

Selecting Native Plants

BASIC MESIC FOREST

Canopy Trees

- American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)
- [Tulip Poplar \(*Liriodendron tulipifera*\)](#)

Understory Tree & Shrub

- [Pawpaw \(*Asimina triloba*\)](#)
- [Spicebush \(*Lindera benzoin*\)](#)

Herb Layer

- False Solomon's Seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*)
- Common Black Cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*)
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)
- [Mayapple \(*Podophyllum peltatum*\)](#)
- Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
- [Common Wild Ginger \(*Asarum canadense*\)](#)
- [Foamflower \(*Tiarella cordifolia*\)](#)
- [Christmas Fern \(*Polystichum acrostichoides*\)](#)
- [Maidenhair Fern \(*Adiantum pedatum*\)](#)

ACIDIC OAK-HICKORY FOREST

Canopy Trees

- [White Oak \(*Quercus alba*\)](#)
- Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Understory Trees

- [Flowering Dogwood \(*Cornus florida*\)](#)
- [Eastern Redbud \(*Cercis canadensis*\)](#)

Understory Shrubs

- [Witch Hazel \(*Hamamelis virginiana*\)](#)
- Pinxterbloom Azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)

Herb Layer

- Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
- [Solomon's Seal \(*Polygonatum biflorum*\)](#)
- [Partridge-berry \(*Mitchella repens*\)](#)
- [Pennsylvania Sedge \(*Carex pensylvanica*\)](#)

LAWN OR SPECIMEN TREES

Trees for Dry Conditions

- [Eastern Redcedar \(*Juniperus virginiana*\)](#)
- [Downy Serviceberry \(*Amelanchier arborea*\)](#)
- [Fringetree \(*Chionanthus virginicus*\)](#)

Trees for Wet Conditions

- [Bald Cypress \(*Taxodium distichum*\)](#)
- [River Birch \(*Betula nigra*\)](#)
- [Black Gum \(*Nyssa sylvatica*\)](#)
- [American Hornbeam \(*Carpinus caroliniana*\)](#)
- [Sweetbay Magnolia \(*Magnolia virginiana*\)](#)

SHRUBS FOR HEDGEROWS or FOUNDATIONS

- [Wild Hydrangea \(*Hydrangea arborescens*\)](#)
- [Inkberry \(*Ilex glabra*\)](#)
- [American Beauty-berry \(*Callicarpa americana*\)](#)
- [Common Ninebark \(*Physocarpus opulifolius*\)](#)
- [Strawberry-bush \(*Euonymus americanus*\)](#)
- [Buttonbush \(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*\)](#)
- [Virginia Sweetspire \(*Itea virginica*\)](#)
- [New Jersey Tea \(*Ceanothus americanus*\)](#)
- [Black Chokeberry \(*Aronia melanocarpa*\)](#)
- [Winterberry \(*Ilex verticillata*\)](#)
- [Maple Leaf Viburnum \(*Viburnum acerifolium*\)](#)
- [Arrowwood Viburnum \(*Viburnum dentatum*\)](#)

- [Possum-haw \(*Viburnum nudum*\)](#)
- [Black Haw \(*Viburnum prunifolium*\)](#)

For more information, view the recorded presentation on [Overused Foundation Plants & Native Alternatives](#) in the Master Gardener Virtual Classroom on mgvn.org

To learn more about proper planting and mulching, view the recorded presentation on [Sustainable Landscaping Basics](#) in the Master Gardener Virtual Classroom on mgvn.org.

GROUND COVERS

Plants for Sunny Conditions

- [Wild Pink \(*Silene caroliniana*\)](#)
- [Appalachian Sedge \(*Carex appalachica*\)](#)
- [Fragrant Sumac \(*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low'\)](#)

Plants for Shady Conditions

- [Woodland Stonecrop \(*Sedum ternatum*\)](#)
- [Hairy Alumroot \(*Heuchera villosa* 'Autumn Bride'\)](#)
- [White Wood Aster \(*Eurybia divaricata*\)](#)
- [Plantain-leaved Sedge \(*Carex plantaginifolia*\)](#)
- [Marginal Wood Fern \(*Dryopteris marginalis*\)](#)

Plants for Full Sun to Full Shade

- [Golden Ragwort \(*Packera aurea*\)](#)
- Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)
- [Green and Gold \(*Chrysogonum virginianum*\)](#)

For more information, view the recorded presentation [Native Ground Covers for Sun and Shade](#) in the Master Gardener Virtual Classroom on mgvn.org.

PLANTS FOR RAIN GARDENS

Plants for Central Zone – Moist to Wet

- [New England Aster \(*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*\)](#)
- [Coastal Joe-pye-weed \(*Eutrochium dubium*\)](#)
- [New York Ironweed \(*Vernonia noveboracensis*\)](#)
- [Scarlet Beebalm \(*Monarda didyma*\)](#)
- [Swamp Milkweed \(*Asclepias incarnata*\)](#)
- [Cardinal Flower \(*Lobelia cardinalis*\)](#)
- [Virginia Blue Flag \(*Iris virginica*\)](#)
- [White Turtlehead \(*Chelone glabra*\)](#)

Plants for Outer Zone – Drier Soil

- [Purple Coneflower \(*Echinacea purpurea*\)](#)
- [Switchgrass \(*Panicum virgatum*\)](#)
- [Threadleaf Coreopsis \(*Coreopsis verticillata*\)](#)
- [Blazing Star \(*Liatris spicata*\)](#)

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Friday, April 16, 2021

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PLANTS FOR DRY STREETScape

Shrubs

- Common yucca (*Yucca filamentosa*)
- Creeping Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*)

Perennials

- Yellow Wild Indigo (*Baptisia tinctoria*)
- Pussytoes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)
- [Eastern Prickly Pear \(*Opuntia humifusa*\)](#)

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PERENNIAL POLLINATOR GARDEN

Structural Plants (15%)

- Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)
- [Virginia Sweetspire \(*Itea virginica*\)](#)

Seasonal Theme Plants (35%)

- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- [Butterfly-weed \(*Asclepias tuberosa*\)](#)
- [Orange Coneflower \(*Rudbeckia fulgida*\)](#)
- Late Purple Aster (*Symphotrichum patens*)
- [Black-eyed Susan \(*Rudbeckia hirta*\)](#)

Ground Layer Plants (50%)

- Barren Strawberry (*Geum fragarioides*)
- Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)
- Gray Goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*)
- Narrow-leaf Sundrops (*Oenothera fruticosa*)
- Narrow-leaf Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*)
- [Purple Love Grass \(*Eragrostis spectabilis*\)](#)
- [Little Bluestem \(*Schizachyrium scoparium*\)](#)

For more information on pollinator gardens, view the recorded presentation on [Small Space Gardening for Pollinators](#) in the Master Gardener Virtual Classroom on mgvn.org.