

PLANTS

Trees

[Sweetgum](#) (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
[Eastern White Pine](#) (*Pinus strobus*)
[Eastern Redcedar](#) (*Juniperus virginiana*)
[American Holly](#) (*Ilex opaca*)
[Arborvitae](#) (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Degroot's Spire,' 'Emerald,' 'Yellow Ribbon')
[River Birch](#) (*Betula nigra* 'Little King')
[Sourwood](#) (*Oxydendrum arboreum*)
[American Hornbeam](#) (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
[Cockspur Hawthorn](#) (*Crataegus crus-galli*)
[Sweetbay Magnolia](#) (*Magnolia virginiana*)

Shrubs

Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)
[Witch Hazel](#) (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
[Mountain Laurel](#) (*Kalmia latifolia*)
Southern Bayberry/ Wax Myrtle (*Morella cerifera*)
Rosebay Rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*)
[Sweet Pepperbush](#) (*Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird,' Ruby Spice')
Red Twig Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
[Inkberry](#) (*Ilex glabra*)
[Common Ninebark](#) (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)
Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)
[Oakleaf Hydrangea](#) (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)
[Winterberry](#) (*Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite' & 'Jim Dandy,' 'Winter Gold' & 'Southern Gentleman')
[American Beauty-berry](#) (*Callicarpa americana*)
Swamp Rose (*Rosa palustris*)
Coastal Dog-hobble (*Leucothoe axillaris*)
Common Yucca (*Yucca filamentosa*)
American Holly (*Ilex opaca* 'Maryland Dwarf')

Vines

[Trumpet/Coral Honeysuckle](#) (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
[Carolina Jessamine](#) (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
[Cross-vine](#) (*Bignonia capreolata*)

Perennials

[Purple Coneflower](#) (*Echinacea purpurea*)
[Coastal Joe-pye-weed](#) (*Eutrochium dubium*)
[New York Ironweed](#) (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)
Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)

Ground Covers

[Partridge-berry](#) (*Mitchella repens*)
[Allegheny Spurge](#) (*Pachysandra procumbens*)
[Wild Pink](#) (*Silene caroliniana*)
[Hairy Alumroot](#) (*Heuchera villosa* 'Autumn Bride')
Lyreleaf Sage (*Salvia lyrata*)
[Golden Ragwort](#) (*Packera aurea*)

Ferns

[Christmas Fern](#) (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)
[Marginal Wood Fern](#) (*Dryopteris marginalis*)
[Ostrich Fern](#) (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)

Sedges & Grasses

[Plantain-leaved Sedge](#) (*Carex plantaginea*)
[Indian Grass](#) (*Sorghastrum nutans*)
[Switchgrass](#) (*Panicum virgatum*)
[River Oats](#) (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)
Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
[Pink Muhly Grass](#) (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)
[Little Bluestem](#) (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

RESOURCES

Tried & True Native Plant Selections for the Mid-Atlantic
<https://mgnv.org/plants/>

Sources of Native Plants
<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/native-only-sellers>

Planting Trees
https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-702/426-702.pdf

Planting Shrubs
https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-701/426-701.pdf

Trees & Shrubs for Acid Soils
https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48774/430-027_pdf.pdf
(The ericaceous species of trees and shrubs require and thrive in acidic soils)

Trees & Shrubs for Overhead Utility Easements
<https://www.urbanforestry.frec.vt.edu/STREETS/documents/VTextutility.pdf>
(Read for general principles; most of the species recommended are non-native, and some are designated as invasive in Arlington and Alexandria)



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