



# Native Plant Sale

SPRING 2025

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*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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### DelNature.org/NativePlantSale


### 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](http://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



Agastache nepetoides



Lupinus perennis



Silene virginica



Solidago ulmifolia



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.

# 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. 🌸

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. 🌿

# Vines

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.   



Lobelia siphilitica



Mertensia virginica



Monarda fistulosa

# 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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) pensylvanica



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) pensylvanica

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.



	<b>Highly compacted/low quality soil found in urban and dry landscapes</b>	<b>Lawn to landscape conversion with average soil</b>	<b>Conversion of non-native to native established garden bed/ rich soil</b>
<b>WHY</b>	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.
<b>WHAT</b>	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.
<b>HOW</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weed whack to expose soil</li> <li>2. Layer overlapping cardboard</li> <li>3. Cover with 2 alternating 2” layers of compost and straw.</li> <li>4. Top with 3” of mulch.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weed whack turf to expose soil.</li> <li>2. Layer overlapping cardboard over area.</li> <li>3. Top with 6” of mulch.</li> <li>4. Add one foot of area per year until desired area reached.</li> </ol>	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**  
**[DelNature.org/CWH](http://DelNature.org/CWH)**



## Attract a Rainbow of Birds

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



**Wild Birds Unlimited-Hockessin DE**  
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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](http://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](mailto:Tyler.Conover@DelNature.org).



**Become a Member –  
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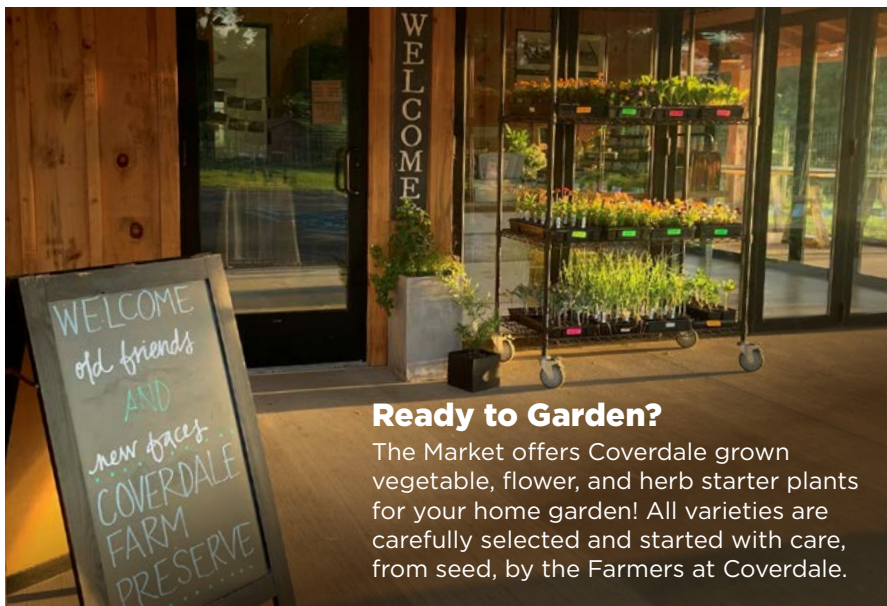
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# The Market at Coverdale

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

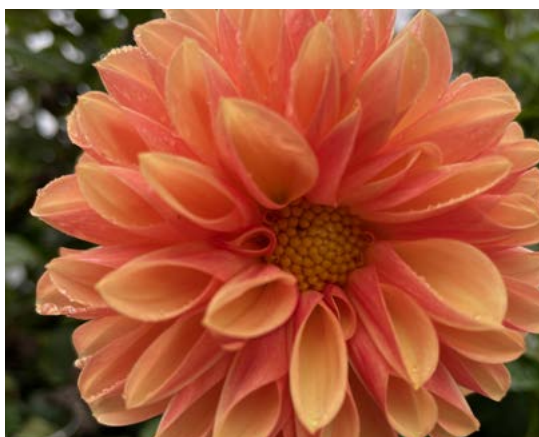


## Ready to Garden?

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

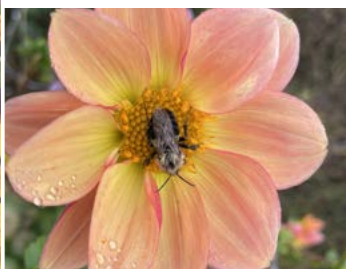
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Host your own Full Bloom Flower Party! Bring your friends and food, we'll provide the farm and flowers.

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](https://DelNature.org/Coverdale)



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