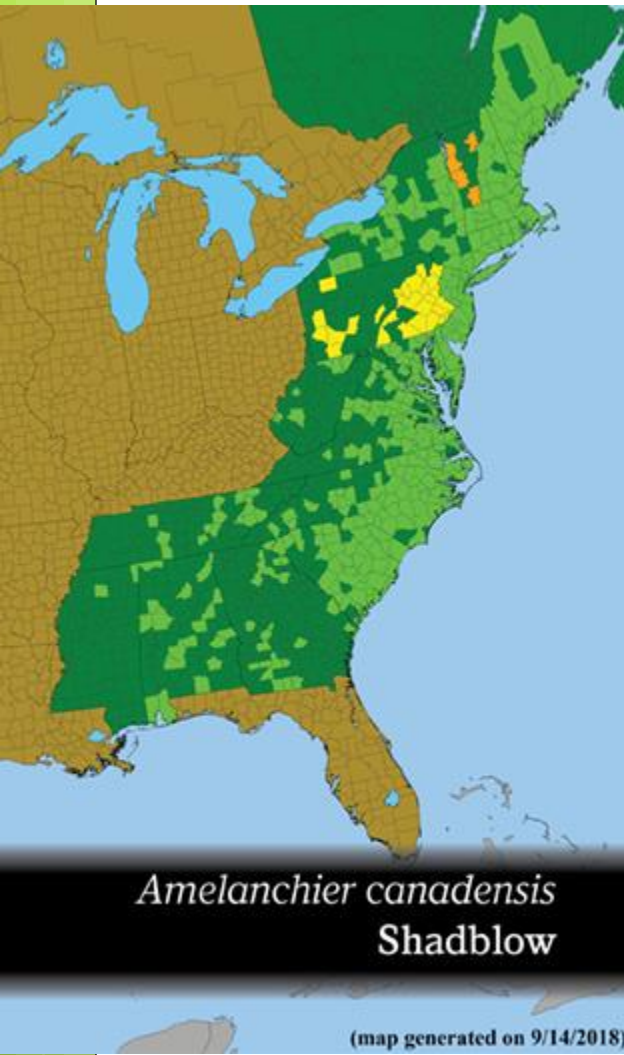


Vernonia noveboracensis
NY Ironweed

“A weed is simply a plant whose virtues we haven't yet discovered.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Native Range



Cedar Waxwing

Bombycilla cedrorum

- Permanent Resident
- Breeding Resident
- Nonbreeding Resident
- Passage Migrant
- Introduced
- Uncertain Status
- Vagrant

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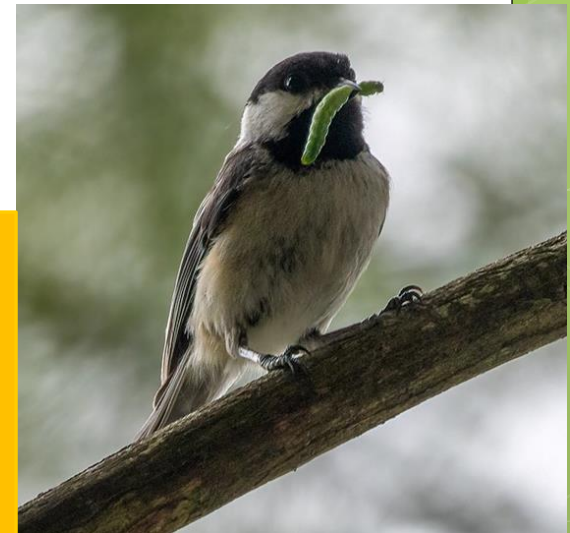
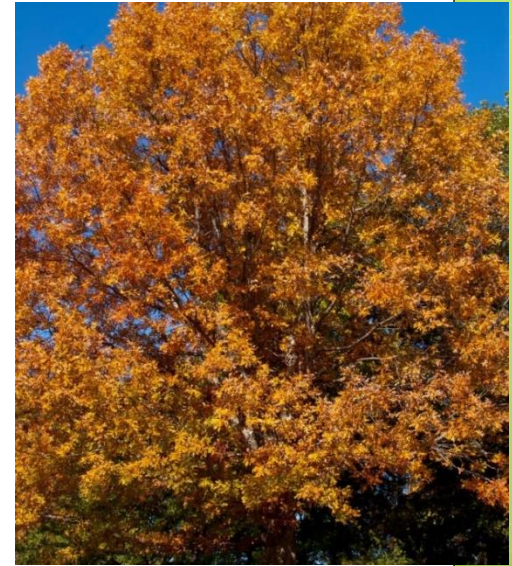
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Quercus alba- White Oak

Hardiness Zone: 3-9

Dimension: 50-80'T x 50-80'W

- White oak will slowly grow into a stately rounded, irregular crown.
- Many forms of wildlife feed on the acorns during the fall and winter including: Red-headed woodpeckers, turkey, deer, quail, chipmunks and even ducks.
- It is a larval food source for a number of Hairstreak butterflies



“...just 14% of our native plants are making 90% of the caterpillars that are out there.”

“Our latest research shows that oaks support over a thousand species of caterpillars compared to other good native plants.

-Doug Tallamy

Asclepias incarnata- Swamp Milkweed

Hardiness Zone:3-8

3-4'T x 1-2'W

Bloom Color: Pink Shades

- Attracts butterflies
- Upright growing
- Long, lance-like foliage
- Small, mauve-pink fragrant flowers late June through July
- Attracts birds
- Great in groups



Aristolochia macrophylla – Dutchman's Pipe

Hardiness Zone:4-8

10-30'T x 4-10'W

Bloom Color: Green Shades

Foliage Color: Green Shades

- Easy to Grow!
- Old-fashioned favorite
- Large heart-shaped, glossy green leaves
- Larval host plant for some butterflies
- Fast growing vine
- Covers 15' by 20' in one season



Aronia arbutifolia Brilliantissima

Brilliantissima Red Chokeberry

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

6-10'T x 3-5'W

Bloom Color: Green Shades

- Native
- Narrow, upright-growing shrub
- Great for grouping
- Foliage emerges shiny and dark green
- Small white flowers mid to late May
- Nectar attracts bees
- Brilliant red fall fruit attracts birds
- Bright red autumn foliage
- Easy to grow



Asimina triloba

Pawpaw

- Hardiness Zone:5-8
- Height:15-30 ft
- Spread:15-30 ft
- » Understory tree
- » Native to the Eastern US
- » Large, cylindrical yellow to green fruit
- » Attracts butterflies and various critters
- » Easy to care for
- » Deep brownish-purple flowers April to May



Azalea viscosum

Swamp Azalea

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

5-7'T x 6-8'W

Bloom Color: White to Pink Shades

- Thrives in part to full shade
- Beautiful white to pink blooms
- Fragrant
- Great fall color
- Looks good in borders
- Low maintenance
- Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
- Distinctive red-orange fall foliage color will brighten any darker border area that would welcome the presence of this remarkable deciduous gem.



Campsis radicans

Trumpet Vine

Hardiness Zone :4-8

20-30'T x 20-30'W

Bloom Color: Reddish-Orange Shades

- Excellent nectar source for hummingbirds
- Provides cover and nest sites for many birds
- Fast growing vine for hot, dry areas
- Larval host for the Trumpet Vine Sphinx moth
- Easy to grow and rewarding
- Profuse bloom of reddish-orange flowers
- Food source for a variety of native bees and insects
- Provide an essential nesting area for a big cross-section of our native songbirds



Cephalanthus occ. 'Crimson Comets'

Crimson Comets Buttonbush

Hardiness Zone: 5-9

6-10'T x 6-10'W

Bloom Color: White

Foliage Color: Red & Green

- Superb nectar provider for native pollinators
- Native birds love the seed from its fruit
- Outstanding provider of nesting and cover



Clethra Alnifolia

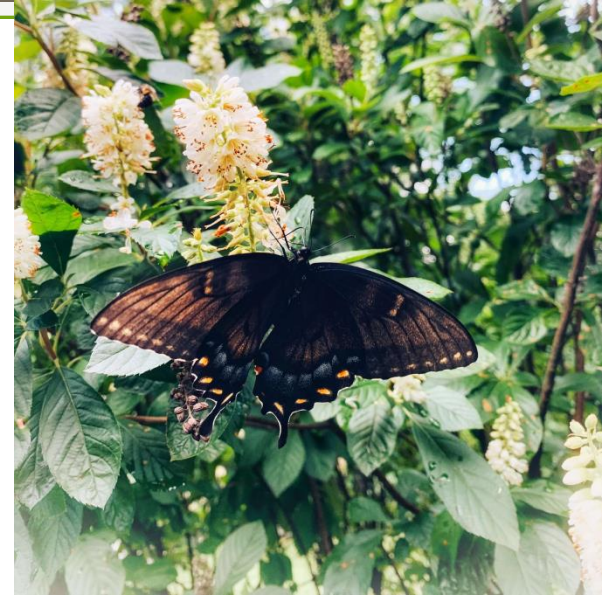
Summersweet

Hardiness Zone: 3-9

5-7'T x 5-6'W

Bloom Color: White

- Vase-shaped
- Fluffy, bottle brush-like, flowers
- Fragrant white flowers
- Glossy green foliage
- Yellow fall foliage
- Native
- Great accent, foundation or shrub border



Diervilla lonicera Copper

Copper Low Bush Honeysuckle

Hardiness Zone:3-8

2-3'T x 3-4'W

Bloom Color: Yellow

- Tough and tolerant
- Performs well in dry areas
- Dense form
- Late spring/early summer nectar filled yellow flowers that native insects prize
- Dry fruit capsules attract many birds in the fall and winter
- Coppery-red foliage adds a great dimension to an already underrated yet great little shrub



Hydrangea arb. Pinky Pollen Ring™

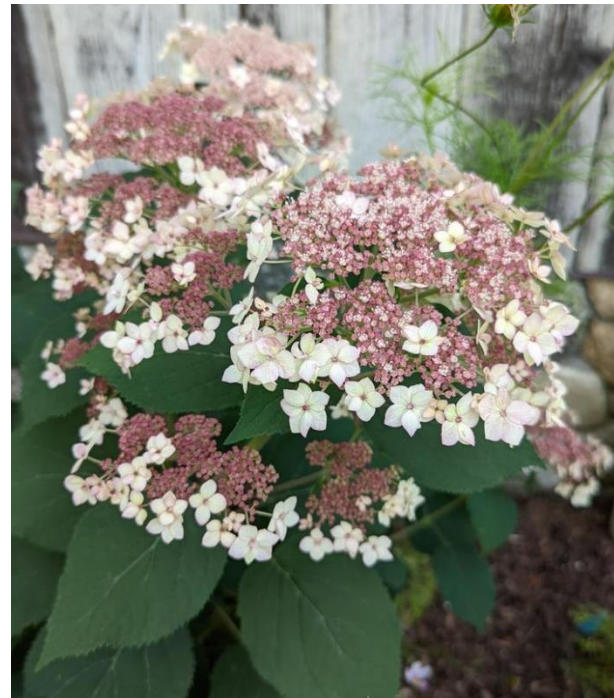
Smooth Hydrangea

Hardiness Zone:3-8

4-5'T x 4-5'W

Bloom Color: Pink

- Profuse lacecap blooms are a pollinator magnet
- Superb summer color atop strong, stiff stems
- Easy to grow and very hardy
- Loves part shade but tolerates full sun
- Great for grouping & naturalizing along wood



Lindera benzoin

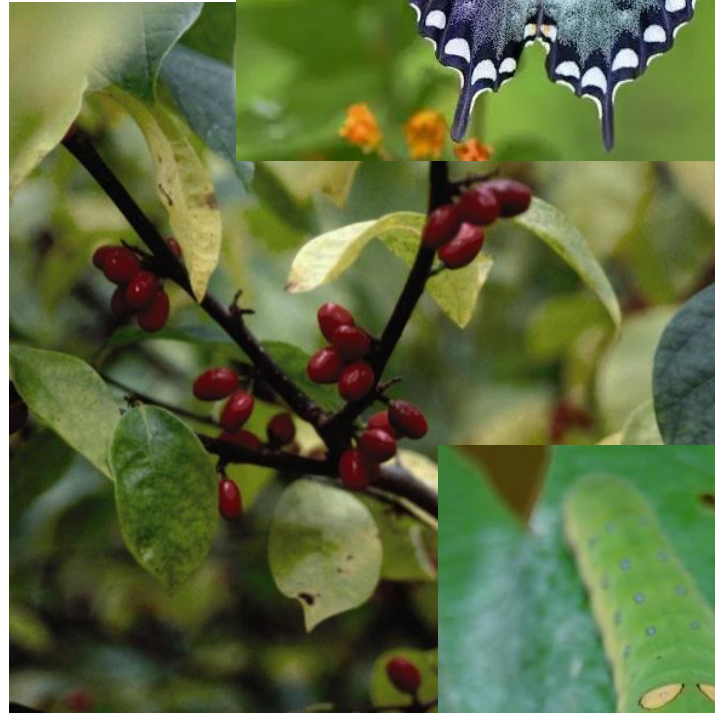
Spicebush

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

6-10'T x 6-10'W

Bloom Color: Greens & Yellows

- Versatile and easy to grow
- Oval and upright
- Tiny, yellow-green flowers attracts bees and butterflies
- Deep green leaves
- Red berries attract birds
- Showy yellow foliage color in fall



Nyssa sylvatica Wildfire

Wildfire Blackgum

Hardiness Zone: 5-9

30-50'T x 20-30'W

- Stunning red early season new foliage flush
- Unsurpassed fall color of vibrant shades of yellow, orange, and scarlet
- Tiny flowers attract loads of native insects
- Birds flock to the fruit and for cover



Physocarpus opu. Chroma Chameleon

Chroma Chameleon Common Ninebark

Hardiness Zone: 2-8

6-8'T x 6-8'W

Bloom Color: Pinks and whites

- Incredible color all throughout the season
- Large spring bloom attracts pollinators
- Fast growing, disease resistance, and drought tolerant



Rosa palustris

Swamp Rose

Hardiness Zone:3-8

6-7'T x 6-7'W

Bloom Color: Pink

- Round and dense
- Long blooming period June into September
- 3" diameter single flowers of bold pink
- Deep green, 7 leaflet foliage that covers the plant well
- Attracts birds, small mammals, bees and butterflies
- Great alone or in groups



Sambucus canadensis Adams

Adams Elderberry

Hardiness Zone:3-8

8-10'T x 8-10'W

Bloom Color: White

- Dense, round form
- Deep green foliage
- Profuse creamy white flowers in June
- Piles of small dark blue to black fruit later in the summer
- Attracts butterflies, birds, and small mammals
- Great as a specimen or in groups



Vaccinium corymbosum

Highbush Blueberry

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

5-7'T x 5-7'W

- Humans love the fruit- as do countless songbirds and small mammals!
- Bees and butterflies seek out the nectar from its May flowering
- Sizable, deep blue berries in August



Viburnum trilobum 'Wentworth'

Wentworth Viburnum

Hardiness Zone: 2-7

8-10'T x 8-10'W

Bloom Color: White

- Dense, rounded form
- Shiny, deep green foliage
- Creamy white flower heads late May
- Bunches of bright red fruit in late summer
- Great naturalizing plant
- Perfect for groupings and border plantings
- Hardy and easy to grow
- Attracts birds
- Great fall color



Carex pensylvanica

Pennsylvania Sedge

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

6-12”T x 6-12”W

- Glossy green foliage
- Yellow-brown flowers in late spring
- Attracts butterflies and birds
- Great for groups
- Since this plant thrives even under oaks, why not plant it in groups in this difficult area and watch it light up the darkness with greenery

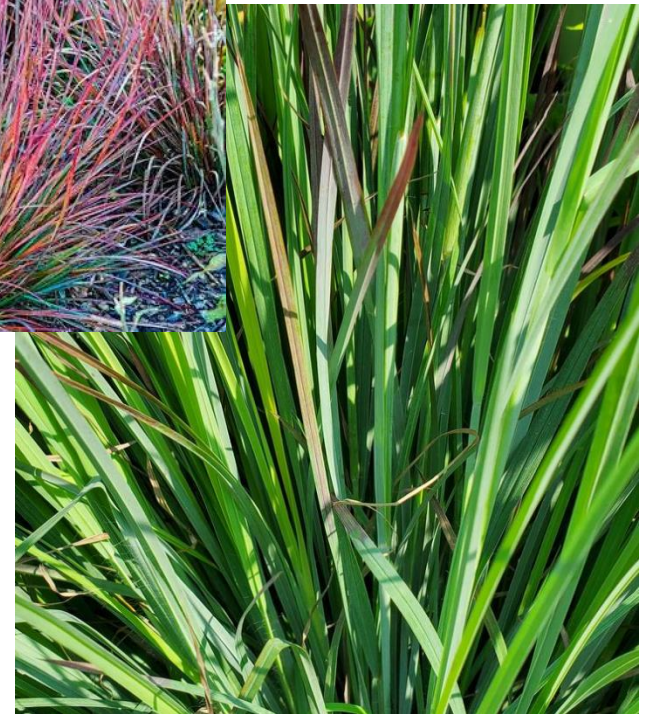


Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'

Standing Ovation Little Bluestem

Hardiness Zone:3-8
3-4'T x 10-12"W

- Drought resistant
- Easy to grow
- Attracts birds
- Bluish-green upright foliage
- Brilliant, fiery-colored foliage through fall
- Perfect for massing to form a colorful sweep!



Asarum canadense

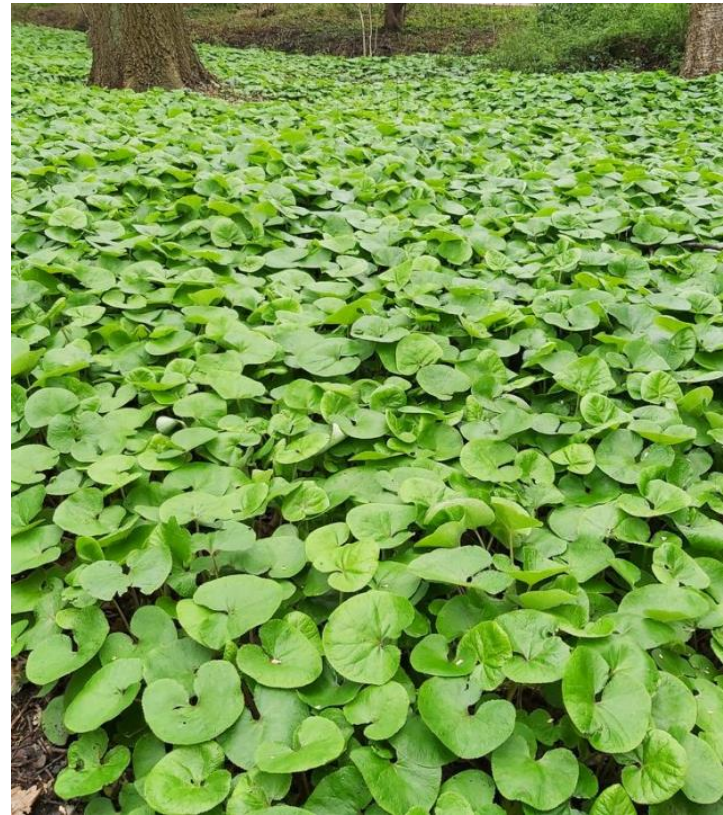
Wild Ginger

Hardiness Zone:3-7

8-10”T x 8-10”W

Bloom Colors: Purple

- Rounded, deep green, cup-like leaves
- Tight, low, spreading rug of green
- Provides protection for native garden critters
- Purplish-brown flowers
- Unique looking in the landscape



Baptisia australis

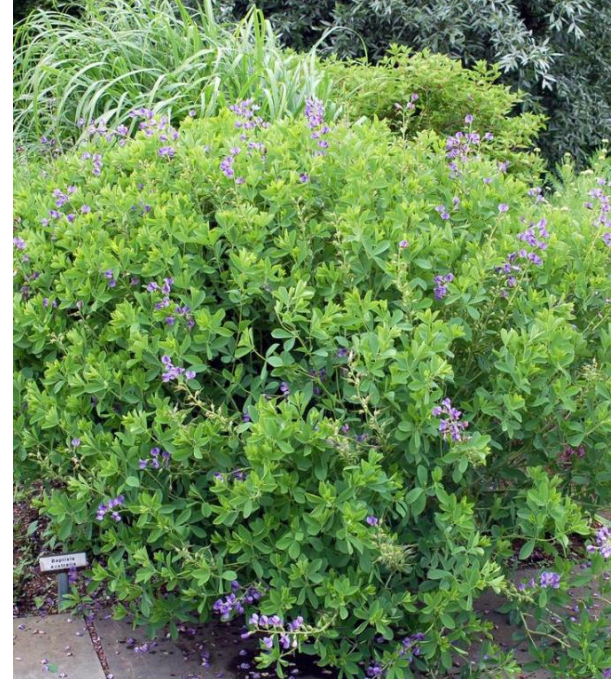
Blue Indigo

Hardiness Zone:3-8

3-4'T x 3-4'W

Bloom Color: Purple

- Stately and stunning
- Easy to grow
- Deep green foliage
- Large, hefty bush
- Large indigo flowers with long-lasting color
- Drought tolerant



Geum fragarioides

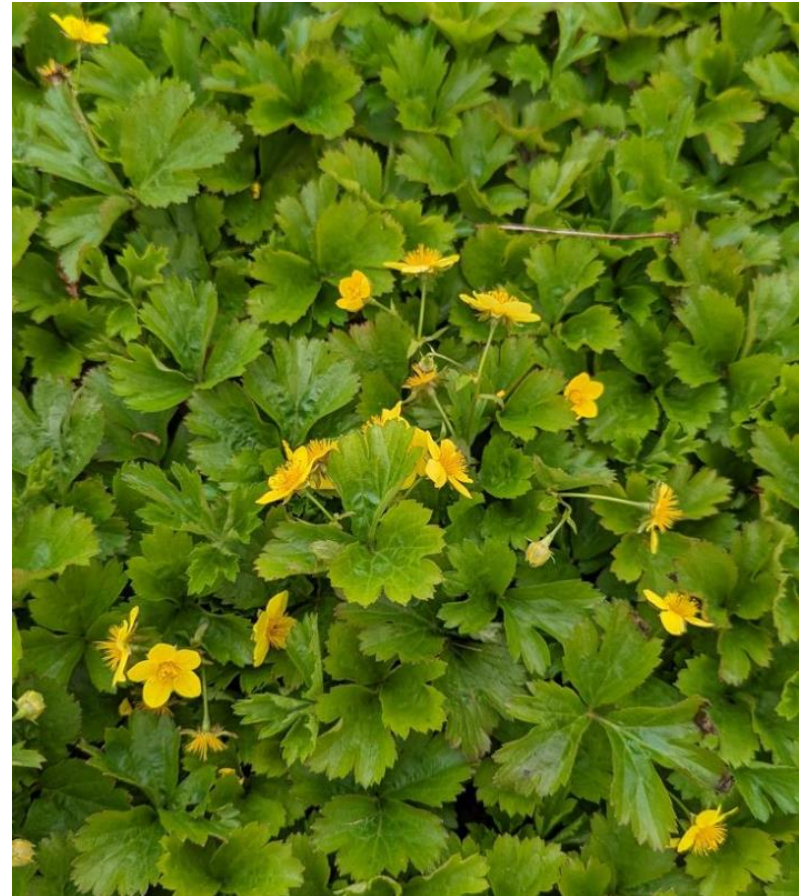
Barren Strawberry

Hardiness Zone:3-8

4-6”T x 12-18”W

Bloom Color: Yellow

- Also known as *Waldsteinia fragarioides*
- Tolerates full sun
- Dainty, single yellow flowers from April to July
- Easy to grow and pest free
- Forms a thick, weed choking groundcover
- Perfect for massing in sunny areas
- Evergreen with bronze winter color



Iris versicolor 'Purple Flame'

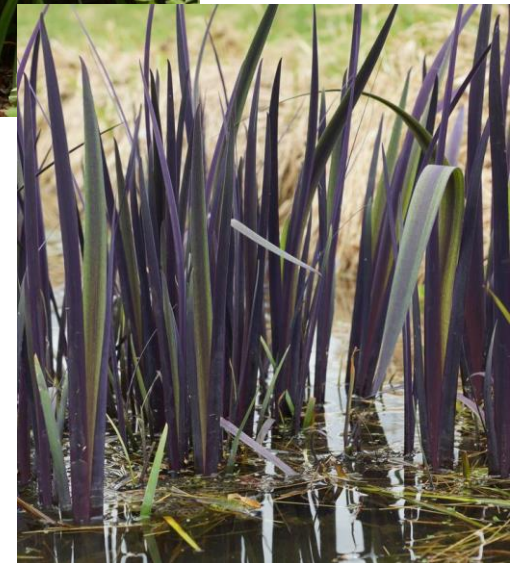
Purple Flame Northern Blueflag

Hardiness Zone:2-7

2-3'T x 2-3'W

Bloom Color: Blue

Foliage Color: Green &
Purple



- Early foliage is purple then transitions to green
- Best color achieved in moist soils
- Intense blue flowers

Liatris spicata

Spike Gayfeather

Hardiness Zone:3-8

3-5'T x 18-24"W

Bloom Color: Pinks & Purples

- Hummingbird and butterfly magnet!
- Long blooming with big, showy bloom spikes
- Perfect for massing at the back of a garden
- Great for late season and perfect for cutting
- Easy to grow and drought tolerant



Lysimachia lanceolata Burgundy Mist

Lance-leaved Loosestrife

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

1-2'T x 1-2'W

Bloom Color: Yellow

- Showy groundcover that blooms all summer
- Brilliant wine red foliage enhances bloom color
- Summer-long show of bright, yellow flowers
- Perfect for massing in a garden front
- Very showy in a mixed perennial deck container
- A garden standby for native pollinators



Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'

Jacob Cline Bee Balm

Hardiness Zone: 3-8

3-4'T x 3-4'W

Bloom Color: Red

- Easy to grow
- Aggressive grower
- Fragrant foliage
- Strongly upright, square stems
- Scarlet, 3" long tubular flowers bloom in July into September



Packera aurea

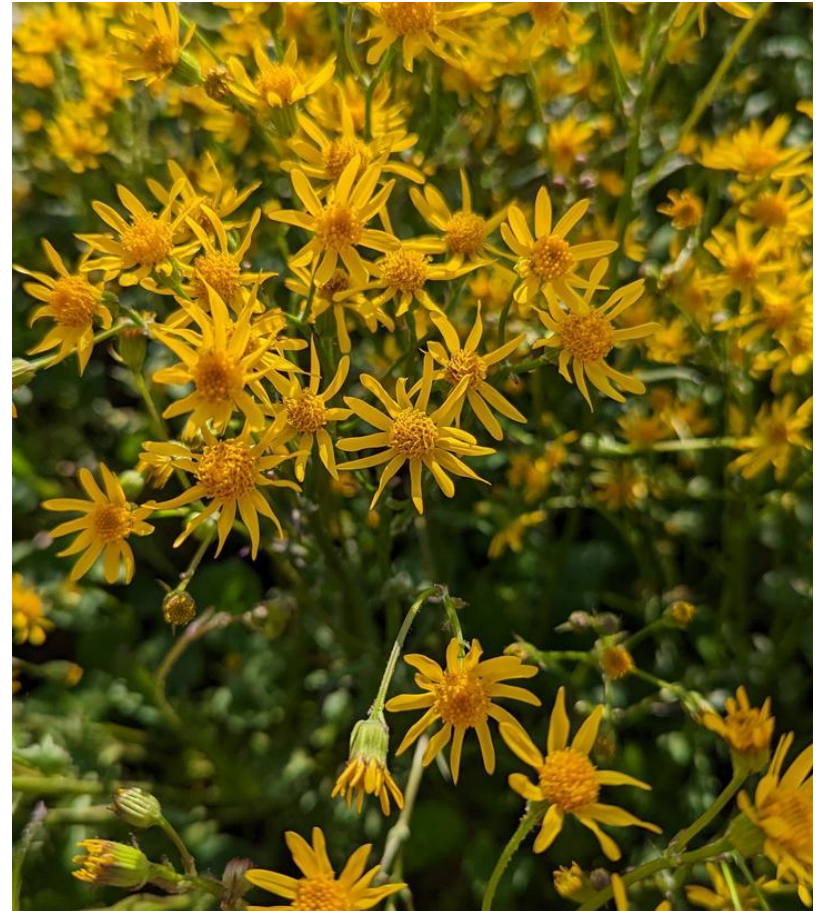
Golden Ragwort

Hardiness Zone:3-8

6-8”T X 18-24”W

Bloom Color: Yellow

- Tough and aggressive-growing
- Early to mid-spring brings golden, daisy-like flowers
- Deep green foliage remains semi-evergreen in many spots
- Spreads thickly to form a ground covering mat
- Synonymous with and still frequently sold as *Senecio aureus*



Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'

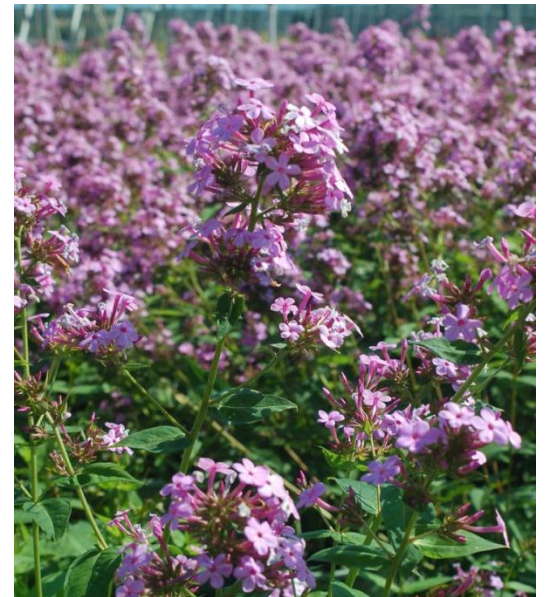
Jeana Garden Phlox

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

2-4' T x 2-3' W

Bloom Color: Pink

- A butterfly and hummingbird magnet
- Sweetly scented lavender-pink flowers from midsummer through autumn
- Unique tiered effect
- Outstanding powdery mildew resistance
- Outstanding cut flower
- Perfect for grouping in the back of a garden



**2024
PERENNIAL
PLANT OF
THE YEAR**

Scutellaria 'Appalachian Blues'

Appalachian Blues Skullcap

Hardiness Zone: 4-8

20-24”T x 20-24”W

- Dainty periwinkle & white blooms
- Loves the sun or shade
- Compact, clumping habit
- Pollinator friendly
- Summer bloomer



Solidago

Goldenrod – **NOT RAGWEED!**

- Solidago bicolor
(Silverrod/White Goldenrod)
- Solidago caesia
(Bluestem Goldenrod)
- Solidago graminifolia
(Grass-leaved Goldenrod)
- Solidago odora
(Sweet Goldenrod)
- Solidago rugosa Fireworks
(Fireworks Goldenrod)



Spigelia marilandica 'Little Red Head'

Little Red Head Indian Pink

Hardiness Zone:5-9

24-28”T x 20-24”W

Bloom Color: Red

- Beautiful native wildflower
- Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and pollinators
- Crimson, red, trumpet-shaped flowers tipped in yellow
- Grows well in sun or shade



Provide for them all year



TEAMING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Pollinator Pathway



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GARDENING ON A HIGHER LEVEL

Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden
Use the arrangement below to have a continuous garden - spring, summer, & fall

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