

Native Shrubs and Small Trees

Native trees and shrubs provide habitat – food, shelter, nesting spaces – for native birds, butterflies and other animals dependent upon the environment for their needs. Native plants have adapted to local soils, climate and pests, and require less care and chemicals than non-native species. Planting these species supports and beautifies our own habitat.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Sun	Height	Comments	
Speckled Alder	<i>Alnus rugosa</i>	Full- Partial	15-25'	Wildlife Habitat	
Smooth Alder	<i>Alnus Serrulata</i>	Full – Shade	15-20 ‘	Yellow and Orange Fall colors, fruit eaten by birds	
Shadbush Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Full	1-20'	White flowers bloom in early spring; edible fruit	
Allegheny Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Full -Partial	40'	Showy white flowers (Mar-June); edible fruit (Jun-Jul)	

Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Full-Partial	5-10'	Bright red fruit and scarlet to pinkish-orange fall color	
Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Full-Partial	3-5'	Dependable showy orange, burgundy, purple fall color	
Sea Myrtle	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Full-Partial	3-10'	White flower heads; attractive fall foliage	
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Full-Partial	3-8'	Blooms attract butterflies; emergent in shallow water	
Sweet Pepperbush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Full-Partial	2-4'	Ivory white fragrant blooms in summer	

Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Partial-Shade	6-15'	Flat white flower head mid-spring -- not fragrant	
Gray Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Full-Shade	8-15'	2" dia. hemispherical inflorescences for 1 wk, May-Jun	
Red-osier Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Full-Partial	3-10'	White flowers in spring; twigs, berries turn red in fall	
Witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Full-Shade	8-20'	Golden yellow flowers in fall	
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Full-Partial	6-10'	Greenish white flowers bloom in spring	

Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>	Full-Partial	3-6'	White blooms in early summer; red, orange in fall	
Marsh Elder	<i>Iva frutescens</i>	Full-Partial	8'	Evergreen; inconspicuous flowers	
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Full-Partial	8-15'	Yellow blooms in early spring	
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Full-Partial	15-20'	Olive-green leaves, fragrant when crushed	
Northern Bayberry	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Full-Partial	5-8'	Semi-evergreen; transplants well	
Common Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Full-Partial	6'	Thicket-forming; responds to pruning; purple foliage	

Beach Plum	<i>Prunus maritima</i>	Full-Partial	10'	White spring blossoms; fruit used to make preserves	
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Full-Partial	2-6'	Showy orange to reddish-purple fall color	
Dwarf-winged Sumac	<i>Rhus copalina</i>	Full-Partial	20-30'	Red fall color; winter food for birds and wildlife	
Smooth Sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Full	9-15'	Velvety red fruit on female plants lasts into winter	
Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Full	9-15'	Vibrant red and gold autumn foliage	

Swamp Rose	<i>Rosa palustris</i>	Full	4-6'	Frag. flowers (summer); red hips (winter); fall color	
Satiny Willow	<i>Salix sericea</i>	Full-Partial	12'	Provides good wildlife habitat	
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Full-Partial	5-10'	Pinnate leaves; blooms in early summer	
Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Full-Partial	6-12'	Creamy-white blooms in spring	
Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Full-Partial	18'	White flat-topped inflorescences 5" diameter in May	

Black Haw	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Full-Partial	8-15'	Creamy-white flowers in spring	
Cranberry Bush	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	Full-Partial	8-12'	White flowers; bright red edible bird-attracting fruit	
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus</i>	F-P	3-10"	Easy care, flowering,	
Leather leaf Viburnum	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	Partial shade to partial sun	6-10'	Brilliant red fruit in fall	
Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Full sun to full shade	15'	Needs acidic soils, grow in protected place	

Native Azaleas	Rhododendron prinophyllum (pictured)	Shade	4-8'	Need moist, well drained soils Many cultivars of various colors and habits	
Hazelnut	Corylus Americana	Full sun to medium shade	6-12'	Great wildlife plant. Edible nuts in 3-4 years. Lives for 40 years.	