

New England Aster

Aster novae-angliae

◆ Hardy, leafy perennial

◆ Blossom is composed of ray flowers (typically numbering over 40) encircling a center of yellow flowers that turn orange after opening



Northern Bayberry

Myrica carolinensis

- ◆ Perennial shrub; prefers wet, swampy environments
- ◆ Yellow/green flower clusters bloom in spring
- ◆ Berries produce a wax used in candle-making
- ◆ Leaves emit a fragrance when crushed
- ◆ Also known as small waxberry



Wild Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

- ◆ Perennial herb that spreads quickly
- ◆ Various colored tubular flowers bloom in summer
- ◆ Leaves are used to make tea
- ◆ Popular among hummingbirds and butterflies





Black Cohosh

*Cimicifuga
racemosa*

- ◆ Perennial herb
- ◆ White, feathery blossoms form near stem base and appear in summer
- ◆ Stem and roots are used medicinally to treat diarrhea, arthritis, and snake bites

Black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia hirta

◆ One of the most common wildflowers in the United States

◆ Very hardy perennial

◆ Yellow ray flowers extend from a dark brown, domed center; blooms in summer

◆ Maryland state flower



Blue False Indigo

Baptisia australis



- ◆ Hardy perennial herb
- ◆ Small, indigo flowers that resemble lupine blossoms bloom in early summer
- ◆ Tolerates low moisture
- ◆ Takes several years to reach full growth

Great Blue Lobelia

Lobelia siphilitica



- ◆ Perennial; prefers moist soil
- ◆ Blue, bell-shaped blossoms appear in late summer
- ◆ Leaves were used by Native Americans for medicinal purposes

Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa

- ◆ Perennial; suitable for growth in rocky soil
- ◆ Orange-red flower clusters bloom in summer
- ◆ Produces an abundance of nectar that attracts butterflies
- ◆ Favorite nectar plant of Monarch butterflies



Cardinal Flower

Lobelia cardinalis

- ◆ Very popular perennial; easily recognizable
- ◆ Delicate but flashy scarlet flowers appear in late summer
- ◆ Popular choice among hummingbirds
- ◆ Leaves are extremely poisonous if ingested



Wild Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis

- ◆ Delicate flowers, usually doubled and funnel-shaped, appear in early summer
- ◆ One of the first wildflowers to appear in the domestic landscape
- ◆ Showy, hardy perennial herb



Red Osier Dogwood

Cornus stolonifera

- ◆ Large, fast-growing perennial shrub
- ◆ Small, white flower clusters appear in summer
- ◆ Twigs and limbs are bright red in color
- ◆ Distinctive foliage appears in autumn



Common Elderberry

Sambucus canadensis

◆ Large, perennial shrub that frequents moist, marshy areas



◆ White clusters of blossoms appear in late spring

◆ Small, dark berries are used in wine-making

Fragrant Sumac

Rhus aromatica

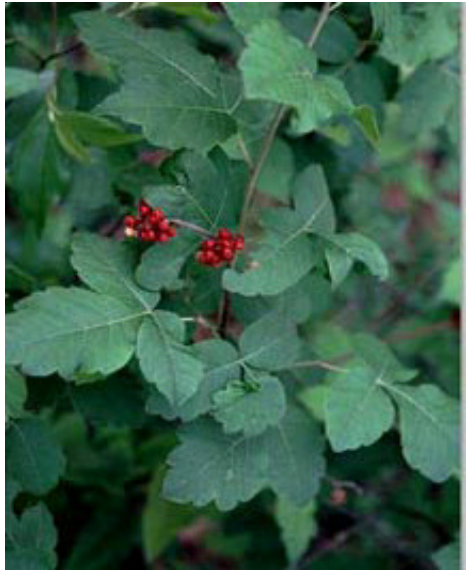
◆ Perennial shrub, also known as polecat bush and skunkbush

◆ Yellow flower clusters appear in spring

◆ Red berries appear on female bushes

◆ Great for decreasing erosion on dry slopes

◆ Related to poison ivy and known to cause itchy rashes upon contact



Goldenrod

Solidago



- ◆ Perennial with narrow leaves; common wildflower
- ◆ Clusters of yellow flowers appear in late summer, early fall
- ◆ Home to many species of wildlife, the most common being the goldenrod spider named after its preferred habitat

Inkberry Holly

Ilex glabra

◆ Hardy evergreen shrub that tolerates dry soil



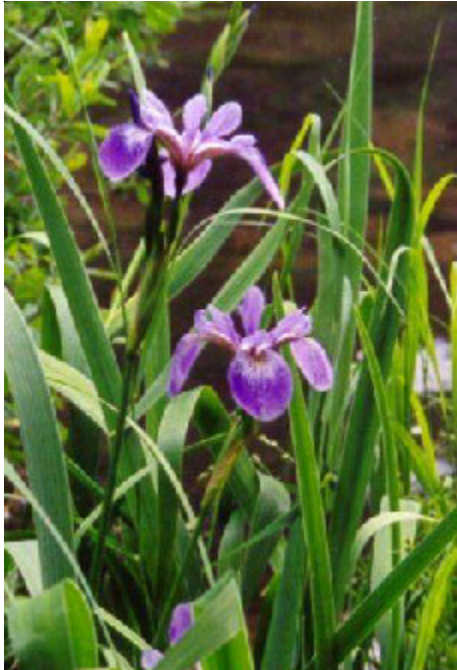
◆ Small, white flowers bloom in late summer

◆ Produces black berries in winter

◆ Leathery leaves may be used to brew tea

Blue Flag Iris

Iris versicolor



◆ Perennial that frequents shorelines and wood edges

◆ Distinctive blue blossoms sit atop a tall, slender stem

◆ Underground stem (rhizome) is used to flavor toothpaste

Maple-leaf Viburnum

Viburnum acerifolium

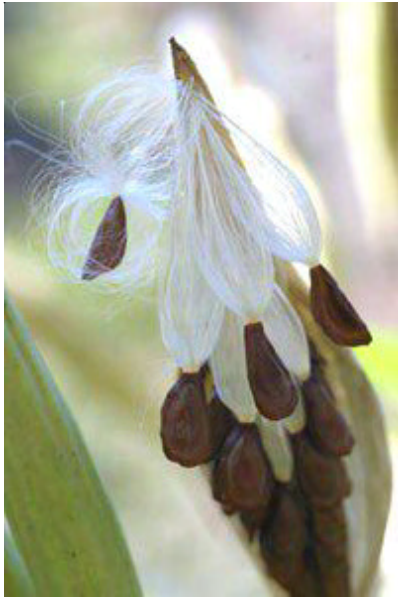
- ◆ Perennial shrub; member of the honeysuckle family
- ◆ White blossom clusters appear in early summer
- ◆ Red berries blacken as they ripen



Swamp Milkweed

Asclepias incarnata

- ◆ Perennial herb that prefers wet, swampy environments

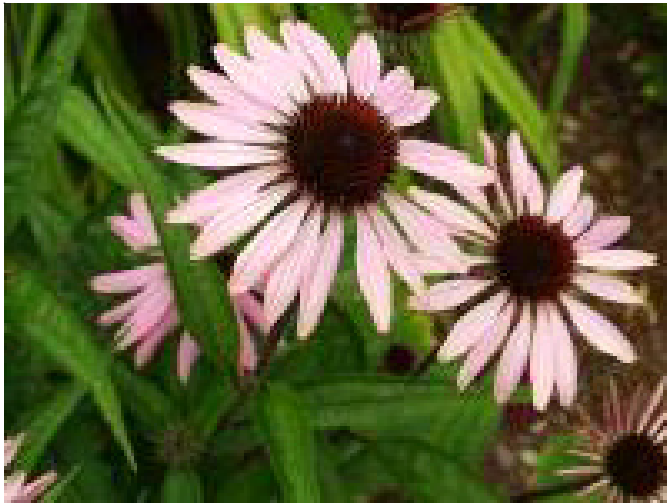


- ◆ Purple, hour-glass flowers appear in summer
- ◆ Hairy seed pods form in late summer
- ◆ White, milky sap tastes bitter; monarch butterflies adopt this characteristic after feeding on milkweed

Purple Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea

- ◆ Hardy perennial; very resistant to drought conditions
- ◆ Purple ray flowers extending from reddish-brown



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- ◆ Roots may be used medicinally

Red Chokeberry

Aronia arbutifolia

- ◆ Perennial shrub that grows to 6-10 feet
- ◆ Small, white flowers clusters appear in late spring
- ◆ Red berries last throughout winter
- ◆ Leaves turn red/gold in the autumn



Rosebay Rhododendron

Rhododendron maximum

- ◆ Large clusters of pale pink, purple, or white flowers appear in late spring
- ◆ Large evergreen shrub that prefers moist, acidic soil
- ◆ Leaves are smooth and leathery, tend to curl in winter months



Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum

- ◆ Hardy perennial with soft, hairy leaves
- ◆ Five-petaled flowers varying from light pink to dark purple appear in late spring
- ◆ Also known as crane's-bill, alumroot, and old-maid's nightcap





Spicebush

Lindera benzoin

- ◆ Deciduous shrub
- ◆ Small, yellow flowers appear in early spring
- ◆ Fragrant red berries are popular among wildlife
- ◆ Leaves are fragrant when crushed
- ◆ Host plant of Spicebush Swallowtail Larvae

Winterberry Holly

Ilex verticillata

◆ Perennial shrub, member of the holly family

◆ White flowers appear in summer



◆ Pea-sized red berries last throughout winter

◆ Bark blackens during winter, accenting the berries

Witch Hazel

Hamamelis virginiana

- ◆ Perennial shrub with broad leaves
- ◆ Orange-red flower clusters bloom in late fall



- ◆ Extracts may be used medicinally to treat eye/skin inflammations and are often used in cosmetics

Switchgrass

Panicum virgatum

◆ Perennial grass native to North America and very resistant to pests and diseases

◆ Blades are green with red tints and can reach heights of five feet

◆ Small, red flowers bloom in summer in columns called *panicles*



Arrowwood Viburnum

Viburnum dentatum

◆ Dense, perennial shrub that tolerates drought conditions



◆ White flower clusters emit an unpleasant aroma bloom in summer

◆ Blue-black berries appear in autumn and are popular among birds

Blackhaw

Viburnum prunifolium

- ◆ Large, perennial shrub with distinctive, scaly bark
- ◆ Small, creamy white flowers appear in spring
- ◆ Dark blue, elliptical berries appear in late summer and carry small, flat stones at their centers



River Birch

Betula Nigra

- ◆ Slender, deciduous tree
- ◆ Light green or reddish-green catkins near stem base develop in spring
- ◆ Distinctive reddish, curling bark on mature trees; smooth when immature



Serviceberry

Amelanchier canadensis

- ◆ Large perennial shrub; prefers understory growth
- ◆ White flowers appear in early spring
- ◆ Produces red-purple berry in late summer



- ◆ Distinctive yellow-orange, red-purple foliage in autumn