



American Littoral Society Shore Stewards Fact Sheet – *Abbreviated list of native plants*

Looking at a huge list of native plants can be intimidating.

The American Littoral Society Shore Steward Program recommends using native plants whenever possible. However, looking at a native plant list can be daunting because it is long and many of the plants may be unfamiliar to you.

The following list will give you plant recommendations for various sites. We have abbreviated the list and included common plants that are popular on residential properties.

TREES AND SHRUBS

Plants for wet sites

- Atlantic white cedar - *Chamaecyparis thyoides*
- Black gum - *Nyssa sylvatica*
- Black willow - *Salix nigra*
- Green ash - *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*
- Highbush blueberry - *Vaccinium corymbosum*
- Inkberry holly - *Ilex glabra*
- Pin oak - *Quercus palustris*
- Red maple - *Acer rubrum*
- River birch - *Betula nigra*
- Swamp azalea - *Rhododendron viscosum*
- Swamp white oak - *Quercus bicolor*
- Sweet gum - *Liquidambar styraciflua*
- Sweet pepperbush - *Clethra alnifolia*
- Sycamore - *Platanus occidentalis*
- Winterberry holly - *Ilex verticillata*

Plants for medium to dry sites

- American holly - *Ilex opaca*
- Black cherry - *Prunus serotina*
- Common persimmon - *Diospyros virginiana*
- Eastern redbud - *Cercis canadensis*

- Flowering redwood - *Trochetiopsis erythroxyton*
- Fragrant sumac - *Rhus aromatica*
- Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*
- Ironwood - *Carpinus caroliniana*
- Northern bayberry - *Myrica pensylvanica*
- Pitch Pine - *Pinus rigida*
- Silver maple - *Acer saccharinum*
- Sweet birch - *Betula lenta*
- Sweet fern - *Comptonia peregrina*
- Tulip poplar - *Liriodendron tulipifera*
- White oak - *Quercus alba*
- Witch hazel - *Hamamelis virginiana*

Plants that are salt tolerant

- American holly - *Ilex opaca*
- Beach plum - *Prunus maritima*
- Black gum - *Nyssa sylvatica*
- Eastern red cedar - *Juniperus virginiana*
- Groundsel bush - *Baccharis halimifolia*
- Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*
- Shadbush – *Amelanchier canadensis*
- Sweet pepperbush - *Clethra alnifolia*
- Wax myrtle - *Myrica cerifera*
- Winged sumac - *Rhus copallinum*

Ornamental flowers and berries

- Arrowwood viburnum - *Viburnum dentatum*
- Beach plum - *Prunus maritima*
- Cranberry viburnum - *Viburnum trilobum*
- Flowering dogwood - *Cornus florida*
- Lowbush Blueberry - *Vaccinium angustifolium*
- Red chokeberry - *Aronia arbutifolia*
- Silky dogwood - *Cornus amomum*
- Swamp azalea - *Rhododendron viscosum*
- Swamp rose - *Rosa palustris*
- Sweet bay magnolia - *Magnolia virginiana*
- Winterberry holly - *Ilex verticillata*
- Witch hazel - *Hamamelis virginiana*

Plants with partial shade tolerance

- American beech - *Fagus grandifolia*
- American holly- *Ilex opaca*
- Black gum- *Nyssa sylvatica*
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- Blackhaw viburnum – *Viburnum prunifolium*
- Eastern redbud- *Cercis canadensis*
- Flowering dogwood- *Cornus florida*
- Highbush blueberry – *Vaccinium corymbosum*
- Northern spicebush - *Lindera benzoin*
- Red chokeberry- *Aronia arbutifolia*
- Silky dogwood- *Cornus amomum*
- Silver maple- *Acer saccharinum*
- Sugar maple - *Acer saccharum*
- Winterberry holly - *Ilex verticillata*
- Witchhazel - *Hamamelis virginiana*

HERBACEOUS

Plants for medium to dry sites

- American beachgrass – *Ammophila breviligulata*
- Black-eyed susan – *Rudbeckia hirta*
- False sunflower – *Heliopsis helianthoides*
- Hollyhocks – *Rudbeckia hurta*
- Husker Red – *Penstemon digitalis*
- Poverty grass – *Danthonia spicata*
- Seaside goldenrod – *Solidago nemoralis*
- Wild indigo – *Baptisia tinctoria*

Plants with ornamental flowers

- Allegheny monkeyflower – *Mimulus ringens*
- Black-eyed susan – *Rudbeckia hirta*
- Blue flag iris – *Iris virginica shrevei*
- Common blue iris – *Iris versicolor*
- Marsh marigold – *Caltha palustris*
- New England Aster – *Aster novae-angliae*
- Spotted joe-pye – *Eupatorium maculatum*
- Swamp milkweed – *Asclepias incarnata*
- Swamp rose mallow – *Hibiscus moscheutos*
- Swamp verbena – *Verbena hastate*

Salt tolerant wetland plants / grasses

- Arrow arum – *Peltandra virginica*
- Narrowleaf cattail – *Typha angustifolia*
- Needlegrass rush – *Juncus roemerianus*
- Pickerelweed – *Pontederia cordata*

- Saltgrass – *Distichlis spicata*
- Saltmarsh bulrush – *Scirpus robustus*
- Smooth Cordgrass – *Spartina alterniflora*
- Swamp rose mallow – *Hibiscus moscheutos*
- Switchgrass – *Panicum virgatum*

Plants suitable for permanent inundation

- American bur-reed – *Sparganium americanum*
- Blue flag iris – *Iris virginica shrevei*
- Fragrant water lily – *Nymphaea odorata*
- Marsh marigold – *Caltha palustris*
- Narrowleaf cattail – *Typha angustifolia*
- Rice cutgrass – *Leersia oryzoides*
- Softstem bulrush – *Scirpus tabernaemontani*
- Swamp rose mallow – *Hibiscus moscheutos*

Plants with partial shade tolerance

- Arrow arum – *Peltandra virginica*
- Blue flag iris – *Iris virginica shrevei*
- Cardinal flower – *Lobelia cardinalis*
- Cinnamon fern – *Osmunda cinnamomea*
- Goldstrike rush – *Juncus effuses*
- Marsh marigold – *Caltha palustris*
- Pickerelweed – *Pontederia cordata*
- Sensitive fern – *Onoclea sensibilis*
- Sweet flag – *Acorus calamus*
- Turtlehead – *Chelone glabra*