



Native Plant Sale

SPRING 2025



Liatris squarrosa
by Tom Potterfield


Member Day: Friday, May 2
Open to the Public: Saturday, May 3

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE
543 Way Road, Greenville

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Native Plant Sale

Details and Catalog Guide

SALE DAYS

Dates

Member Day: May 2: 2 pm – 7 pm
 Open to public: May 3: 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Coverdale Farm Preserve,
 543 Way Rd, Greenville, DE

Wagons: Consider bringing your own wagon as availability is limited.

Payments accepted: Major credit cards, checks, or cash (entry is free)

Membership Card: Our membership card is now online. Need help? Call 302.239.2334

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED





Sign up online to help with setup and sale days.

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- 1 **Botanical Name**
- 2 **New plant**
 A plant new to our sale
- 3 **Height & Width**
 Plant size in feet and/or inches
- 4 **Common name and description**
- 5 **Wildlife**
 Shows whether plant attracts pollinators:
 Butterflies/moths
 Bees
 Blrds
- 6 **Edible**
 Parts of plant are edible for people
- 7 **Color**
 Color of the flower
- 8 **Bloom-time**
 Months plant is in bloom
- 9 **Sunlight**
 Light needs
FS Full sun
PS Part sun
SH Full shade
- 10 **Soil Moisture**
 Moisture needs
W Wet
M Moist
D Dry

7 8 9 10
Yellow Apr-May FS, PS M

1 **Aquilegia canadensis** NEW 2

3 Height: 12-18" Width: 8-12" P, C 11

4 *Wild Columbine* Dainty; plant with blue flowers for contrast. 

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- 11 **Range**
- C:** Coastal Plain of Delmarva Peninsula, So. Ea. PA, So. NJ
- EC:** Coastal Plain of Ea. US (outside of our region)
- P:** Piedmont of Delmarva Peninsula, So. Ea. PA, So. NJ
- EP:** Piedmont of Ea. US (outside of our region)
- EM:** Eastern Mountains
- X:** Cross of two species/cultivars



This catalog shows MOST plants that will be on sale. Actual availability changes until day of sale.

Plant Pricing: Actual pricing depends on many variables and can often change up until the last minute, so pricing is not included in this catalog. However, most herbaceous plants (flowers, grasses, ferns) range from \$10 to \$15, most shrubs and trees range from \$25 to \$50.

Note: Delaware Nature Society has made every effort to avoid neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides being used on our plants. *However, we cannot guarantee that every plant is pesticide-free.*

Beauty Meets Purpose

Dear Friends,

It's been a frigid winter in Delaware and like many of you, we're eager to shake off that winter dormancy and start gardening!

While cold winters can feel like a hassle, native plant seeds are naturally adapted to cold weather. Some species require cold, moist conditions to break down their seed coat and begin germinating—a process called cold stratification. For plants like Milkweed, which Monarchs rely on to complete their lifecycle, this process is essential.

This year at our Native Plant Sale, we will be offering several native species that are of special significance to Delaware's ecosystems. Look for those marked as species of conservation concern, which are rare plants identified in the Flora of Delaware database (DNREC). These plants are critical to protect as part of our state's commitment to preserving biodiversity.

For over three decades, Delaware Nature Society has been proud to support the use of native plants through our annual Native Plant Sale. But our mission goes far beyond the sale itself. From individual and community gardens to large nature preserves, native plants are vital to resilient, healthy ecosystems.

In our preserves and natural areas, we focus on controlling invasive, non-native plants, which allows the regeneration of native species that are essential for wildlife. In urban settings, we are partnering with community gardens to support their specific needs that provide nourishment to both people and pollinators. One of our exciting projects, the Wilmington Pollinator Pathway and Food Resiliency Project, is developing an integrated network of gardens to support both pollinator and community food sources directly with those in greatest need.

Our efforts are shaped by years of experience in land management, regenerative farming, and fostering the connection between people and nature. We continue this important work thanks to supporters like you!

Join us by prioritizing native plants in your gardens. Together, we can ensure that our landscapes remain beautiful, diverse, and ecologically balanced.

We look forward to seeing you at our Native Plants Sale, where beauty meets purpose!

Happy planting!



Kristen Travers
Director of Conservation



Kerry Wilson
Habitat Outreach Manager

Our Mission

Connecting people and nature to create a healthy environment for all through education, conservation, and advocacy.

For more than 60 years, DelNature has been a leader in nature education, land preservation, wildlife protection, and watershed stewardship. Our impact is made possible through collaboration with members, donors, volunteers, and community partners. We are proud to be the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.



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Noteworthy Natives

According to DNREC, over a quarter of Delaware's native plants are considered rare and species of conservation concern due to factors including development, habitat loss, and climate change. Species of conservation concern are those species that are identified as rare in the state according to the Flora of Delaware Database (delflora.org/flora) and are a priority for protection. By including some of these plants in your native garden, you can help increase the biodiversity of your landscape and help build back habitat for local and migrating wildlife. Some of the species available at our Native Plant Sale are listed below.

Agastache nepetoides, Yellow Giant-hyssop

Aplectrum hyemale, Puttyroot

Aquilegia canadensis, Wild Columbine

Caltha palustris, Marsh Marigold

Chamaelirium luteum, Fairy Wand

Comptonia peregrina, Sweet-Fern

Dryopteris goldiana, Goldie's Wood-Fern

Eurybia spectabilis, Showy Aster

Gentiana andrewsii, Closed Bottle Gentian

Helianthus divaricatus, Woodland Sunflower

Heliopsis helianthoides, Ox-eye Sunflower

Lupinus perennis, Wild Lupine

Oenothera fruticose, Narrowleaf Evening-primrose

Penstemon hirsutus, Hairy Beardtongue

Penstemon laevigatus, Eastern Smooth Beardtongue

Phlox divaricata, Woodland Phlox

Pycnanthemum incanum, Hoary Mountain Mint

Rosa virginiana, Virginia Rose

Silene virginica, Fire Pink

Solidago ulmifolia, Elmleaf Goldenrod

Spirea alba, Narrowleaf Meadowsweet

Taxodium distichum, Bald-cypress

Veronicastrum virginicum, Culver's-root

Zizia aptera, Heart-leaved Meadow Parsnip

Zizia aurea, Golden-Alexanders





Carex pensylvanica



Schizachyrium scoparium



Muhlenbergia capillaris

Grasses

Green/brown May PS, SH D, M

Carex albicans

Height: 15-20" Width: 18" P, C
White-tinge Sedge Fine texture; grass-like tufts; excellent for dry shade, erosion.

Green Apr-May SH, PS M

Carex amphibola

Height: 8-12" Width: 8-12" P, C
Eastern Narrow-leaved Sedge Compact; good for erosion control or floodplain; semi-evergreen.

Greenish April FS, PS, SH M, D

Carex pensylvanica

Height: 6-10" Width: 14-20"+ P, C
Pennsylvania Sedge Fine-textured, spreading; for dry shade, slopes. 🌿🍂

White Apr-Jul PS M

Carex radiata NEW

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' EC, PC
Eastern Star Sedge Use as a groundcover or edging in shade or mass with wildflowers for a more natural look in your garden. 🌿

White Apr-Jul PS, SH D, M

Carex rosea NEW

Height: 1' Width: 1-2' EC, EP
Rosy Sedge Semi-evergreen tufted woodland sedge to add en masse to the garden or mixed with other wildflowers.

Aug-Sept FS, PS M, W

Juncus effusus

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' P, C
Lamp (Soft) Rush Evergreen; interesting tubular form; for waterside or moist border.

Pink Sept-Nov FS, PS D, M

Muhlenbergia capillaris

Height: 18-36" Width: 16-32" P, EC
Hair-awn Muhly A stunning pink cloud; combine with meadow flowers.

Pinkish July-Sept FS M, W, D

Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'

Height: 3-4' Width: 3-4' C, EP
Switchgrass Showy red fall foliage, tough plant. 🌿

Silver Aug-frost FS D

Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'

Height: 3-4' Width: 1' P, C
Little Bluestem Tight, upright habit; bluish leaves turn orange to purple-brown, fall. 🌿

Aquatic

Yellow Apr-June FS, PS W, M

Caltha palustris

Height: 12-18" Width: 8-12" P, C
Marsh Marigold Large, buttercup-like flowers; for wet soil or water's edge. 🌿

Salmon-red May-frost FS, PS M

Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler'

Height: 3-8' Width: 1-10' P, C
Trumpet Honeysuckle Resists powdery mildew; many flowers; hummingbirds love it! 🌿🍂🐦

Lilac blue May-June FS, PS M, W

Wisteria frutescens 'Amethyst Falls'

Height: 10-30' Width: 6-8' EP
American Wisteria Cascading blooms; less aggressive than Asian species. 🌿🍂



Passiflora incarnata



Lonicera sempervirens



Osmundastrum cinnamomeum

Ferns

Athyrium filix-femina

Height: 24-30" Width: 24" P, C

Lady Fern Lacy fronds provide beautiful backdrop for flowers spring to fall.

PS, SH M

Dennstaedtia punctilobula

Height: 18-30" Width: 3-4' P, C

Hay-scented Fern Groundcover; even takes dry sunny spots; lacy, bright green.

FS, PS D, M

Dryopteris carthusiana

Height: 1-3' Width: P, C

Spinulose Wood Fern Fronds yellow in fall; can be found in swamps.

PS, SH M, W

Dryopteris goldiana

Height: 3-4' Width: 28-38" P, C

Goldie's Wood Fern Tall, leathery, arching fronds abruptly tapering at the tip.

PS, SH M

Dryopteris marginalis

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P, C

Marginal (Eastern) Wood Fern Evergreen; vase-shaped; takes dry shade or floodplain.

PS, SH M

Osmunda claytoniana

Height: 2-4' Width: 3-4' P, C

Interrupted Fern Distinctive fronds; good cover for ground-nesting birds and wildlife.

PS, SH M, W, D

Osmundastrum (Osmunda) cinnamomeum

Height: 2-5' Width: 2-4' P, C

Cinnamon Fern Cinnamon-colored spikes; graceful. ✂

PS M, W

Polystichum acrostichoides

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P, C

Christmas Fern Leathery, evergreen; good for slopes; mix with delicate plants.

PS, SH M

NATIVE PLANT SALE EARLY ACCESS

Thursday, May 1, 5 pm - 7 pm
Coverdale Farm Preserve

An exclusive invitation-only event for DelNature Guardians*. Enjoy wine and cheese and early access shopping. Experts will be available to guide your selection of beautiful plants best suited for you.

*Guardian level donors are members and donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually.





Aquilegia canadensis



Antennaria plantaginifolia



Allium cernuum

Perennials

White June-July PS M

Actaea (Cimicifuga) racemosa

Height: 3-8' Width: 3-4' P, C

Black Bugbane (Cohosh) Tall candles light up summer garden and feed small pollinators. ✂️

White Apr-May PS, SH M

Actaea pachypoda

Height: 18-30" Width: 12-16" P, EC

White Baneberry (Doll's Eyes) Pretty but non-edible ivory fruits extend interest into late summer. ✂️

Yellow-green July-Sep FS, PS M, D

Agastache nepetoides NEW

Height: 3-8' Width: 1-3' P, C

Yellow Giant-hyssop Rare in Del.; long blooming; takes heat and humidity, resists deer. ✂️

Lilac pink July-Aug FS, PS D, M

Allium cernuum

Height: 8-24" Width: 8-12"+ EP

Nodding Onion Cascading droplets of flowers; tuck in among other flowers, ferns. ✂️

White June-Oct FS, PS D

Anaphalis margaritacea NEW

Height: 1-3' Width: 2.5" EC, EP

Western Pearly Everlasting Larvae host for American Lady butterflies and food for Painted Lady butterflies. Commonly used in dried flower arrangements. ✂️

White June FS, PS, SH M, D

Anemone virginiana

Height: 1-3' Width: 12-16"+ P, C

Thimbleweed Pretty late-spring blooms; neat seedheads; very adaptable. ✂️

White May FS, PS M, D

Antennaria plantaginifolia

Height: 3-12" Width: 8-24" P, C

Woman's-tobacco (Pussytoes) Larval host of American Lady butterfly; ground cover, rock garden. ✂️

Greenish-purp May PS, SH M

Aplectrum hyemale

Height: 10-24" Width: 8" P, EC

Puttyroot Stalks of tiny orchids; solitary, pleated leaf appears in fall.

Red/yellow Apr-May FS, PS M

Aquilegia canadensis

Height: 2-3' Width: 8-12" P, C

Wild Columbine Colorful, delicate early blooms draw early hummingbirds. ✂️

Green/purp Apr-May PS, SH M

Arisaema triphyllum

Height: 12-30" Width: 1' P, C

Jack-in-the-pulpit Unusual hooded flower; set it off with ferns, woodland flowers. ✂️

Maroon April PS, SH M

Asarum canadense

Height: 6-12" Width: 12-18"+ P, C

Wild Ginger Bold; groundcover for banks or under trees and shrubs.

Mauve July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Asclepias incarnata

Height: 2-5' Width: 2' P, C

Swamp Milkweed Magnet for butterflies; good with Monarda, Eutrochium, grasses. ✂️

Pink June-July FS M, D

Asclepias syriaca

Height: 3-6' Width: 3' P, C

Common Milkweed Fragrant flowers; monarch feeding station; decorative pods. ✂️



Asclepias incarnata



Asclepias verticillata



Blephilia ciliata

Perennials

Orange June-Aug FS D

Asclepias tuberosa

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P, C

Butterfly Weed Large clusters of bright flowers draw many pollinators. 🦋🐝

Creamy July-Sept FS D

Asclepias verticillata

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P, C

Whorled Milkweed Scented flowers; fine-textured foliage; larval host for Monarchs. 🦋🐝

Purple, Blue May-Aug PS, SH D

Blephilia ciliata NEW

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' EC, PC

Downy Wood Mint Unique stacked flowers provide early season pollinator support. 🦋🐝

Yellow-green Apr-May PS, SH M

Caulophyllum thalictroides

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P

Blue Cohosh Deep blue summer fruit; attractive form and foliage. 🦋🐝

White Apr-Aug FS D

Cerastium arvense NEW

Height: 1.5' Width: 1-3' EC, EP

Field Chickweed Nice addition to your spring wildflower display. Spreads readily forming dense matted colonies. Cutting flower stems prevents self-seeding.

White May PS M

Chamaelirium luteum

Height: 8-30" Width: 6" P

Fairy Wand Very rare; male and female flower stalks rise above basal rosettes.

White Sept-Oct FS, PS M, W

Chelone glabra

Height: 2-4' Width: 2' P, C

Turtlehead Snapdragon-like flowers; attracts butterflies; lovely with Conoclinium. 🦋🐝

Pink Mar-Apr PS, SH M

Claytonia virginica

Height: 4-12" Width: 3"+ P, C

Virginia Spring-beauty Star-like flowers form a very early carpet of woodland color. 🦋🐝

SPRING CLEANING Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Weed, while also removing seedlings of undesirable plants, but do not leave empty spaces.
- Lightly mulch with leaf compost, if desired.
- Selectively prune shrubs over two years old.
- Assess your garden and determine if additional plants are needed to fill in any bare space that may promote weed growth.
- Divide & transplant perennials to fill in gaps/expand gardens.
- Cut back dead flowers and grass stems once temperatures remain above 50°F to stubble of varying heights (8" to 22" tall) to provide nest cavities for native bees, whose larvae will develop over a year inside the stems and hatch the next growing season (new plant growth will hide the stubble).



Heliopsis helianthoides



Geranium maculatum



Heuchera americana

Perennials

Blue Aug-Oct FS, PS M

Conoclinium (Eupatorium) coelestinum

Height: 2-3' Width: 3'+ C, EP
Mistflower (Wild Ageratum) Butterflies love it; good cut flower; likes moist but happy in dry, too. 🌿🦋

Yellow June-July FS D, M

Coreopsis verticillata

Height: 24-28" Width: 24-40" EP, EC
Whorled Tickseed More airy habit than cultivars, so not prone to powdery mildew. 🌿🦋

Violet Apr-May FS, PS M

Delphinium tricorne

Height: 8-18" Width: 8-12" EP
Dwarf Larkspur Show-stopping color; summer dormant; plant with ferns, sedges. 🌿

White April PS M

Dicentra cucullaria

Height: 8" Width: 8" P
Dutchman's-breeches Frosty blue-gray foliage over lightly fragrant flowers; summer dormant. 🌿

White or Pink Apr-May PS, SH M

Dodecatheon meadia

Height: 9-18" Width: 9" EP
Shooting-star Delicate blossoms like those of cyclamen. 🌿

White Sept FS, PS M

Doellingeria (Aster) umbellata

Height: 3-7' Width: 3-4' P, C
Flat-topped White Aster Towering blooms resemble the flowers of Joe-Pye Weed; a wonderful meadow plant.

Magenta July-Aug FS, PS M

Echinacea purpurea

Height: 2-3' Width: 18-24" EP
Purple Coneflower Dangling petals; goldfinches, juncos, butterflies love it. 🌿🦋🐦

Rose-purple June-Aug FS, PS M

Echinacea purpurea Pow Wow® Wild Berry

Height: 16-20" Width: 12-16" EP
Purple Coneflower Smashing raspberry-colored daisies on compact, bushy plants. 🌿🦋

Rose June-Aug FS, PS D, M

Echinacea purpurea 'Primadonna Deep Rose' NEW

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-2' X
Purple Coneflower Stems of this cultivar are wide and sturdy. Adaptable and tolerant of drought, heat, humidity, and poor soils. Mass with Rudbeckias. 🌿🦋

Deep pink July-Aug FS, PS D, M

Echinacea purpurea 'Ruby Star' ('Rubinstern')

Height: 2-3' Width: 18-24" EP
Purple Coneflower Known for its vibrant flowers. 🌿🦋

White March-April PS M

Enemion biternatum

Height: 6-8" Width: 6" EP
False Rue-Anemone Beautiful in a woodland garden; similar to Rue-Anemone.

White, Yellow, Lavender Apr-June PS, SH D, M

Erigeron pulchellus 'Lynnhaven Carpet'

Height: 12-16" Width: 18-24" X
Robin's Plantain Dense green-gray leaves and mat-forming habit creating a low-growing groundcover.


Pink July-Aug FS,PS M,W

Eupatorium fistulosum 'JoJo' NEW

Height: 3-4' Width: 2' X
'JoJo' Joe-Pye Weed A shorter, more compact stature and upright habit make this plant a great fit for managed landscapes. Combined with a longer, brighter, showier flower display, 'JoJo' is a visual knockout in the garden.


White July-Oct FS,PS M

Eupatorium rotundifolium NEW

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' EC, EP
Roundleaf Thoroughwort Ideal for enhancing biodiversity and providing wildlife habitat in your rain garden or native plant landscape. Resistant to black walnut. 


White July-Sept FS, PS D

Euphorbia corollata

Height: 2-3' Width: 16-24" P, C
Flowering Spurge Airy sprays of flowers like baby's breath; attracts beneficial insects. 


Lavender Sept-Oct FS D, M

Eurybia (Aster) spectabilis

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' C, EP
Showy Aster Large, showy flowers; leaves burgundy in fall and winter; rare. 


Lavender-rose Aug-Sept FS, PS M, W

Eutrochium (Eupatorium) dubium 'Baby Joe'

Height: 2-3' Width: 15-18" P, C
Coastal Plain Joe-Pye Weed For small spots or containers; no flopping; tolerates a bit of shade. 


Deep mauve July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Eutrochium (Eupatorium) dubium 'Little Joe'

Height: 3-4' Width: 1' P, C
Coastal Plain Joe-Pye Weed Compact form; more shade tolerant; ideal for small gardens. 


Mauve July-Oct FS, PS M

Eutrochium (Eupatorium) purpureum

Height: 5-7' Width: 2-4' P, C
Sweet-scented Joe-Pye Weed Vanilla-scented flowers and leaves; superb for butterflies, bees. 


White Mar-Nov FS, PS D

Fragaria virginiana NEW

Height: 4" Width: 1' EC, EP
Virginia Strawberry Low-growing wild strawberry producing an edible fruit with fall foliage turning shades of red. Larval host for Gray Hairstreak. 


Blue Aug-Oct FS, PS M

Gentiana andrewsii

Height: 1-2' Width: 24-30" P, C
Closed Bottle Gentian Richly colored, unusual blooms; thrives in cool, moist soil. 


Rosy purple Apr-June FS, PS, SH D, M

Geranium maculatum

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P, C
Wild Geranium Sweet, bowl-shaped blooms for borders or woodland edges. 


Yellow Aug-Sept FS M

Helenium autumnale

Height: 3-5' Width: 3' C, EP
Common Sneezeweed Attracts butterflies; interesting domed heads and toothed petals. 


Yellow, Purple Apr-Oct FS M,W

Helenium flexuosum

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' P,C
Purple-headed Sneezeweed Tolerates temporary flooding. Attracts a variety of pollinators. Clump forming and showy flowers. 


Pale yellow July-Oct FS, PS M, D

Helianthus divaricatus

Height: 4-6' Width: 2-3' P, C
Woodland Sunflower A sunflower that takes dappled shade; becoming rare in Del. 

Gold July-Aug FS M

Heliopsis helianthoides

Height: 4-6' Width: 3-5' P, C
Ox-eye Perennial sunflower attracts butterflies, birds, beneficial insects. 


Yellow-green May-June FS, PS M, D

Heuchera americana

Height: 10-24" Width: 12-30" P, C
American Alumroot Semi-evergreen leaves; fantastic foil for wildflowers.


White July-frost PS, SH D, M

Heuchera villosa (macrorhiza) 'Autumn Bride'

Height: 18-24" Width: 15-42" EP
Hairy Alumroot Semi-evergreen, apple-green foliage and showy flowers; magnificent in shade. 

White or Pink July-Sept FS, PS M, W

Hibiscus moscheutos

Height: 3-6' Width: 3' P, C
Swamp Rose-mallow Gigantic flowers with pink centers; tropical look. 



Perennials

Blue May-June FS M, W

Iris versicolor

Height: 2-3' Width: 3' P, C
Blue Flag Regal flower; good focal point, especially along water. 🌿

Orange, Yellow May-Aug PS, SH Dry, Moist

Krigia biflora

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P
Two-flower Cynthia Attractive waxy, light green foliage; spreads over time through rhizomes; good for groundcover. 🌿

Reddish purple Aug-Sep FS, PS M, D

Liatis scariosa

Height: 1-4' Width: 12-18" P, EC
Tall Gayfeather Fluffy button-like blooms; loves dry, sandy or rocky soil. 🌿 🌸 🌿

Rosy purple July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Liatis spicata

Height: 2-4' Width: 12-18" P, C
Spike Gayfeather (Dense Blazing Star) Blooms like exclamation points; use with grasses, Eutrochiums. 🌿 🌸

Rosy purple July-Aug FS, PS D

Liatis squarrosa

Height: 24-30" Width: 2' P
Scaly Gayfeather Shiny foliage; large, spidery flowers; native to dry, open woods. 🌿 🌸 🌿

Red or Orange July PS, SH M

Lilium superbum

Height: 3-8' Width: 1-2' P, C
Turk's Cap Lily Spectacular candelabras of bell-shaped flowers; bulb. 🌿 🌸 🌿

Red July-Sept FS, PS M, W

Lobelia cardinalis

Height: 2-4' Width: 1' P, C
Cardinal Flower Stunning; hummingbird favorite; long-blooming. 🌿 🌸 🌿

Blue Aug-Oct FS, PS M, W

Lobelia siphilitica

Height: 3-4' Width: 12-16" P, C
Great Blue Lobelia Butterflies love it; combine with red, gold or pink flowers for contrast. 🌿 🌸

Violet-blue Apr-July FS, PS D, M

Lupinus perennis

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' C, EP
Wild Lupine Spires of deep violet; self-sows; best in sandy soil; delicate foliage. 🌿 🌸

White May-June PS M

Maianthemum (Smilacina) racemosum

Height: 2' Width: 2' P, C
False Solomon's-seal Billowy flowers, arching stems; pretty berries in fall. 🌿 🌿

White May PS, SH M

Maianthemum stellatum

Height: 1-2' Width: 2' C, EP
Starflower Flowers smell like Easter lilies; ornamental, striped fruit. 🌿 🌿

Lavender July FS, PS M

Marshallia grandiflora

Height: 18" Width: 9-12" EM
Large-flowered Barbara's-buttons Button flowers with blue anthers; best for streamsides.

Blue Apr-May PS M, W

Mertensia virginica

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-16" P, C
Virginia Bluebells Enchanting, nodding flowers; sometimes draws hummingbirds. 🌿

White May PS, SH M

Mitchella repens

Height: 2" Width: 12-16" P, C
Partridge-berry Glossy, diminutive evergreen groundcover; red berries. 🌿 🌿 🌿



Phlox divaricata



Rudbeckia fulgida



Polemonium reptans

Perennials

White Apr-May SH M

Mitella diphylla

Height: 6-18" Width: P, C

Two-leaf Bishop's-cap Delicate cup-shaped flowers with snowflake-like petals rise on stalks above maple-shaped basal foliage. The fruit that follows is shaped like a bishop's miter.

Lavender July-Aug FS D, M

Monarda fistulosa

Height: 3-4' Width: 18-40" P, C

Wild Bergamot Shiny foliage; somewhat mildew resistant; the most local type. ☞☞

Red June-Aug FS,PS M,W

Monarda didyma

Height: 2-4' Width: 18" P,EC

Scarlet Bee Balm Bright flowers with minty aroma. Attracts hummingbirds. Larval host plant. ☞

Yellow July-Aug FS, PS D, M

Monarda punctata

Height: 12-30" Width: 24-50" C, EP

Dotted Monarda Exotic-looking blooms that pollinators adore; no mildew. ☞☞

Bright red June-July PS, FS M

Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'

Height: 3-5' Width: 24-40" X

Bee Balm Very enticing to hummingbirds; resists mildew; long blooming. ☞☞☞

Yellow June-July FS, PS M, D

Oenothera fruticosa

Height: 16-30" Width: 3' P,C

Narrowleaf Evening-primrose Cheerful flowers; attracts many types of pollinators; easy. ☞☞

SUMMER LOVING Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Weed.
- Water (deeply) new plantings 1-2 times per week. Established plantings should not need water unless there is a prolonged drought in the first year of establishing the garden.
- Remove spent flowers as desired from aggressive re-seeders and continue into the fall.
- Around July 4th cut back wildflowers that bloom after mid-July, like asters, so they grow into a more compact form. Ideally cut 25% to 75%, depending on how tall you want the plants to be later in the season.
- Retain last year's dead stubble as native bee larvae are still developing in the stems.



Tiarella cordifolia



Phlox pilosa



Trillium luteum

Perennials

White April PS, SH M

Pachysandra procumbens

Height: 6-10" Width: 18-24" EP

Allegheny Pachysandra Semi-evergreen groundcover; scented flowers; not aggressive. ✂

Gold Apr-May PS, SH M

Packera (Senecio) aurea

Height: 18-30" Width: 6-8" P, C

Golden Ragwort Golden daisies; shiny foliage; good evergreen, woodland groundcover. ✂

White/pink June FS, PS M

Penstemon digitalis

Height: 3-4' Width: 14-18" P, C

Foxglove Beardtongue Robust, tough, easy; pretty blooms; ornamental seedpods. ✂

White June-July FS, PS D, M

Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red'

Height: 2-3' Width: 12-18" P, C

Foxglove Beardtongue Hummingbird draw; bronze-purple foliage is attractive all year. ✂

Violet June-July FS, PS D

Penstemon hirsutus

Height: 12-18" Width: 1' P

Hairy Beardtongue Good for dry conditions; of conservation concern in Del. ✂

Purple May-July PS, SH D, M

Penstemon laevigatus

Height: 2-3' Width: 2' C

Eastern Smooth Beardtongue Native to humusy woods, meadows, calcareous bluffs ✂

Blue Apr-May PS, SH M

Phlox divaricata

Height: 18" Width: 40" EP

Woodland Phlox A top performer in Mt. Cuba Center trials; local beauty. ✂

Blue-violet Apr-May PS, SH M

Phlox divaricata 'Blue Moon'

Height: 12-18" Width: 8-32" P, EC

Woodland Phlox Outstanding! Fragrant; beautiful shade of periwinkle. ✂

Bluish white Apr-May PS, SH M

Phlox divaricata 'May Breeze'

Height: 8-15" Width: 1-2' P, EC

Woodland Phlox Very fragrant woodland carpet; semi-evergreen. ✂

Pink May-June FS, PS D, M

Phlox pilosa

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-18" P, EC

Downy Phlox Fragrant; later-blooming than Phlox divaricata; likes drier soil. ✂

Pink May-July FS, PS M

Phlox x 'Rose Bouquet' NEW

Height: 12-18" Width: 12-18" X

Phlox Hybrid Early and long blooming with groundcovering habit. Easy to grow in containers. Attracts butterflies and hummingbird sphinx moths. ✂

Pink Sept-Oct FS, PS M, W


Physostegia virginiana 'Vivid'

Height: 2' Width: 12-18" EP, EC

Obedient-plant Fantastic late-season color; important for butterflies, bees. ✂


White May PS, SH M

Podophyllum peltatum

Height: 8-12" Width: 1-6' P, C
May-apple Lovely parasol-like leaves; fruit for box turtles, other wildlife. 

Blue Apr-May PS M

Polemonium reptans

Height: 8-18" Width: 12" P, C
Jacob's-ladder Free-flowering; mass under shrubs and trees, in floodplains. 


White Apr-May PS, SH M

Polygonatum biflorum

Height: 18-24" Width: 12-17" P, C
Small Solomon's-seal Interesting arching foliage; bell-like, green-edged flowers.

White Apr-May PS, SH M

Polygonatum biflorum var. commutatum

Height: 3-5' Width: 3-4' P
Great Solomon's-seal Show-stopping, elegant, stately; dangling blooms, blue berries. 


White, Purple June-July FS, PS D, M

Pycnanthemum incanum NEW

Height: 2-6' Width: 2-4'
Hoary Mountain Mint Large deep purple flowers that attract bees, butterflies, and moths. The strong minty smell, colony forming habit, and the silvery-white foliage make it a great companion plant in late summer. Best in large gardens, naturalized areas, and meadows.


White/Violet July-Sept FS, PS M

Pycnanthemum muticum

Height: 3-4' Width: 2-3' P, C
Clustered Mountain-mint Wonderful nectar plant; foliage has a strong, clean fragrance. 


White July-Sept PS M

Pycnanthemum virginianum

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-3' P, C
Virginia Mountain-mint Attracts butterflies and has special value for native bees. Aggressive but less so in dry soil. 


Gold July-Oct FS, PS D, M

Rudbeckia fulgida

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-2' EP
Black-eyed Susan Bright, long-blooming flowers; leave dead flowers standing in winter for birds. 


Gold Aug-Oct FS D, M

Rudbeckia fulgida var. fulgida

Height: 24-30" Width: 1-2' P, EC
Black-eyed Susan Supports many butterflies; cones provide winter food for birds. 


Yellow Aug-Sept FS D, M

Rudbeckia fulgida var. speciosa Viette's Little Suzy

Height: 12-18" Width: 8-18" C
Black-eyed Susan Compact, with same large flowers as others; perfect for containers. 


Red, Orange, Yellow Mar-Nov FS D, M

Rudbeckia hirta

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' P, C
Black-eyed susan Showy and easy to grow, self-sowing, and drought tolerant. Prolonged bloom time. Larval host and deer resistant. 


Yellow July-Aug FS, PS D, M

Rudbeckia laciniata

Height: 3-7' Width: 18-48" P, C
Cutleaf Coneflower Bright petals, green cone; striking by a stream, in a floodplain. 


White May PS, SH D, M

Sedum ternatum

Height: 2-6" Width: 4-6" P
Three-leaf Stonecrop Starry blooms; wonderful wandering among other flowers, ferns. 


Deep pink Apr-May FS, PS D, M

Silene caroliniana ssp. wherryi 'Short and Sweet'

Height: 12-18" Width: 8" P, C
Wherry's Catchfly Low, semi-evergreen mound; for rock gardens or steep sites. 

Red Apr-May FS, PS D, M

Silene virginica

Height: 1' Width: 1' P, C
Fire Pink Rare in Del.; bright flowers signal to hummingbirds; for dry, poor soil. 

White Sept-Oct FS, PS D, M

Solidago bicolor

Height: 2-3' Width: 2' P, C
White Goldenrod (Silver-rod) Tall, narrow wands of silvery white flowers; a tough plant.



Verbena hastata



Cephalanthus occidentalis



Symphyotrichum pilosum

Perennials

Gold Sept-Oct PS, SH M

Solidago caesia

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-3' P, C

Blue-stemmed Goldenrod Arching sprays of fall color; tolerates dry shade. ☼ ☼ ☼

Yellow July-Oct FS, PS D

Solidago erecta NEW

Height: 1-4' Width: 12-18" PC, EC

Showy Goldenrod Adaptable and drought tolerant; supports native and honey bees. ☼

Yellow July-Aug FS D, M

Solidago juncea

Height: 2-4' Width: 2-3' P, C

Early Goldenrod Plumes of lightly fragrant flowers; good in poor, dry soil. ☼ ☼ ☼

Gold Aug-Sept FS, PS D, M

Solidago odora

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' P, C

Sweet Goldenrod One of the earliest to bloom; state herb of Del.; scented leaves. ☼ ☼ ☼

Yellow Aug-Oct FS, PS D, M

Solidago ulmifolia NEW

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-3' EC, EP

Elmleaf Goldenrod Beautiful showy flowers that will attract bees and butterflies to your garden late in the season. ☼ ☼

Lavender Jul-Oct FS D

Symphyotrichum (Aster) laevis

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' P, C

Smooth Blue Aster Self-seeding late blooming aster good for borders, pollinator gardens, and naturalized areas; goes well with Helianthus and Solidago. ☼ ☼ ☼

Purple Sept-Oct FS, PS M

Symphyotrichum (Aster) novae-angliae

Height: 3-5' Width: 2-3' P, C

New England Aster One of the showiest of asters; cut back in spring to keep bushy. ☼ ☼ ☼

Purple Sept-Oct FS, PS M

Symphyotrichum (Aster) novae-angliae 'Purple Dome'

Height: 18-24" Width: 2' P, C

New England Aster Bold flowers; compact; Mt. Cuba introduction. ☼ ☼ ☼

White Aug-Oct FS M

Symphyotrichum lateriflorum NEW

Height: 2-5' Width: EC, EP

Calico Aster Delicate and attractive, this aster grows best in alkaline soils. The common name refers to the various colors of the flower head. ☼

White Aug-Oct FS M

Symphyotrichum pilosum NEW

Height: 3-5' Width: 2-3' EC, PC

Frost Aster Extend the floral season of bloom with vanilla scented graceful, showy flowers. ☼

White Apr-May PS, SH M

Thalictrum thalictroides (Anemone)

Height: 4-8" Width: 8-12" P, C

Rue-anemone Soft bloom for early spring; use under taller wildflowers. ☼

White to pink Apr-May PS, SH M


Tiarella cordifolia

Height: 9-12" Width: 1-2' EP

Foamflower Glossy, maple-like leaves; groundcover. ☼



Blue June-Aug FS, PS, SH D, M

Tradescantia virginiana

Height: 1-2' Width: 16-24" P, C
Common Spiderwort Yellow stamens against purplish-blue flowers; easy and versatile. 

Purple Aug-Sept FS M, D

Vernonia glauca

Height: 3-5' Width: 2-4' P, C
Broad-leaf Ironweed Like New York Ironweed, but for drier places; butterflies love it.  

Maroon Apr-May PS M

Trillium cuneatum

Height: 6-12" Width: 12-16" EP, EC
Wedge-petal Trillium (Large Toadshade) Upright blossom; beautiful mottled leaves; early and vigorous.

Purple July-Aug FS D, M

Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-3' X
Threadleaf Ironweed Beautiful fine-textured foliage, flowers for butterflies.



Deep red Apr-May PS M

Trillium erectum

Height: 8-10" Width: 6-8" P
Red Trillium Slender petals face upward; vigorous.

Purple Aug-Sept FS M, W

Vernonia noveboracensis

Height: 5-7' Width: 3-4" P, C
New York Ironweed Deep purple color for late season; butterfly favorite; loves wet site.  


White Apr-May PS M

Trillium grandiflorum

Height: 10-18" Width: 12-18" EP
Large-flowered Trillium Largest of the trilliums; the essence of elegance.

White July-Aug FS M

Veronicastrum virginicum

Height: 4-5' Width: 2-3" P, C
Culver's-root Dramatic spires; takes regular soil or thrives in wetter areas. 



Yellow Apr-May PS M

Trillium luteum

Height: 6-18" Width: 12-16" EM
Yellow Trillium Colorful mottled foliage; lemon-scented, upright flowers.



Yellow Apr-May FS, PS M

Zizia aptera

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' P, C
Heart-leaved Meadow Parsnip Host plant for the Black Swallowtail and short tongued insects.  



Violet-Blue June-Sept FS M, W

Verbena hastata

Height: 4-6' Width: 2-3' P, C
Common (Blue) Vervain Colorful candelabras; hosts Buckeye butterfly, draws others.  

Yellow Apr-June FS, PS M, W

Zizia aurea

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-16" P, EC
Golden Alexanders Hosts Black Swallowtail butterfly; draws many beneficial insects.  

FALL INTO FUN Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Weed as needed; weeds should diminish over time as the garden establishes.
- Leave spent vegetation standing and leaf litter in beds to provide shelter for birds, other small animals, and insects that may overwinter in leaves.
- Selectively prune shrubs over two years old.
- Leave seeds and fruits on native plants through the fall and into the winter as they are good food sources for birds and add visual interest for you throughout the winter.
- Remove seeds/fruits from plants with aggressive reseeding habits if they are taking over the garden.



Acer saccharinum



Aronia arbutifolia



Lindera benzoin

Trees & Shrubs

White, Red, Yellow Mar-Apr FS-SH M

Acer saccharinum NEW

Height: 75-100' Width: 40 -60' EC,EP
Silver Maple Fast growing and adaptable for poor and compact soil, and hot, dry conditions. Great shade tree.

White June-July FS, PS M

Aesculus parviflora

Height: 8-12' Width: 8-12' EC, EP
Bottlebrush Buckeye Butterflies cover the candle-like blooms; yellow fall foliage, fruit. 🦋🦋

White April PS, FS M

Amelanchier arborea

Height: 20-30' Width: 8-15' P, C
Downy Serviceberry Attractive, fissured bark; wine-red fall color. 🦋🦋

White April FS, PS M, W

Amelanchier canadensis

Height: 6-20' Width: 5-10' P, C
Canadian Serviceberry (Shadblow) Lovely, frilly blooms, dark fruits for wildlife and stunning fall foliage. 🦋🦋🦋🦋

White Apr-May FS, PS W, M, D

Aronia arbutifolia (Photinia pyrifolia)

Height: 5-10' Width: 4-8' P, C
Red Chokeberry Glossy red berries for birds and brilliant red leaves in fall. 🦋🦋

White May PS, FS W, M, D

Aronia melanocarpa (Photinia melanocarpa)

Height: 3-8' Width: 3-6' P, C
Black Chokeberry Black fruit for birds, fall; good nesting site, too. 🦋🦋

Silvery Sept-Oct FS, PS W, M, D

Baccharis halimifolia

Height: 5-12' Width: 5-7' C
Silverling (Groundsel Tree) Drought, heat and salt tolerant, thus good along roads and drives. 🦋🦋

Yellow-brown April FS, PS, SH M

Betula lenta

Height: 40-55' Width: 35-55' P, C
Sweet Birch Golden fall foliage; source of birch beer; caterpillars for nestlings. 🦋🦋🦋🦋

Yellow-brown Apr-May FS, PS M, W

Betula nigra

Height: 30-50' Width: 30-40' P, C
River Birch Beautiful peeling bark; hosts butterflies, draws woodpeckers. 🦋🦋

Light pink June FS, PS M

Callicarpa americana

Height: 3-8' Width: 3-6' EC, EP
American Beautyberry Magenta-pink berries relished by more than 40 types of birds. 🦋🦋🦋

Yellow April PS, SH M

Carpinus caroliniana

Height: 15-30' Width: 15-30' P, C
American Hornbeam (Musclewood) Happy in a moist area; beautiful trunk; yellow fall color. 🦋🦋

White July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Height: 6-10' Width: 6-10' P, C
Buttonbush Unique, fragrant flowers; adaptable; great for all pollinators. 🦋🦋🦋



Euonymus americanus



Comptonia peregrina



Hydrangea arborescens

Trees & Shrubs

Rosy purple April FS, PS M

Cercis canadensis

Height: 15-30' Width: 20-35' P, C
Redbud Arresting bloom color; early spring nectar, later seeds for wildlife. 🌿🐦

White May-June FS, PS M, W

Cornus sericea

Height: 3-10' Width: 4-10' P, C
Redosier Dogwood Beautiful red stems in winter; fruit and habitat for birds. 🌿🐦🐦

White May FS, PS M

Chionanthus virginicus

Height: 15-20' Width: 10-20' P, C
Fringe Tree Cascades of fleecy, fragrant flowers; use alone or in a group. 🌿🐦

Yell/red Mar-Apr PS, SH D, M

Corylus americana

Height: 8-10' Width: 4-12'+ P, C
American Hazelnut Grow your own tasty, attractive nuts, which wildlife love, too. 🌿🐦

White July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Clethra alnifolia

Height: 4-9' Width: 4-6'+ P, C
Summer Sweet Clethra (Sweet Pepperbush) Very fragrant, showy, long-lasting flowers, yellow fall color. 🌿🐦

White/Yellow May-June FS, PS D, M

Diospyros virginiana

Height: 35-60' Width: 20-35' P, C
Common Persimmon Tasty, plant two for best fruit, also favored by wildlife; reddish-orange fall leaves. 🌿🐦🐦🐦

White July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'

Height: 3' Width: 3' P, C
Summer Sweet Clethra (Sweet Pepperbush) Compact; flowers contrast with dark green foliage; good form. 🌿🐦

Green May-June PS, SH D, M

Euonymus americanus

Height: 5' Width: 5' P, C
Bursting-heart Flower-like orange-and-red seed capsules; birds enjoy the seeds. 🌿🐦

Rose-pink July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice'

Height: 5-6' Width: 5-6' P, C
Summer Sweet Clethra (Sweet Pepperbush) Very fragrant; new leaves begin bronzy, turn yellow in fall. 🌿🐦

Yellow Oct-Nov FS, PS, SH M

Hamamelis virginiana

Height: 8-20' Width: 8-20' P, C
Common Witch-hazel Ribbon-like blooms in late fall amid yellow fall foliage. 🌿🐦

Yellow-Green Apr-May FS, PS D, M

Comptonia peregrina

Height: 2-4' Width: 4-8' P, C
Sweet-fern Soft texture; hosts Gray Hairstreak butterfly, many others. 🌿🐦

White June PS, SH M

Hydrangea arborescens

Height: 3-5' Width: 3-10' P, C
Wild (Smooth) Hydrangea Lacecap flowers excellent for cutting. 🌿🐦



Morella (Myrica) pennsylvanica



Rosa carolina



Rhododendron canescens

Trees & Shrubs

White June PS, SH M

Hydrangea arborescens 'Haas' Halo'

Height: 3-5' Width: 3-5' P, C

Wild Hydrangea Huge lacecap blooms on upright stems; pollinator favorite. 🌿🐝

White June FS, PS M

Hydrangea quercifolia

Height: 6-10' Width: 6-10' EP, EC

Oakleaf Hydrangea Bold foliage, dark red in fall; long-lasting flowers; peeling bark. 🌿🐝

White May FS, PS M, W

Ilex verticillata (male)

Height: 6-10' Width: 6-10' P, C

Winterberry Male is needed nearby for good female fruiting; Good in wet areas 🌿🐝

White June FS, PS M, W

Ilex verticillata 'Jim Dandy'

Height: 3-6' Width: 4-10' P, C

Winterberry Male; necessary for 'Red Sprite' to produce berries. 🌿🐝

White June FS, PS M, W

Ilex verticillata 'Red Sprite'

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-3' P, C

Winterberry Compact; large red berries if 'Jim Dandy' is nearby. 🌿🐝🐦

White June-July FS, PS, SH M, W

Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'

Height: 4-6' Width: 4-6' C, EP

Virginia Sweetspire Fountains of fragrant flowers; red fall leaves; beautiful for hedges. 🌿🐝

Feb-Mar FS, PS D, M

Juniperus virginiana

Height: 30-40' Width: 8-20' P, C

Eastern Red Cedar Good hedge or windbreak; attracts birds; salt tolerant. 🌿🐦

Blue, White Aug-Oct FS, PS M, W

Lobelia puberula NEW

Height: 3-4' Width: 1-2' EC

Downy Lobelia More delicate and unobtrusive when compared to Great Blue Lobelia. Paired with Asters and Goldenrods can provide a beautiful fall blooming color. 🌿🐝

White June-July FS, PS M, W

Magnolia virginiana

Height: 20-35' Width: 10-20' C, EP

Sweet Bay Lemon-scented flowers; birds, wildlife relish berry-like seeds. 🌿🐝🐦

White May FS, PS, SH D, M, W

Morella (Myrica) pennsylvanica

Height: 5-12' Width: 5-12' P, C

Common Bayberry Scented leaves; gray-blue fruit on females all winter; good screen. 🌿

May-June FS, PS M

Nyssa sylvatica

Height: 30-60' Width: 20-35' P, C

Sour (Black) Gum Beautiful scarlet fall foliage; blue fruit important for birds in fall. 🌿🐦

Yellow-green Apr-May FS, PS D, M

Ostrya virginiana


Height: 20-30' Width: 10-18' P, EC

American Hop-hornbeam (Ironwood) Shaggy bark; food for nestlings in spring, adult birds in winter. 🌿

White or pink May-June FS, PS D, M

Physocarpus opulifolius

Height: 6-12' Width: 6-10' P

Atlantic Ninebark Pretty peeling bark; tough; good screen; better for critters than cultrivars. 

Light green Apr-May FS, PS M, W

Quercus bicolor

Height: 60-80' Width: 30-40' C, P

Swamp White Oak Grows well in heavy soil; attractive, flaky bark. 

Green April FS, PS M

Platanus occidentalis


Height: 70-100' Width: 40-60' P, C

American Sycamore Majestic; white, peeling bark; lovely at water's edge. 

light green May FS, PS M

Quercus palustris


Height: 50-80' Width: 25-35 P, C

Pin Oak Red to burgundy fall color, butterfly host; fast grower. 

Silver April FS W, M

Populus grandidentata NEW


Height: 60-80' Width: 20-40' P, C

Big-tooth Aspen Gold fall foliage; needs plenty of space for roots; butterfly host. 

White June PS M

Rhododendron arborescens


Height: 4-12' Width: 3-5' EP, EC

Sweet Azalea Profuse, sweetly fragrant flowers; fall leaves brilliant yellow to red. 

White Apr-Jul FS, PS, SH D, M

Prunus virginiana NEW


Height: 20-30' Width: 18-25' EC, PC

Chokecherry Important wildlife plant, valued for it's fruit, leaves, seeds, and twigs. Larval host for Small-eyed sphinx and Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. 

White July-Aug FS, PS M

Rhododendron arborescens var. georgiana


Height: 6-9' Width: 3-5' EP, EC

Sweet Azalea Very fragrant; extended bloom time; leaves orange and red in fall. 

Light green Mar-Apr FS, PS D, M

Quercus alba


Height: 60-80' Width: 30-40' P, C

White Oak Majestic; host for butterflies; hosts many caterpillars for nestlings. 

White or pink May PS M

Rhododendron canescens

Height: 6-10' Width: 3-5' EP, EC

Piedmont Azalea Fragrant flowers; pretty with Cornus florida, Kalmia. 

WINTER INTEREST Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Remove unattractive drooping foliage or grasses that flop over, but keep in mind that doing so may remove food sources and shelter for birds and overwintering insects.
- Trim dead sedge foliage before plants leaf out in early spring.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs as necessary.



Taxodium distichum



Salix discolor



Lobelia puberula

Trees & Shrubs

Orange June FS, PS D, M

Rhododendron Gregory Bald Group

Height: 7-9' Width: 6' EM

Hybrid Azalea Smoky Mountains hybrid provides later color. ☿

Pink May PSH M, W

Rhododendron 'Marydel'

Height: 4-6' Width: 4-6' C

Coast Azalea Very fragrant; found in Md. by the late plantswoman Polly Hill. ☿☿☿

Pink May PS, SH M

Rhododendron periclymenoides

Height: 4-10' Width: 4-8' P, C

Pinxterbloom Azalea Light honeysuckle scent; good fall color; woodland edges. ☿

Orange July-Aug PS D, M

Rhododendron prunifolium

Height: 5-12' Width: 5' EP, EC

Plum-leaf Azalea Bright color in summer; lovely against Clethra. ☿☿☿

Pink Apr-May FS, PS M

Rhododendron vaseyi

Height: 8-15' Width: 8-15' EM

Pink-shell Azalea Orchid-like blooms; outstanding salmon fall foliage; graceful. ☿

White May-June FS, PS M, W

Rhododendron viscosum

Height: 3-15' Width: 6-12' P, C

Swamp Azalea Intoxicating, honeysuckle-clove scent; flame-red foliage in fall. ☿

White June PS-SH M

Rhododendron viscosum 'Summer Eyelet'

Height: 6' Width: 6' X

Swamp Azalea White blooms with red stamens appearing in June, and compact habit, with a very strong spicy, clove-like fragrance. Ideal in dappled shade. A wonderful addition to a woodland garden.

White Aug-Sept PS, FS M, W

Rhododendron viscosum var. serrulatum

Height: 10-15' Width: 4-6' EC

Swamp Azalea Rarely available; very fragrant; one of the latest blooming azaleas. ☿

Orange May-June FS, PS D, M

Rhododendron 'Wolfpen Gap'

Height: 7-12' Width: 3-5' EM

Azalea Gorgeous blooms from Georgia seed; likely a natural hybrid. ☿

Pink May-July FS, PS D, M

Rosa carolina

Height: 5-7' Width: 5-7' P, C

Carolina Rose Fragrant flowers; beautiful hips; food for birds in winter and spring. ☿☿☿☿

Rose June FS M, W

Rosa palustris

Height: 3-5' Width: 3-6' P, C

Swamp Rose Showy, fragrant flowers; attractive red-orange hips for wildlife. ☿☿☿☿

Rose-purple June-July FS, PS M

Rubus odoratus

Height: 3-6' Width: 4-12' P

Purple-flowering Raspberry Big, gorgeous flowers; vigorous; berries for birds. ☿☿

Gray Apr-May FS W, D, M

Salix discolor

Height: 15-25' Width: 20' P
Pussy Willow Soft, silvery-gray catkins; early spring interest; for wet or dry spots. 🌿🍷🍷

Cream Apr-May FS, PS M, W

Salix nigra

Height: 30-60' Width: 40' P, C
Black Willow Place by a pond or on a streambank; downy fluff for nests. 🌿🍷🍷

Silvery April FS M, W

Salix sericea

Height: 7' Width: 6-10'+ P, C
Silky Willow Narrow, silvery leaves; good for wet areas. 🌿🍷🍷

White or pinkish June-July FS, PS M, W

Spiraea alba NEW

Height: 2-5' Width: 2-6' P
Narrowleaf Meadowsweet Golden fall foliage; Spring Azure caterpillar host. 🌿🍷

White to It pink June-Aug FS M, D

Spiraea latifolia

Height: 2-6' Width: 2-6' P, C
Broadleaf Meadowsweet Golden fall foliage; attracts butterflies, beneficial insects. 🌿

Green Mar-Apr FS M, W

Taxodium distichum

Height: 50-70' Width: 20-50' C, EP
Bald-cypress Feathery, light green foliage; pyramidal habit. 🍷

White May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Bluecrop'

Height: 5' Width: 5-7' P, C
Highbush Blueberry Excellent mid-season producer; sweet; drought resistant. 🌿🍷🍷🍷

White Apr-May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Chester Co. Provenance'

Height: 3-10' Width: 6-8' P, C
Highbush Blueberry Locally-sourced from Chester County. One of top 10 shrubs for wildlife, plus scrumptious fruit for humans. 🌿🍷🍷🍷

White May-June FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Chippewa'

Height: 3-4' Width: 3-4' X
Half-Highbush Blueberry Cold hardy; Sweet and juicy blueberries ripen in mid summer; Perfect for small gardens or containers. 🌿🍷🍷

White May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Elizabeth'

Height: 4-5' Width: 5-6' P, C
Highbush Blueberry Extremely flavorful; large berries ripen in mid-season. 🌿🍷🍷🍷

Pink May FS M, W

Vaccinium macrocarpon

Height: 3-6' Width: 1-4' C
Cranberry Classic edible fruit; evergreen groundcover; best in damp acid soils. 🌿🍷

Cream May FS, PS M

Viburnum dentatum

Height: 6-12' Width: 4-10' P, C
Arrowwood Blue-black berries; one of the best shrubs for birds. 🌿🍷🍷

White Apr-May FS, PS M, W

Viburnum nudum

Height: 6-12' Width: 4-5' P, C
Possumhaw Viburnum Berries turn white to pink to blue-black; plant another for more fruit. 🌿🍷🍷

Cream May FS, PS M, D

Viburnum prunifolium

Height: 8-15' Width: 6-15' P, C
Black Haw Particularly attractive flowers; takes some shade and drought. 🌿🍷🍷🍷

Bronze Apr-May FS, PS, SH M, D

Xanthorhiza simplicissima

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-4' EP, EC
Yellowroot Lacy foliage; good groundcover for slopes, dry areas; yellow in fall. 🍷

Prepare to Succeed:

How to prepare your native garden space for optimal productivity and minimal maintenance.

Lawn to Landscape: How to prepare for a new native habitat.

As gardeners, we are eager to put plants in the ground when we embark on a new project. However, without proper preparation, we may be left frustrated with the amount of maintenance and slow progress that the garden may take to establish. The time invested in preparation leads to a highly productive space with less maintenance within the establishment period of 1-3 years.

When it comes to preparation, there is no “one size fits all” approach. Assessment of the site’s current conditions is the first step.

Here are some scenarios to help you get started in your space.



	Highly compacted/low quality soil found in urban and dry landscapes	Lawn to landscape conversion with average soil	Conversion of non-native to native established garden bed/ rich soil
WHY	Due to lack of carbon and nutrients in the soil it may be more difficult to establish a garden in this space.	Eliminating turf grass is one way to make a great impact. The best approach is to start small and add to the space until you reach your desired area.	Addressing existing weeds and minimal disturbance of the soil will aid in the reduction of weeds during the first years of garden establishment.
WHAT	Sheet mulching can provide carbon, nutrients, and moisture retention along with smothering weeds and seeds.	Smothering the turf grass and existing seed bank through solarization with a lighter version of sheet mulching.	Weed suppression using solarization and removal of any plants you no longer want in the bed.
HOW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weed whack to expose soil 2. Layer overlapping cardboard 3. Cover with 2 alternating 2” layers of compost and straw. 4. Top with 3” of mulch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weed whack turf to expose soil. 2. Layer overlapping cardboard over area. 3. Top with 6” of mulch. 4. Add one foot of area per year until desired area reached. 	Cover area with a clear or black tarp for 6-8 weeks during the hottest part of the summer for best results.



A note on invasive species:
If your space currently has invasive species such as Japanese Stilt grass, it is best to spend the year smothering the space through solarization and other methods of eradication before you replant with native plants.

Outdoor Summer Music Series



Enjoy live music, food trucks, and community fun.
Drinks available for purchase. Free and all ages welcome.



Fridays at the Farm

Coverdale Farm Preserve | 543 Way Road, Greenville
June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12 | 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm



Music at the Mill

Abbott's Mill Nature Center | 15411 Abbotts Pond Road, Milford
June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 | 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Love wildlife? Show it!

With your new native plants and a water source for wildlife, your yard may now meet the requirements to become a Certified Wildlife Habitat – a yard that supports healthy wildlife and clean water.



Certify Your Yard
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Attract a Rainbow of Birds

With native plants from the Delaware Nature Society and quality bird feeding products from Wild Birds Unlimited Hockessin.



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Support Migrating Wildlife

Helping Birds One Window at a Time

By Ian Stewart and Robin Glazer



DelNature's spring Native Plant Sale coincides with the peak of spring migration, when hundreds of species of birds - amounting to millions of individuals - are either arriving in Delaware or flying overhead on their way north.

Last spring, 5.4 MILLION birds flew over Delaware during peak migration - two days after the Native Plant Sale weekend. Help DelNature protect birds, insects, and other wildlife during migration ... and all year round!

Most migrating birds fly at night and refuel during the day in gardens, parks, forests, and along beaches. These tired and hungry birds face many threats during migration, from predators to habitat loss, but there are several simple ways you can help both migrating *and* resident birds.

PLANT NATIVE wildflowers, shrubs, and trees, which provide more food than non-natives.

MAKE WINDOWS VISIBLE by using bird-friendly decals or other collision-prevention treatments such as tape or paint.

REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION by turning off unnecessary lights at night or utilizing downward-facing lights. This helps the birds follow natural lights, such as the stars, and prevents disorientation in bright lights.



For more ways to help migrating wildlife with native plants, visit our [Nature of Delaware Blog](#) to read the full article.

Pledge Today to Become a Clean Stream Champion!

Many of New Castle County's waterways are polluted and much of it is coming from what we do in our own homes and yards.



SCOOP THE POOP

Dog poop can contain **3 billion harmful bacteria** which can wash into our rivers and streams making them **unsafe for drinking, fishing, or swimming**. Scoop the poop to keep our parks and neighborhoods clean.



GARDEN FOR WATER & LIFE

Reduce yard chemicals and use native plants (plants that originated in our area) that don't need chemicals and that also provide food for wildlife including birds and butterflies.



ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

What washes down storm drains (like soap from washing your car or chemicals you spray in your garden) **goes straight into our waterways**, causing pollution and potentially costly fixes to your local sewer system.



REDUCE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

The **everyday things we use in our home** (like household cleaners and medications) can pollute the water we drink, swim, and play in if improperly disposed of down the drain. Read labels and buy products that are free of toxic chemicals.



CEASE THE GREASE

Pouring your cooking grease down the drain pollutes our water and can increase cost of maintaining your plumbing. **Let kitchen fats cool in a container** – such as a used soup can – **and throw it away in the trash**.

Together we can make a difference!
CleanStreamChampion.org



Membership

Your membership connects you to a vibrant and dedicated community, supporting our mission of education, conservation, and advocacy.

Questions? Email Tyler Conover, Development and Outreach Coordinator, at Tyler.Conover@DelNature.org.



**Become a Member –
join DelNature today.**

Sponsor & Partner Opportunities

Reach a new audience, inspire employees to connect with nature, and contribute to a valuable mission within the community.

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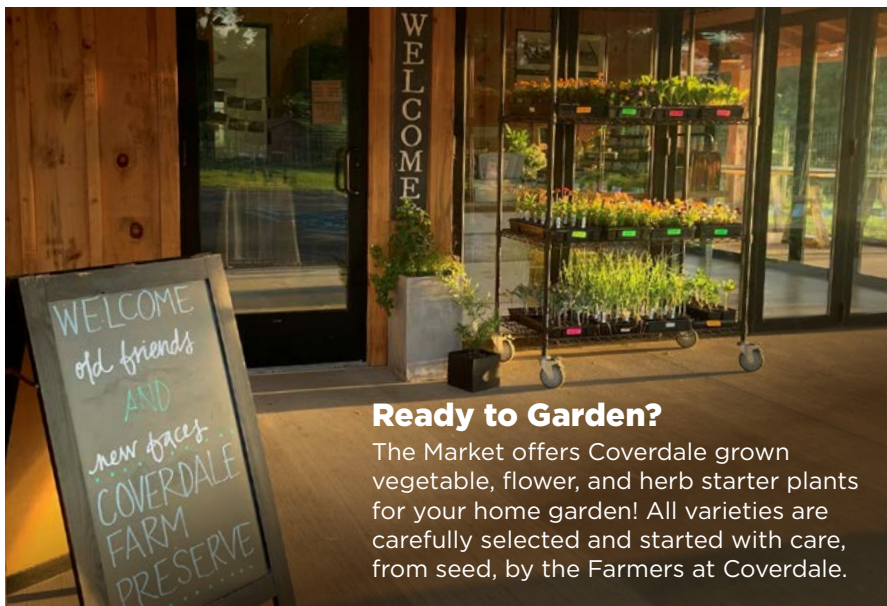
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The Market at Coverdale

Shop our Market for farm fresh produce, eggs, and artisanal products.

April - November | Fridays, 12 pm - 6 pm | Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm | Sundays, 11 am - 3 pm

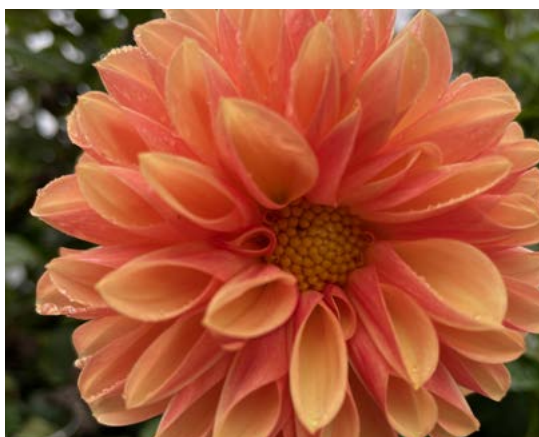


Ready to Garden?

The Market offers Coverdale grown vegetable, flower, and herb starter plants for your home garden! All varieties are carefully selected and started with care, from seed, by the Farmers at Coverdale.

Love Fresh Flowers?

Cut a fresh and colorful bouquet (or culinary herbs!) of gorgeous blooms every weekend, July - October from Coverdale's 1-acre cut flower garden. This hard-working acre also serves as an active pollinator hub on the farm!



FULL BLOOM FLOWER PARTIES

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

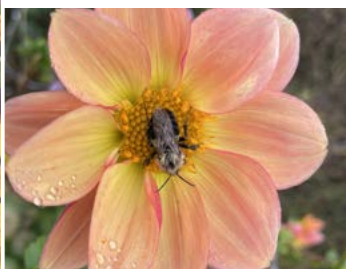
Adults | Thurs - Sun | July - September

By Reservation only

Host your own Full Bloom Flower Party! Bring your friends and food, we'll provide the farm and flowers.

Sip and snack while creating beautiful, seasonal, rustic farm bouquets in an idyllic setting. Sure to be a blooming favorite!

Learn more: DelNature.org/Coverdale



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