



SPRING 2024

# Native Plant Sale



## Coverdale Farm Preserve

543 WAY RD, GREENVILLE

FRIDAY, MAY 3: MEMBER DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 4: OPEN TO PUBLIC

Photo by Hank Davis

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### INSIDE

Celebrating 60 years of DelNature education, advocacy and conservation

Featuring new selections for the Native Plant Sale



# Challenges await. Together, we can meet them

Dear friends,

Through the Native Plant Sale, your generous support over the decades has helped the Delaware Nature Society lead the way in exploring, protecting and enhancing the diversity of life in this state.

Biodiversity is nature's recipe for success, and our small state hosts a wealth of plants and animals, from saltwater ecosystems on the coast to forest and freshwater habitat inland.

But Delaware is no exception to the wave of biodiversity loss sweeping our country and planet. Grim new studies and reports show a steep decline in species, with as many as 40% of plants, animals and ecosystems at risk of extinction or collapse. Here in our state, the number one threat to biodiversity is habitat loss and degradation, according to the Delaware Native Species Commission.

For the past 60 years, we've been working to protect our natural diversity.

Our management of more than 2,000 acres has allowed forests and meadows to thrive with native species, including the extremely rare mature American Chestnut tree documented at Coverdale Farm Preserve in 2022.

We've published numerous guides to native species from *Wildflowers of Delaware and the Eastern Shore* in 1978 to *Amphibians and Reptiles of Delmarva* in 2007.

We operate educational centers that protect habitat while allowing new generations to connect with nature, including Ashland Nature



Center, Abbott's Mill Nature Center, and the DuPont Environmental Education Center as well as Coverdale Farm Preserve. All told, nearly 70,000 students and adults participate in our educational programs every year.

With partners, we advocated for important policy changes, like the new 2022 law that prevents the sale of 37 highly invasive species of plants that can wreak havoc on Delaware's native ecosystems. But with a growing population and a changing climate, we will need to do even more to protect the diversity of life here in Delaware.

As we look to the next decades, key priorities include addressing climate change with nature-based solutions like forests, wetlands, and renewable energy. We also want to grow traditional programs like this Native Plant Sale, while finding new ways to make an impact in urban spaces, farms and even the job market.

Thank you for your continued support on this evolving journey!

Jen Adkins, Executive Director

# Celebrate 60 years with us

## **DelNature Bird Walks**

April - May, 8:00 am | Sundays, - Bucktoe Creek Preserve, Tuesdays - Middle Run Preserve, Thursdays - DuPont Environmental Education Center

## **Farm Hikes**

Coverdale Farm Preserve | Saturdays, April - May, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

## **Knee-high Naturalists**

Offered at all four locations on weekdays; dates and times vary.

## **Lichen Biodiversity Field Identification**

Abbott's Mill Nature Center | Thursday, April 11, 10:00 am - Noon

## **Frog Fest**

Ashland Nature Center | Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

## **Foraging in Spring**

Coverdale Farm Preserve | Wednesday, April 17, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

## **Dew Point Hike**

Ashland Nature Center | Thursday, April 25, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

## **Natural Areas Series**

Flint Woods Preserve | Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

## **Family Canoe**

DuPont Environmental Education Center | Saturday, May 11, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## **Family Evening in Nature**

Ashland Nature Center | Saturday, May 11, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

## **Red Knots, Horseshoe Crabs, and Shorebird Migration**

Ashland Nature Center | Sunday, May 26, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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## **Events**

### **Annual Meeting**

Ashland Nature Center | Monday, April 22, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### **Native Plant Sale**

Coverdale Farm Preserve | Member Day: Friday, May 3, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Public Sale Day: Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### **Abbott's Mill Native Plant Sale and Open House**

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - Noon

***For full program offerings and pricing, visit: [DelNature.org/Programs](http://DelNature.org/Programs)***

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Members receive 15% discount on programs.





## **We have a lot to celebrate, and even more to accomplish.**

Delaware Nature Society turns 60 this year, and we're marking the occasion with a yearlong commemoration, a time to not only remember our history but bring our mission more sharply into focus.

Since our founding in 1964, many staff and thousands of volunteers have put untold hours into that mission. Why have so many people given so much? We're driven by a love for the many living things that fly, crawl, slither, walk and grow here, and the land they call home, and a dedication to make sure we can all thrive.

With increasing threats from climate change and habitat loss, it's never been more important to promote the health of Delaware's natural spaces. We're committed to sharing our passion through education and advocacy as we have for the past 60 years.

In the coming months, we'll explore these themes we think are vital to our work in 2024 and beyond:

### **Grow With It** *April - May*

Delaware is remarkably rich in biodiversity, and as our population grows and the climate shifts, it will take creativity and hard work to protect that wealth.

### **Water is Life** *June - July*

We can't live without water, which is why pollution is such an urgent challenge in our groundwater, rivers and bays.



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### **All Things Winged** *August - September*

Want to know how the natural environment around you is doing? Look at winged creatures from bees to butterflies and birds. We're discovering new ways to help these winged neighbors soar.

### **Food for Thought** *October - November*

Delaware has many farmers, and we're learning with them about the key role regenerative agriculture can play in conservation.

### **Back to the Land** *December - January*

Almost all the other themes relate in some way to land. The time is now to protect some of Delaware's most important habitats.

How to achieve these goals? Look for more details about DelNature's strategic plan over the coming year, as we prepare for what's next.

We'll also spend some time this year remembering and celebrating our history, telling the stories of the people and





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partnerships that have brought us from 1964 to 2024. If you've been impacted by DelNature, that might include your story!

We're looking to the future with hope. How could we not, given the amazing ride that has been our first 60 years?



# Native Plant Sale

## Details and Catalog Guide

### SALE DAYS

#### Dates

Member Day: May 3: 2 pm - 7 pm  
 Open to public: May 4: 9 am - 3 pm  
 Join now at [DelNature.org/Join](http://DelNature.org/Join)

**Location:** Coverdale Farm Preserve,  
 543 Way Rd, Greenville, DE

**Wagons:** Consider bringing your own wagon as availability is limited.

**Payments accepted:** Major credit cards, checks, or cash (entry is free)

**Membership Card:** Our Membership card is now online. Need help? Call 302.239.2334

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up online to help with setup and sale days.

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### ONLINE RESOURCES

- Plant Finder Worksheet & Plant Lists
- Educational Articles & Programs
- Info on how to Garden for Wildlife & become a Certified Wildlife Habitat

[DelNature.org/NativePlantSale](http://DelNature.org/NativePlantSale)

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

#### 1 Botanical Name

#### 2 New plant

A plant new to our sale.

#### 3 Height & Width

Plant size in feet and/or inches

#### 4 Common name and description

#### 5 Wildlife

Shows whether plant attracts pollinators:

- Butterflies/moths
- Bees
- Birds

#### 6 Edible

Parts of plant are edible for people.

#### 7 Color

Color of the flower.

#### 8 Bloom-time

Months plant is in bloom.

#### 9 Sunlight

Light needs.

- FS** Full sun
- PS** Part sun
- SH** Full shade

#### 10 Soil Moisture

Moisture needs.

- W** Wet
- M** Moist
- D** Dry

#### 11 Range

- C:** Coastal Plain of Delmarva Peninsula, So. Ea. PA, So. NJ
- EC:** Coastal Plain of Ea. US (outside of our region)
- P:** Piedmont of Delmarva Peninsula, So. Ea. PA, So. NJ
- EP:** Piedmont of Ea. US (outside of our region)
- EM:** Eastern Mountains
- X:** Cross of two species/cultivars

7 8 9 10  
 Yellow Apr-May FS/PS M  
 1 **Aquilegia canadensis** NEW 2  
 3 Height: 12-18" Width: 8-12" P/C 11  
 4 *Wild Columbine* Dainty; plant with blue flowers for contrast.   
 5 6



This catalogue shows MOST plants that will be on sale. Actual availability changes until day of sale.

**Plant Pricing:** Actual pricing depends on many variables and can often change up until the last minute, so pricing is not included in this catalogue. However, most herbaceous plants (flowers, grasses, ferns) range from \$10 to \$15, most shrubs and trees range from \$25-\$50.

Note: Delaware Nature Society has made every effort to avoid neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides being used on *our plants*. However, we cannot guarantee that every plant is pesticide-free.





Carex pensylvanica



Schizachyrium scoparium



Muhlenbergia capillaris

# Grasses

Green Apr-May SH,PS M

## Carex amphibola

Height: 8-12" Width: 8-12" P,C  
*Eastern Narrow-leaved Sedge* Compact; good for erosion control or floodplain; semi-evergreen.

Inconspic June-July FS,PS M,D

## Carex appalachica

Height: 1' Width: 8-18" EP,EM  
*Appalachian Sedge* A cascade of long, narrow leaves that turn orange in fall; takes dry site.

Grn-white May-June SH,PS M,W

## Carex flaccosperma

Height: 6-12" Width: 6-12" EP,EC  
*Thin-fruit (Blue Wood) Sedge* Semi-evergreen; excellent for massing, edging; fine texture.

Green SH,PS M

## Carex laxiculmis NEW

Height: 12" Width: 12-18" P,C  
*Creeping Sedge* Blue-green semi-evergreen sedge used as a shade garden accent or groundcover. Grows in compact clumps. 🦋🐦

Greenish April FS,PS,SH M,D

## Carex pensylvanica

Height: 6-10" Width: 14-20"+ P,C  
*Pennsylvania Sedge* Fine-textured, spreading; for dry shade, slopes. 🦋🐦

Pink Sept-Nov FS,PS D,M

## Muhlenbergia capillaris

Height: 18-36" Width: 16-32" P,EC  
*Hair-awn Muhly* A stunning pink cloud; combine with meadow flowers.

Silver Aug-frost FS D

## Schizachyrium scoparium

Height: 2-4' Width: 6-24" P,C  
*Little Bluestem* Orange winter color; group or mass in border or meadow. 🐦

Silver Aug-frost FS D

## Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'

Height: 3-4' Width: 1' P,C  
*Little Bluestem* Tight, upright habit; bluish leaves turn orange to purple-brown, fall. 🐦

## Create a Mini Meadow

Make a difference! These spaces provide an open meadow feel in your smaller, manageable backyard.

### Benefits include:

- Deeper roots build healthy soil and carbon storage
- Food and shelter for pollinators and other wildlife
- Increased biodiversity, beauty, and interest

### Some meadow plants available at the sale include:

- Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation' / Little bluestem
- Echinacea purpurea / Purple coneflower
- Rudbeckia fulgida / Black-Eyed Susan
- Liatris spicata / Blazingstar
- Monarda fistulosa

**Need project advice? Talk to experts at the sale!**



Passiflora incarnata



Lonicera sempervirens



Osmundastrum cinnamomeum

# Vines

Bronze/yellow May PS,FS M

## Bignonia capreolata NEW

Height: 5-80' Width: 3-10' EP,EC

*Cross Vine* Chocolate-scented flowers for hummingbirds; evergreen. 🌿🦋🐝

Yellow Apr-May FS,PS M

## Gelsemium sempervirens 'Margarita'

Height: 8-12' Width: 1-5' EC

*Evening Trumpetflower* Fragrant, daffodil-yellow trumpets; evergreen; adaptable. 🌿🦋🐝

Salmon-red May-frost FS,PS M

## Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler'

Height: 3-8' Width: 1-10' P,C

*Trumpet Honeysuckle* Resists powdery mildew; many flowers; hummingbirds love it! 🌿🦋🐝

Purplish Summer FS D,M

## Passiflora incarnata NEW

Height: 10-20' Width: 20-30' EC

*Wild Passionflower* Exotic-looking flower; larval food for Fritillary butterflies.

## A Special Thanks to Our Volunteers & Contributors

*Our sale is a success thanks to our volunteers.*

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# Ferns

PS,SH M

## Athyrium angustum 'Lady in Red'

Height: 18-30" Width: 18-24" P,C

*Northern Lady Fern* Vibrant burgundy stems accent other plants' red blooms or leaves.

PS,SH M

## Athyrium filix-femina

Height: 24-30" Width: 24" P,C

*Lady Fern* Lacy fronds provide beautiful backdrop for flowers spring to fall.

FS,PS D,M

## Dennstaedtia punctilobula

Height: 18-30" Width: 3-4' P,C

*Hay-scented Fern* Groundcover; even takes dry sunny spots; lacy, bright green.

PS,SH M,W

## Onoclea sensibilis

Height: 18-24" Width: 3-4' P,C

*Sensitive Fern* Pale red fiddleheads in spring; good for rain gardens, wet areas.

PS M,W

## Osmundastrum (Osmunda) cinnamomeum

Height: 2-5' Width: 2-4' P,C

*Cinnamon Fern* Cinnamon-colored spikes; graceful. 🌿

PS,SH M

## Polystichum acrostichoides

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P,C

*Christmas Fern* Leathery, evergreen; good for slopes; mix with delicate plants.





Aquilegia canadensis



Antennaria plantaginifolia



Allium cernuum

# Perennials

White Apr-May PS,SH M

## Actaea pachypoda

Height: 18-30" Width: 12-16" P,EC  
*White Baneberry (Doll's Eyes)* Pretty but non-edible ivory fruits extend interest into late summer. ✂

Lavender July-August FS,PS M,D

## Agastache foeniculum

Height: 3-5' Width: 2' EP  
*Anise Hyssop* Fragrant flower spikes buzz with activity! ✂

Lilac pink July-Aug FS,PS D,M

## Allium cernuum

Height: 8-24" Width: 8-12"+ EP  
*Nodding Onion* Cascading droplets of flowers; tuck in among other flowers, ferns. ✂

Blue Apr-May FS,PS D,M

## Amsonia tabernaemontana

Height: 24-40" Width: 3' E,PEC  
*Blue Dogbane* Attractive vase shape; combines well with asters, phlox, grasses.

White May-June PS,SH M,W

## Anemone canadensis

Height: 1-2' Width: 3-6"+ EP  
*Roundleaf Anemone* Blooms when early flowers are finished; likes moist but takes drier. ✂

White May FS,PS M,D

## Antennaria plantaginifolia

Height: 3-12" Width: 8-24" P,C  
*Woman's-tobacco (Pussytoes)* Larval host of American Lady butterfly; ground cover, rock garden. ✂

Red/yellow Apr-May FS,PS M

## Aquilegia canadensis

Height: 2-3' Width: 8-12" P,C  
*Wild Columbine* Colorful, delicate early blooms draw early hummingbirds. ✂

Yellow Apr-May FS,PS M

## Aquilegia canadensis 'Corbett'

Height: 12-18" Width: 8-12" P,C  
*Wild Columbine* Dainty; plant with blue flowers for contrast. ✂

Red/yellow Apr-May FS,PS M

## Aquilegia canadensis 'Little Lanterns'

Height: 12-18" Width: 8" P,C  
*Wild Columbine* Big impact on dwarf plant; deeper red bloom than species. ✂

White May-June FS,PS M

## Aruncus dioicus

Height: 4-5' Width: 3' EP  
*Goatsbeard* Feathery plumes stand out in woodlands, borders, waterside. ✂

Maroon April PS,SH M

## Asarum canadense

Height: 6-12" Width: 12-18"+ P,C  
*Wild Ginger* Bold; groundcover for banks or under trees and shrubs.

Mauve July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Asclepias incarnata

Height: 2-5' Width: 2' P,C  
*Swamp Milkweed* Magnet for butterflies; good with Monarda, Eutrochium, grasses; larval host for Monarchs. ✂

White July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Asclepias incarnata 'Ice Ballet'

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' P,C  
*Swamp Milkweed* Long-lasting, vanilla-scented white blooms; lovely with Lobelias; larval host for Monarchs. ✂

Creamy July-Sept FS D

## Asclepias verticillata

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P,C  
*Whorled Milkweed* Scented flowers; fine-textured foliage; larval host for Monarchs. ✂



Asclepias incarnata



Asclepias verticillata



Astilbe biternata

# Perennials

White May-June SH M

## Astilbe biternata

Height: 2-6' Width: 2-4' EP

*False Goatsbeard* Large plumes attract butterflies.

White May PS M

## Chamaelirium luteum

Height: 8-30" Width: 6" P

*Fairy Wand* Very rare; male and female flower stalks rise above basal rosettes.

Blue May-June FS,PS D,M

## Baptisia australis

Height: 3-4' Width: 3-4' EP

*Blue False Indigo* Elegant vase shape; large flowers; takes drought, deer resistant. ☞☞

White Sept-Oct FS,PS M,W

## Chelone glabra

Height: 2-4' Width: 2' P,C

*Turtlehead* Snapdragon-like flowers; attracts butterflies; lovely with Conoclinium. ☞☞

White Apr-May PS,SH M

## Cardamine (Dentaria) diphylla

Height: 8-14" Width: 8" EP

*Two-leaf Toothwort* Delicate flowers; attractive leaves form spring groundcover. ☞

Pink Mar-Apr PS,SH M

## Claytonia virginica

Height: 4-12" Width: 3"+ P,C

*Virginia Spring-beauty* Star-like flowers form a very early carpet of woodland color. ☞

Yellow-green Apr-May PS,SH M

## Caulophyllum thalictroides

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P

*Blue Cohosh* Deep blue summer fruit; attractive form and foliage. ☞☞

Blue Aug-Oct FS,PS M

## Conoclinium (Eupatorium) coelestinum

Height: 2-3' Width: 3'+ C,EP

*Mistflower (Wild Ageratum)* Butterflies love it; good cut flower; likes moist but happy in dry, too. ☞☞

## Create a Rain Garden

Rain Gardens provide both ecological and environmental benefits.

Simple rain gardens are planted in shallow depressions that help absorb and filter stormwater before it enters our waterways. Situating rain gardens near a downspout or between a lawn and the driveway can maximize their ability to reduce stormwater on your property.

Plant natives to add habitat and food for bees, butterflies, and songbirds among other wildlife.

### Some rain garden plants at the sale include:


- Baptisia australis / Blue False Indigo
- Rudbeckia fulgida / Black Eyed Susan
- Asclepias incarnata
- Eutrochium (Eupatorium) dubium

**Talk with our plant experts at the sale for more information.**




**Golden June FS,PS D**  
**Coreopsis 'Jethro Tull'** **NEW**  
Height: 8-18" Width: 1-2' X  
*Tickseed* Fluted petals.

**Yellow May FS,PS D,M**  
**Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana'**  
Height: 5-9" Width: 6-10" EP,EC  
*Lobed Tickseed* Long-blooming groundcover; shiny foliage; seeds for birds.


**Pink July-Sept FS M**  
**Coreopsis rosea 'American Dream'**  
Height: 18-24" Width: 1-2' C  
*Small Rose Tickseed* Feathery foliage; tiny, long-blooming daisies; heat tolerant. 


**Yellow June-July FS D,M**  
**Coreopsis verticillata** **NEW**  
Height: 24-28" Width: 24-40" EP,EC  
*Whorled Tickseed* More airy habit than cultivars, so not prone to powdery mildew. 


**Violet Apr-May FS,PS M**  
**Delphinium tricornis**  
Height: 8-18" Width: 8-12" EP  
*Dwarf Larkspur* Show-stopping color; summer dormant; plant with ferns, sedges. 


**White April PS M**  
**Dicentra cucullaria**  
Height: 8" Width: 8" P  
*Dutchman's-breeches* Frosty blue-gray foliage over lightly fragrant flowers; summer dormant. 


**Pink April PS,SH M**  
**Dicentra eximia**  
Height: 8-12" Width: 8-12" EP  
*Wild Bleeding Heart* Lovely dangling hearts; sometimes blooms into fall. 


**White or pink Apr-May PS,SH M**  
**Dodecatheon meadia**  
Height: 9-18" Width: 9" EP  
*Shooting-star* Delicate blossoms like those of cyclamen. 

**Silvery pink June-July FS D,M**  
**Echinacea pallida**  
Height: 26-40" Width: 1-2' EP,EC  
*Pale Purple Coneflower* 3-4" blooms; petals that hang like streamers; takes heat, drought. 

**Magenta July-Aug FS,PS M**  
**Echinacea purpurea**  
Height: 2-3' Width: 18-24" EP  
*Purple Coneflower* Dangling petals; goldfinches, juncos, butterflies love it. 

**Rose-pink July-Sept FS,PS D,M**  
**Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus'**  
Height: 2-3' Width: 2' EP  
*Purple Coneflower* Exotic cone and vibrant pink petals; queen of the August garden. 


**White June-Sept FS,PS M**  
**Echinacea purpurea Pow Wow® White**  
Height: 16-24" Width: 12-16" EP  
*Coneflower* Many daisies on bushy, compact plants perfect for containers. 


**Rose-purple June-Aug FS,PS M**  
**Echinacea purpurea Pow Wow® Wild Berry**  
Height: 16-20" Width: 12-16" EP  
*Purple Coneflower* Smashing raspberry-colored daisies on compact, bushy plants. 


**White, Yellow, Lavender Apr-June PS,SH D,M**  
**Erigeron pulchellus 'Lynnhaven Carpet'** **NEW**  
Height: 12-16" Width: 18-24" X  
*Robin's Plantain* Dense green-gray leaves and mat-forming habit creating a low-growing groundcover.


**Blue-green June-Aug FS M,D**  
**Eryngium yuccifolium**  
Height: 2-4' Width: 12-16" EP,EC  
*Button Snakeroot* Spiky flowers attract many pollinators, beneficial insects. 

**White Aug-Oct FS,PS D**  
**Eupatorium hyssopifolium**  
Height: 1-3' Width: 16-24" P,C  
*Hyssop-leaf Thoroughwort* Clouds of flowers, showy even in bud; good for hot sites. 

**White July-Aug FS,PS M,W**  
**Eupatorium perfoliatum**  
Height: 3-4' Width: 2' P,C  
*Common Boneset* Fragrant flowers attract pollinators; useful in floodplains, waterside. 

**White July-Sept FS,PS D**  
**Euphorbia corollata**  
Height: 2-3' Width: 16-24" P,C  
*Flowering Spurge* Airy sprays of flowers like baby's breath; attracts beneficial insects. 

**White Aug-Oct PS,SH D,M**  
**Eurybia (Aster) divaricata 'Eastern Star'**  
Height: 18-24" Width: 3' P  
*White Wood Aster* Dark, shiny mahogany stems; shorter than the species. 

**Deep mauve July-Aug FS,PS M**  
**Eutrochium (Eupatorium) dubium**  
Height: 3-4' Width: 2' P,C  
*Three-nerved Joe-Pye Weed* Short-statured choice for a small garden. 



Heliopsis helianthoides



Geranium maculatum



Heuchera americana

# Perennials

Blue Aug-Oct FS,PS M

## Gentiana andrewsii

Height: 1-2' Width: 24-30" P,C  
*Closed Bottle Gentian* Richly colored, unusual blooms; thrives in cool, moist soil. ✂

Rosy purple Apr-June FS,PS,SH D,M

## Geranium maculatum

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' P,C  
*Wild Geranium* Sweet, bowl-shaped blooms for borders or woodland edges. ✂

Yellow Aug-Sept FS M

## Helenium autumnale

Height: 3-5' Width: 3' C,EP  
*Common Sneezeweed* Attracts butterflies; interesting domed heads and toothed petals. ✂✂

Gold July-Aug FS M

## Helenium autumnale 'Helena Gold'

Height: 24-30" Width: 3-4' C,EP  
*Common Sneezeweed* Not an allergen -- Native Americans used it to make snuff. ✂

Yellow, Purple Apr-Oct FS M,W

## Helenium flexuosum NEW

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' P,C  
*Purple-headed Sneezeweed* Tolerates temporary flooding. Attracts a variety of pollinators. Clump forming and showy flowers. ✂✂

Pale yellow July-Oct FS,PS M,D

## Helianthus divaricatus

Height: 4-6' Width: 2-3' P,C  
*Woodland Sunflower* A sunflower that takes dappled shade; becoming rare in Del. ✂✂✂

Gold July-Aug FS M

## Heliopsis helianthoides

Height: 4-6' Width: 3-5' P,C  
*Ox-eye* Perennial sunflower attracts butterflies, birds, beneficial insects. ✂✂✂

Yellow July-Sept FS D,M

## Heliopsis helianthoides var. scabra 'Summer Sun'

Height: 2-3' Width: 2' EP  
*Western Oxeye* Frilly, bright yellow daisies; finches love it; good cut flower.

Yellow-green May-June FS,PS M,D

## Heuchera americana

Height: 10-24" Width: 12-30" P,C  
*American Alumroot* Semi-evergreen leaves; fantastic foil for wildflowers.

White May-June FS,PS M

## Heuchera americana 'Dale's Selection'

Height: 10-18" Width: 15-26" P,C  
*American Alumroot* Silver-blue marbled foliage, pretty spring to fall; semi-evergreen. ✂

White July-frost PS,SH D,M

## Heuchera villosa (macrorhiza) 'Autumn Bride'

Height: 18-24" Width: 15-42" EP  
*Hairy Alumroot* Semi-evergreen, apple-green foliage and showy flowers; magnificent in shade. ✂

Yellow May-Aug FS,PS D,M

## Hypoxis hirsuta

Height: 4-9" Width: 15" P,C  
*Yellow Stargrass* Star-like blooms; especially pretty in rock gardens, small areas.

Purple Apr-May PS M

## Iris cristata

Height: 4-8" Width: 1' EP  
*Dwarf Crested Iris* Petite but tough groundcover; pretty with Chrysogonum. ✂

White April PS M

## Jeffersonia diphylla

Height: 8-18" Width: 4-18" EP  
*Twinleaf* Foliage like butterfly wings; very early bloom; neat seedpods. ✂





Lobelia siliphitica



Mertensia virginica



Monarda fistulosa

# Perennials

Orange, Yellow May-Aug PS,SH D,M

## Krigia biflora

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P

*Two-flower Cynthia* Attractive waxy, light green foliage; spreads overtime through rhizomes; good for groundcover. 🌿

Lavender Aug-Sept FS,PS D,M

## Liatris aspera

Height: 1-5' Width: 2-3' E,EC

*Tall Gayfeather (Rough Blazing Star)* Showy button blooms; finches love seeds; good for poor soil. 🌿🦋🐦

Lavender-Rose Aug-Sept FS,PS D

## Liatris microcephala

Height: 1-2' Width: 9-24" EP

*Small-headed Gayfeather (Blazing Star)* Delicate, with spikes of wispy blooms; takes drought, poor soil. 🌿🦋🐦

Reddish Purple Aug-Sep FS,PS M,D

## Liatris scariosa

Height: 1-4' Width: 12-18" P,EC

*Tall Gayfeather* Fluffy button-like blooms; loves dry, sandy or rocky soil. 🌿🦋🐦

Rosy purple July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Liatris spicata

Height: 2-4' Width: 12-18" P,C

*Spike Gayfeather (Dense Blazing Star)* Blooms like exclamation points; use with grasses, Eutrochiums. 🌿🦋

Scarlet June-July FS,PS M

## Lilium philadelphicum

Height: 12-30" Width: 12-15" P

*Wood Lily* Extirpated in Delaware. Bulb; beautiful addition to a woodland garden. 🌿🦋🐦

Red or orange July PS,SH M

## Lilium superbum

Height: 3-8' Width: 1-2' P,C

*Turk's Cap Lily* Spectacular candelabras of bell-shaped flowers; bulb. 🌿🦋🐦

Red July-Sept FS,PS M,W

## Lobelia cardinalis

Height: 2-4' Width: 1' P,C

*Cardinal Flower* Stunning; hummingbird favorite; long-blooming. 🌿🦋🐦

Blue Aug-Oct FS,PS M,W

## Lobelia siphilitica

Height: 3-4' Width: 12-16" P,C

*Great Blue Lobelia* Butterflies love it; combine with red, gold or pink flowers for contrast. 🌿🦋

White Aug FS,PS M

## Lobelia siphilitica 'Alba'

NEW

Height: 2-3' Width: 12-18" P,C

*White Great Blue Lobelia* Tall flower spikes and basal leaves which last into winter. 🌿

White May PS,SH M

## Maianthemum stellatum

Height: 1-2' Width: 2' C,EP

*Starflower* Flowers smell like Easter lilies; ornamental, striped fruit. 🌿🐦

Blue Apr-May PS M,W

## Mertensia virginica

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-18" P,C

*Virginia Bluebells* Enchanting, nodding flowers; sometimes draws hummingbirds. 🌿

White May PS,SH M

## Mitchella repens

Height: 2" Width: 12-16" P,C

*Partridge-berry* Glossy, diminutive evergreen groundcover; red berries. 🌿🐦🦋

Purple June FS,PS D,M

## Monarda 'Purple Rooster'

Height: 44" Width: 42" X

*Bee Balm* One of the best in Mt. Cuba Center trials; no powdery mildew. 🌿🦋



Phlox divaricata



Rudbeckia fulgida



Polemonium reptans

# Perennials

Fuchsia July PS,FS M

## Monarda 'Raspberry Wine'

Height: 3-4' Width: 15-40" X

*Bee Balm* Buds truly look like raspberries; mildew resistant.

Red June-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Monarda didyma NEW

Height: 2-4' Width: 18" P,EC

*Scarlet Bee Balm* Bright flowers with minty aroma. Attracts hummingbirds. Larval host plant.

Lavender July-Aug FS D,M

## Monarda fistulosa

Height: 3-4' Width: 18-40" P,C

*Wild Bergamot* Shiny foliage; somewhat mildew resistant; the most local type.

Lavender June-July FS D,M

## Monarda fistulosa 'Claire Grace'

Height: 36-50" Width: 1-3' P

*Wild Bergamot* Sturdy; prolific and long blooming; not as prone to powdery mildew.

Yellow July-Aug FS,PS D,M

## Monarda punctata

Height: 12-30" Width: 24-50" C,EP

*Dotted Monarda* Exotic-looking blooms that pollinators adore; no mildew.

Yellow Jun-Jul FS,PS M,D

## Oenothera fruticosa

Height: 16-30" Width: 3' P,C

*Narrowleaf Evening-primrose* Cheerful flowers; attracts many types of pollinators; easy.

White April PS,SH M

## Pachysandra procumbens

Height: 6-10" Width: 18-24" EP

*Allegheny Pachysandra* Semi-evergreen groundcover; scented flowers; not aggressive.

Gold Apr-May PS,SH M

## Packera (Senecio) aurea

Height: 18-30" Width: 6-8" P,C

*Golden Ragwort* Golden daisies; shiny foliage; good evergreen, woodland groundcover.

## Create a Pollinator Garden or Container Garden

Join the movement to support pollinators and other wildlife by installing a native pollinator garden.

### Container Gardens

If space is limited, you can plant your seasonal containers with natives to still provide pollen and nectar sources, shelter, and beauty.

### In-ground Gardens

In-ground plantings have the added benefit of absorbing stormwater runoff, helping to build healthy soil, and sequestering carbon.

Whichever path you may choose, feel good knowing you're making a positive impact on our environment.

### Some pollinator plants at the sale include:

- Monarda didyma / Bee Balm
- Packera aurea / Golden Ragwort
- Phlox paniculata 'Jeana' / Garden Phlox
- Vernonia noveboracensis / New York Ironweed
- Chelone glabra / White turtlehead
- Solidago flexicaulis / Broad-leaf Goldenrod

**Talk with our plant experts about which native plants best suit your space.**



Violet June-July FS,PS D

**Penstemon hirsutus**

Height: 12-18" Width: 1' P  
*Hairy Beardtongue* Good for dry conditions; of conservation concern in Del. ☞

Purple May-July PS,SH D,M

**Penstemon laevigatus** NEW

Height: 2-3' Width: 2' C  
*Eastern Smooth Beardtongue* Native to humusy woods, meadows, calcareous bluffs. ☞

Blue Apr-May PS,SH M

**Phlox divaricata**

Height: 18" Width: 40" EP  
*Woodland Phlox* A top performer in Mt. Cuba Center trials; local beauty. ☞

Blue-violet Apr-May PS,SH M

**Phlox divaricata 'Blue Moon'**

Height: 12-18" Width: 8-32" P,EC  
*Woodland Phlox* Outstanding! Fragrant; beautiful shade of periwinkle. ☞

Bluish white Apr-May PS,SH M

**Phlox divaricata 'May Breeze'**

Height: 8-15" Width: 1-2' P,EC  
*Woodland Phlox* Very fragrant woodland carpet; semi-evergreen. ☞

Pink May-June FS,PS M,W

**Phlox glaberrima 'Morris Berd'** NEW

Height: 18-24" Width: 1-3' EP  
*Smooth Phlox* Fragrant; no mildew; highly rated by Mt. Cuba Center.

Lavender, Pink July-Sept FS,PS M

**Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'**

Height: 2-5' Width: 2-4' P,C  
*Garden Phlox* Butterfly favorite; vibrant flowers; best in Mt. Cuba trials; no mildew. ☞☞☞

Deep Pink Late Summer FS,PS M

**Phlox paniculata 'Robert Poore'** NEW

Height: 4-5' Width: 2-3' EP  
*Garden Phlox* Mildew resistant, lightly fragrant. ☞☞☞

Pink May-June FS,PS D,M

**Phlox pilosa**

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-18" P,EC  
*Downy Phlox* Fragrant; later-blooming than *Phlox divaricata*; likes drier soil. ☞☞

Blue violet Apr-May FS D,M

**Phlox subulata 'Emerald Blue'**

Height: 4-6" Width: 18-24" EP,EC  
*Moss Phlox* Fragrant; can be clipped to make formal edging. ☞

White May PS,SH M

**Podophyllum peltatum**

Height: 8-12" Width: 1-6' P,C  
*May-apple* Lovely parasol-like leaves; fruit for box turtles, other wildlife. ☞

Blue Apr-May PS M

**Polemonium reptans**

Height: 8-18" Width: 12" P,C  
*Jacob's-ladder* Free-flowering; mass under shrubs and trees, in floodplains. ☞

White/Violet July-Sept FS,PS M

**Pycnanthemum muticum**

Height: 3-4' Width: 2-3' P,C  
*Clustered Mountain-mint* Wonderful nectar plant; foliage has a strong, clean fragrance. ☞☞

White July-Aug FS,PS D,M

**Pycnanthemum tenuifolium**

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-3'+ P,C  
*Narrowleaf Mountain-mint* Spreads, but less aggressive than others; draws pollinators, beneficials. ☞☞

White Jul-Sept PS M

**Pycnanthemum virginianum**

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-3' P,C  
*Virginia Mountain-mint* Attracts butterflies and has special value for native bees. Aggressive but less so in dry soil. ☞☞

Gold July-Oct FS,PS D,M

**Rudbeckia fulgida**

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-2' EP  
*Black-eyed Susan* Bright, long-blooming flowers; leave dead flowers standing in winter for birds. ☞☞

Gold, Yellow July-Oct FS,PS M

**Rudbeckia fulgida 'Little goldstar'**

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' X  
*Compact Black-eyed Susan* Floriferous and compact; clump-forming with masses of golden yellow flowers; Deer and rabbit tolerance. ☞

Red, Orange, Yellow Mar-Nov FS D,M

**Rudbeckia hirta** NEW

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' P,C  
*Black-eyed Susan* Showy and easy to grow, self-sowing, and drought tolerant. Prolonged bloom time. Larval host and deer resistant. ☞☞☞

Lavender June-Sept PS,FS M,D

**Ruellia humilis**

Height: 1-3' Width: 12" EC  
*Fringe Leaf (Hairy) Wild Petunia* Abundant, large blooms; host plant for Buckeye butterflies.

Blue July-Oct FS,PS D,M

**Salvia azurea**

Height: 2-5' Width: 2-4' EP,EC  
*Azure-blue Sage* Attracts butterflies, best in lean soil and in groups. ☞☞



Tiarella cordifolia



Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'



Trillium luteum

# Perennials

White May PS,SH D,M

## Sedum ternatum

Height: 2-6" Width: 4-6" P

*Three-leaf Stonecrop* Starry blooms; wonderful wandering among other flowers, ferns. ☼

White May PS,SH D,M

## Sedum ternatum 'Larinem Park'

Height: 4-6" Width: 12-18" P

*Three-leaf Stonecrop* Succulent groundcover; good for rock gardens and woodland edges.

Red Apr-May FS,PS D,M

## Silene virginica

Height: 1' Width: 1' P,C

*Fire Pink* Rare in Del.; bright flowers signal to hummingbirds; for dry, poor soil. ☼

Sky blue May FS,PS D,M

## Sisyrinchium 'Suwane'

Height: 8-12" Width: 12-18"+ P,C

*Blue-eyed Grass* New color form found in the wild; spreads from base, not weedy. ☼

Blue, Violet Mar-Jul FS,PS M,W

## Sisyrinchium angustifolium

Height: 18-24" Width: 6-12" P,C

*Blue-eyed Grass* Important nectar source for pollinators that provides good groundcover for small wildlife.

Blue-purple May-June FS,PS M

## Sisyrinchium angustifolium 'Lucerne'

Height: 8-10" Width: 6-9" P,C

*Stout Blue-eyed Grass* Good edging plant; contrasts well with yellow companions. ☼

Gold Sept-Oct PS,SH M

## Solidago caesia

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-3' P,C

*Blue-stemmed Goldenrod* Arching sprays of fall color; tolerates dry shade. ☼

Gold Sept-Oct FS,PS,SH M

## Solidago flexicaulis

Height: 2' Width: 2-3' P,C

*Broad-leaf (Zigzag) Goldenrod* Brightens late-summer shade, or grow in sun; seeds draw birds. ☼

Yellow July-Aug FS D,M

## Solidago juncea

Height: 2-4' Width: 2-3' P,C

*Early Goldenrod* Plumes of lightly fragrant flowers; good in poor, dry soil. ☼

Gold Sept-Oct FS,PS D

## Solidago nemoralis

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P,C

*Gray Goldenrod* Attractive low groundcover with dusky silver-green leaves. ☼

Gold Aug-Sept FS,PS D,M

## Solidago odora

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' P,C

*Sweet Goldenrod* One of the earliest to bloom; state herb of Del.; scented leaves. ☼

Gold Aug-Oct FS,PS M,D

## Solidago rigida

Height: 4-5' Width: 2' C,EP

*Stiff-leaved (Flat-top, Bold) Goldenrod* Big flowers; monarchs love it; try it on a dry bank. ☼

Yellow Sept-Oct FS,PS D,M

## Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'

Height: 3-4' Width: 2-3' P,C

*Wrinkle-leaf (Rough-stemmed) Goldenrod* Exuberant! Arching flower stalks; suppresses weeds. ☼

Purple July-Oct FS D,M

## Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'

Height: 12-18" Width: 18-20" EC

*Stokes' Aster* Striking deep color; long-blooming, with many flowers. ☼



Yellow Apr-May PS M

### **Stylophorum diphyllum**

Height: 12-18" Width: 1' EM

*Celandine (Wood) Poppy* Bright blooms; interesting seedpods; deer resistant. ☞

Blue Aug-Oct PS,SH D,M

### **Symphotrichum (Aster) cordifolium**

Height: 1-4' Width: 1-3' P,EC

*Blue Wood Aster* Brightens a shady spot; one of the few asters to thrive in shade. ☞☞☞

White Aug-Oct FS,PS D

### **Symphotrichum (Aster) ericoides var. prostratum 'Snow Flurry'**

Height: 4-6" Width: 3-12" EM

*White Heath Aster* Dense carpet like a dwarf juniper, smothered in white daisies. ☞☞☞

Purple Sept-Oct FS,PS M

### **Symphotrichum (Aster) novae-angliae 'Purple Dome'**

Height: 18-24" Width: 2' P,C

*New England Aster* Bold flowers; compact; Mt. Cuba introduction. ☞☞☞

Greenish April PS,SH M

### **Thalictrum dioicum**

Height: 8-36" Width: 16-18" P,EC

*Early Meadow Rue* Fantastic, lacy foliage; fringe-like blooms; rare in Del.; good texture.

White Apr-May PS,SH M

### **Thalictrum thalictroides (Anemonella)**

Height: 4-8" Width: 8-12" P,C

*Rue-anemone* Soft bloom for early spring; use under taller wildflowers. ☞

White to pink Apr-May PS,SH M

### **Tiarella cordifolia**

Height: 9-12" Width: 1-2' EP

*Foamflower* Glossy, maple-like leaves; groundcover. ☞

Cream Apr-May PS,SH M

### **Tiarella cordifolia 'Brandywine'**

Height: 8-12" Width: 12" EP

*Foamflower* 18" high flowers; glossy foliage, attractive bronze in fall and winter. ☞

Blue May-July PS D,M

### **Tradescantia ohioensis**

Height: 2'-3' Width: 12-18" C

*Ohio Spiderwort* Yellow stamens against purple-blue flowers; adaptable. ☞☞

Deep red Apr-May PS M

### **Trillium erectum**

Height: 8-10" Width: 6-8" P

*Red Trillium* Slender petals face upward; vigorous.

White Apr-May PS M

### **Trillium grandiflorum**

Height: 10-18" Width: 12-18" EP

*Large-flowered Trillium* Largest of the trilliums; the essence of elegance.

Yellow Apr-May PS M

### **Trillium luteum**

Height: 6-18" Width: 12-16" EM

*Yellow Trillium* Colorful mottled foliage; lemon-scented, upright flowers.

Maroon Apr-May PS,SH M

### **Trillium sessile**

Height: 4-12" Width: 6-12" EP,EC

*Sessile Trillium* Handsome mottled foliage; unusual stalkless flowers.

Light yellow April PS,SH D,M

### **Uvularia sessilifolia**

Height: 4-12" Width: 12-18" P,C

*Sessile-leaf Bellwort* Delicate; upright habit complements other wildflowers.

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Verbena hastata



Cephalanthus occidentalis



Betula nigra

# Perennials

**Violet-Blue June-Sept FS M,W**

## Verbena hastata

Height: 4-6' Width: 2-3' P,C  
*Common (Blue) Vervain* Colorful candelabras; hosts Buckeye butterfly, draws others. ✂✂

**Purple July-Aug FS D,M**

## Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-3' X  
*Threadleaf Ironweed* Beautiful fine-textured foliage, flowers for butterflies.

**Purple Aug-Sept FS M,W**

## Vernonia noveboracensis

Height: 5-7' Width: 3-4" P,C  
*New York Ironweed* Deep purple color for late season; butterfly favorite; loves wet site. ✂✂

**White July-Aug FS M**

## Veronicastrum virginicum

Height: 4-5' Width: 2-3' P,C  
*Culver's-root* Dramatic spires; takes regular soil or thrives in wetter areas. ✂✂

**Yellow May PS,SH M**

## Viola pubescens

Height: 8-16" Width: 1' P  
*Downy Yellow Violet* Sunny flowers and showy seedpods; large clumps. ✂✂

**Blue, Purple Apr-May FS,PS M**

## Viola sororia NEW

Height: 6-10" Width: 6-8" P,C  
*Common Blue Violet* Self-seeding and spreads rapidly to form a lovely groundcover. Early nectar source for bees and larval host for multiple butterflies. ✂

**Yellow Apr-May FS,PS M**

## Zizia aptera NEW

Height: 1-3' Width: 1-2' P,C  
*Heart-leaved Meadow Parsnip* Host plant for the Black Swallowtail and short-tongued insects. ✂✂

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Asimina triloba



Clethra acuminata



Lindera benzoin

# Trees & Shrubs

Yellow May PS,SH M

## Acer pensylvanica

Height: 15-20' Width: 7-10' EM,EP  
*Striped Maple* Beautiful striated bark; luminous yellow fall color; prefers cool site. 🍂🐦

White June-July FS,PS M

## Aesculus parviflora

Height: 8-12' Width: 8-12' EC,EP  
*Bottlebrush Buckeye* Butterflies cover the candle-like blooms; yellow fall foliage, fruit. 🍂🦋

Coral May FS,PS M,W

## Aesculus pavia

Height: 10-20' Width: 10-20' EC,EP  
*Red Buckeye* Huge blooms glow like beacons for returning hummingbirds. 🍂🐦

White April FS,PS M,W

## Amelanchier canadensis

Height: 6-20' Width: 5-10' P,C  
*Canadian Serviceberry (Shadblow)* Lovely, frilly blooms, dark fruits for wildlife and stunning fall foliage. 🍂🦋🐦🍂

White Apr-May FS,PS W,M,D

## Aronia arbutifolia (Photinia pyrifolia)

Height: 5-10' Width: 4-8' P,C  
*Red Chokeberry* Glossy red berries for birds and brilliant red leaves in fall. 🍂🐦

White May PS,FS W,M,D

## Aronia melanocarpa (Photinia melanocarpa)

Height: 3-8' Width: 3-6' P,C  
*Black Chokeberry* Black fruit for birds, fall; good nesting site, too. 🍂🐦

Purple Apr-May FS,PS M

## Asimina triloba

Height: 15-20' Width: 12-20' P,C  
*Pawpaw* Tasty fruit; two required for fruit set; effective screen; adaptable; larval host for Zebra Swallowtail. 🍂🦋

Yellow-brown Apr-May FS,PS M,W

## Betula nigra

Height: 30-50' Width: 30-40' P,C  
*River Birch* Beautiful peeling bark; hosts butterflies, draws woodpeckers. 🍂🐦

Light pink June FS,PS M

## Callicarpa americana

Height: 3-8' Width: 3-6' EC,EP  
*American Beautyberry* Magenta-pink berries relished by more than 40 types of birds. 🍂🦋🐦

Cream May-July FS,PS D,M

## Ceanothus americanus

Height: 2-4' Width: 2-5' P,C  
*New Jersey Tea* Billowy flowers; hosts Azure butterflies; takes poor soils. 🍂🦋

White July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Cephalanthus occidentalis

Height: 6-10' Width: 6-10' P,C  
*Buttonbush* Unique, fragrant flowers; adaptable; great for all pollinators. 🍂🦋🐦

White May FS,PS M

## Chionanthus virginicus

Height: 15-20' Width: 10-20' P,C  
*Fringe Tree* Cascades of fleecy, fragrant flowers; use alone or in a group. 🍂🐦

White July-Aug PS M

## Clethra acuminata

Height: 6-12' Width: 4-8' EM  
*Cinnamon Clethra* Striking exfoliating bark; combine with Leucothoe, ferns. 🍂

White July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Clethra alnifolia

Height: 4-9' Width: 4-6'+ P,C  
*Summer Sweet Clethra (Sweet Pepperbush)* Very fragrant, showy, long-lasting flowers, yellow fall color. 🍂🦋



Euonymus americanus



Ilex glabra



Hydrangea arborescens

# Trees & Shrubs

White July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'

Height: 3' Width: 3' P,C

*Summer Sweet Clethra (Sweet Pepperbush)* Compact; flowers contrast with dark green foliage; good form. ✂

Rose-pink July-Aug FS,PS M,W

## Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice'

Height: 5-6' Width: 5-6' P,C

*Summer Sweet Clethra (Sweet Pepperbush)* Very fragrant; new leaves begin bronzy, turn yellow in fall. ✂

Yellow-Green Apr-May FS,PS D,M

## Comptonia peregrina

Height: 2-4' Width: 4-8' P,C

*Sweet-fern* Soft texture; hosts Gray Hairstreak butterfly, many others. ✂

White May-June FS,PS M,W

## Cornus sericea

Height: 3-10' Width: 4-10' P,C

*Redosier Dogwood* Beautiful red stems in winter; fruit and habitat for birds. ✂

White/yellow May-June FS,PS D,M

## Diospyros virginiana

Height: 35-60' Width: 20-35' P,C

*Common Persimmon* Tasty, plant two for best fruit, also favored by wildlife; reddish-orange fall leaves. ✂

Green May-June PS,SH D,M

## Euonymus americanus

Height: 5' Width: 5' P,C

*Bursting-heart* Flower-like orange-and-red seed capsules; birds enjoy the seeds. ✂

Red, Pink June-Nov FS,PS M

## Hydrangea arborescens 'Invincibelle Ruby'

Height: 3-4' Width: 2-3' X

*Invincibelle Ruby Hydrangea* Reliable and hardy; perfect for small gardens or container; heat tolerant.

White June PS,SH M

## Hydrangea arborescens

Height: 3-5' Width: 3-10' P,C

*Wild (Smooth) Hydrangea* Lacecap flowers excellent for cutting. ✂

White June FS,PS M

## Hydrangea quercifolia 'Ruby Slippers'

Height: 3-4' Width: 3-5' EP,EC

*Oakleaf Hydrangea* Compact; large flowers turn rose-pink with age; mahogany fall color.

White June FS,PS M,W,D

## Ilex glabra

Height: 4-6' Width: 4-6' C,EP

*Inkberry* Evergreen screen; black fruits and good cover for wildlife. ✂

White May FS,PS M

## Ilex opaca 'Maryland Dwarf'

Height: 2' Width: 5' X

*American Holly* Ground-covering holly; plant with a male for berries. ✂

White June-July FS,PS,SH M,W

## Itea virginica Little Henry®

Height: 2' Width: 2-3' C,EP

*Virginia Sweetspire* Compact; orange-red in fall; use as low hedge, groundcover. ✂

White to rose May-June PS,SH M

## Kalmia latifolia

Height: 4-15' Width: 4-8' P,C

*Mountain Laurel* Hard-to-find wild form; showy clusters of pinkish blooms. ✂

White May-June PS,SH M

## Kalmia latifolia 'Firecracker'

Height: 4-5' Width: 4-5' P,C

*Mountain Laurel* Red buds open to white flowers aging to pink; resists leaf spot. ✂





Morella (Myrica) pensylvanica



Rosa virginiana



Taxodium distichum

# Trees & Shrubs

Yellow April PS,SH M

## Lindera benzoin

Height: 6-12' Width: 6-12' P,C  
*Spicebush* Early blooms; yellow fall leaves; red fruit for birds; butterfly host.

Cream May FS,PS M

## Magnolia tripetala

Height: 25-40' Width: 15-35' EP,EC  
*Umbrella Magnolia* Beautiful in understory; striking large leaves; red fruits.

White May FS,PS,SH D,M,W

## Morella (Myrica) pensylvanica

Height: 5-12' Width: 5-12' P,C  
*Common Bayberry* Scented leaves; gray-blue fruit on females all winter; good screen.

White or pink May-June FS,PS D,M

## Physocarpus opulifolius

Height: 6-12' Width: 6-10' P  
*Atlantic Ninebark* Pretty peeling bark; tough; good screen; better for critters than cultivars.

FS,PS M,D

## Pinus strobus

Height: 50-90' Width: 20-40' P,C  
*White Pine* Fast-growing specimen or screen; birds, squirrels eat the seeds.

White May FS D

## Prunus maritima

Height: 6-7' Width: 3-6' C  
*Beach Plum* Fruit makes tasty jelly; salt tolerant; for sandy soils.

White Mar-Jul FS,PS,SH D,M,W

## Ptelea trifoliata

Height: 10-20' Width: 15-20' EP,EC  
*Wafer-ash* Butterfly host.

Light green Mar-Apr FS,PS D,M

## Quercus alba

Height: 60-80' Width: 30-40' P,C  
*White Oak* Majestic; host for butterflies; hosts many caterpillars for nestlings.

light green May FS,PS M

## Quercus palustris

Height: 50-80' Width: 25-35' P,C  
*Pin Oak* Red to burgundy fall color, butterfly host; fast grower.

White May PS D,M

## Rhododendron alabamense

Height: 4-8' Width: 5-6' EC,EP  
*Alabama Azalea* Lemony scent; flowers with yellow blotch.

White June PS M

## Rhododendron arborescens

Height: 4-12' Width: 3-5' EP,EC  
*Sweet Azalea* Profuse, sweetly fragrant flowers; fall leaves brilliant yellow to red.

White or pink May FS,PS,SH M

## Rhododendron atlanticum

Height: 3-7' Width: 2-3' C  
*Coast (Dwarf) Azalea* Very fragrant; tolerates drought; mounding habit.

Light orange May FS,PS M

## Rhododendron austrinum

Height: 7-15' Width: 3-10' EC  
*Florida Flame Azalea* Masses of very showy, honeysuckle-fragrant flowers.

Orange May-June PS,SH D,M

## Rhododendron calendulaceum

Height: 8-15' Width: 3-5' EP  
*Flame Azalea* Intensely colored flowers stand out in shade.



Viburnum acerifolium



Rhododendron canescens



Salix discolor

# Trees & Shrubs

White or pink May PS M

## Rhododendron canescens

Height: 6-10' Width: 3-5' EP,EC  
*Piedmont Azalea* Fragrant flowers; pretty with *Cornus florida*, *Kalmia*. ☞

Pink Apr-May PS M

## Rhododendron prinophyllum

Height: 7-12' Width: 2-8' EP  
*Roseshell Azalea* Beautiful funnel-shaped blooms with sweet, clove-like fragrance. ☞

White May-June FS,PS M,W

## Rhododendron viscosum

Height: 3-15' Width: 6-12' P,C  
*Swamp Azalea* Intoxicating, honeysuckle-clove scent; flame-red foliage in fall. ☞

Yellow Apr-June FS,PS,SH D,M

## Rhus aromatica NEW

Height: 6-12' Width: 4-6' EC,EP  
*Fragrant Sumac* Nectar source for butterflies. Drought tolerant, provides nesting materials for bees. ☞☞☞

Pink May-July FS,PS D,M

## Rosa carolina

Height: 5-7' Width: 5-7' P,C  
*Carolina Rose* Fragrant flowers; beautiful hips; food for birds in winter and spring. ☞☞☞☞

Light pink June-Aug FS D, M

## Rosa virginiana

Height: 4-6' Width: 3-4' P,C  
*Virginia Rose* Glossy leaves turn purple, orange-yellow in fall; red hips in winter. ☞☞☞☞

Gray Apr-May FS W,D,M

## Salix discolor

Height: 15-25' Width: 20' P  
*Pussy Willow* Soft, silvery-gray catkins; early spring interest; for wet or dry spots. ☞☞☞

Pink July-Aug FS M,W

## Spiraea tomentosa

Height: 4-6' Width: 2-3' C,EP  
*Steeplebush* Long-blooming plumes; great for rain gardens, meadows, bogs. ☞☞

Green Mar-Apr FS M,W

## Taxodium distichum

Height: 50-70' Width: 20-50' C,EP  
*Bald-cypress* Feathery, light green foliage; pyramidal habit. ☞

White May FS,PS M

## Vaccinium 'Chippewa'

Height: 3-4' Width: 4' X  
*Blueberry* Sweet, mid-season berries; compact; can self-pollinate. ☞☞☞☞

White May FS,PS M

## Vaccinium corymbosum 'Bluecrop'

Height: 5' Width: 5-7' P,C  
*Highbush Blueberry* Excellent mid-season producer; sweet; drought resistant. ☞☞☞☞

White May FS,PS M

## Vaccinium corymbosum 'Elizabeth'

Height: 4-5' Width: 5-6' P,C  
*Highbush Blueberry* Extremely flavorful; large berries ripen in mid-season. ☞☞☞☞

White May FS,PS M

## Vaccinium corymbosum 'Rubel'

Height: 5-6' Width: 4-5' P,C  
*Highbush Blueberry* Wild-type fruit, higher in antioxidants; mid-season. ☞

White May-June SH,PS,FS D,M

## Viburnum acerifolium

Height: 3-6' Width: 3-4' P,C  
*Mapleleaf Viburnum* Black fruit; fabulous burgundy fall color; takes dry shade. ☞☞☞





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# Nature-Based Solutions in the Landscape

By Kerry Wilson

Creating a nature-based landscape can provide the cure for many of the challenges we are facing today. Adopting best management practices for our land as part of our landscaping rituals can result in a cumulative impact of environmental stewardship and habitat creation. We can begin to build healthy soil and address compacted land by planting native plants and using land management practices such as leaving the leaves and composting. Building healthy soil helps with water absorption and retention in our landscapes which can aid in stormwater mitigation and reduction of standing water. We can support our local wildlife populations and address biodiversity by planting a variety of native plants. Many beneficial pollinators rely on native host plants to complete their life cycle. Implementing more modern cues to care and best management practices on our land will help to build back our native habitats. For example, allowing native vegetation to stand through winter provides food and cover throughout winter. Native plants can begin to nurture our lands, build back

our wildlife populations, and meet current and future environmental challenges.

Delaware Nature Society has been working with communities to implement nature-based solutions. For example, we are helping to plan, design, and install pollinator gardens featuring native plants to build the urban pollinator corridor through Wilmington and the suburbs for local and migrating populations. These gardens help to build healthy soil and absorb and hold more water in place during and after rain events. They also offer close access to nature within communities. Additionally, we are helping to implement bioswales and rain gardens in the Northeast and Southbridge neighborhoods. We are working in partnership with schools such as St. Michael's School on the Eastside to develop their schoolyard for nature-based education which will help children to connect and value nature through a sense of discovery and wonder. Nature-based solutions are an avenue to environmental justice and climate resilience.



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# Ladybugs celebrate their Golden Anniversary!

By Ian Stewart

Ladybugs are small, hump-backed insects that are technically beetles (Coleoptera) rather than true bugs (Hemiptera). They are usually red with black spots, which is thought to be a warning sign to predators that they taste bad. Most gardeners love having ladybugs in their garden as they are voracious predators of plant pests like aphids, scale insects and whiteflies.

This small insect has a disproportionately large profile in Delaware. In the early 1970s, Mrs. Mollie Brown and her second-grade students at Lulu M. Ross Elementary School in Milford had been reading about other states having an official insect and decided it was time Delaware had one too. They discussed it in class and voted for the ladybug, probably because it is a common, attractive insect that everyone would recognize. Mrs. Brown took her excited class for a field trip to the state legislators in Dover where they lobbied on behalf of the

ladybug. This group of 7/8-year-old kids must have been very persuasive because the legislators approved the measure! The ladybug was designated Delaware's state insect on April 25th, 1974, almost exactly 50 years ago today. In recognition of Mrs. Brown and her class, the town of Milford celebrates ladybugs every April during their popular 'Bug and Bud' festival.

Ladybugs are a form of natural pest control that is preferable to chemical control, since pesticides will also kill beneficial insects. Unfortunately, Delaware contains several non-native species of ladybug that were introduced to North America to control pests and have since spread to become a threat to native ladybugs. You can help native ladybugs as well as thousands of other insects by planting native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees in your yard, since these are the plants they evolved with and are adapted to live on!



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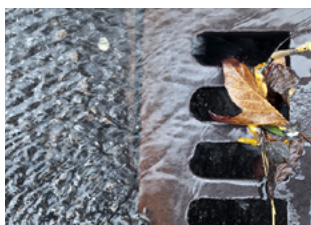
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## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

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## REDUCE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

The **everyday things we use in our home** (like household cleaners and medications) can pollute the water we drink, swim, and play in if improperly disposed of down the drain. Read labels and buy products that are free of toxic chemicals.



## CEASE THE GREASE

Pouring your cooking grease down the drain pollutes our water and can increase cost of maintaining your plumbing. **Let kitchen fats cool in a container** – such as a used soup can – **and throw it away in the trash**.

Together we can make a difference!  
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# Advocacy in Action

By Mark Nardone

When legislators propose a bill that would fundamentally restructure how state agencies fulfill their missions, they are bound to run into major resistance. They need to hear from their constituents to understand how state residents think about the issues and how they want their government representatives to act.

The Climate Change Solutions Act, signed into law in 2023, codifies targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Delaware—net zero by 2050—and requires all major departments of the state to include considerations of climate effects in their planning and procurement decisions.

The Climate Change Solutions Act became the single most significant environmental bill to pass in Delaware in decades by making the state the local leader in climate action. But when it was introduced in the General Assembly, passage was by no means a sure thing. Enter Delaware Nature Society.

Recognizing a historic opportunity, DelNature's advocacy team organized a rally on the mall outside Legislative Hall to show public support for the bill. A dozen speakers from local environmental organizations and conservation groups took the microphone to explain the need for urgent climate action, and many

later commented during a hearing of the House Committee for Natural Resources and Environment. By the end of the day, the bill was voted out of committee for a later vote by the full House of Representatives—the first major step in getting any law passed.

It was perhaps a grand display of advocacy in action, though not typical of the team's work. Advocacy at Delaware Nature Society is often quieter and less visible. The team works with officials of government at all levels to enact public policies that benefit wildlife, plants, and people across the state, whether that means commenting on a proposed county ordinance to protect critical natural areas, commenting on proposed changes to management of horseshoe crab populations, working as part of a regional coalition urging federal lawmakers to support robust improvements in the Delaware River or Chesapeake Bay watersheds, or by simply taking a minute at a local tree planting to explain to volunteers the importance of speaking up about the issues that matter most to them.

You can help by making your concerns known or by working with us. Reach out to [advocacy@delawarenaturesociety.org](mailto:advocacy@delawarenaturesociety.org). Together we can enact measures that benefit plants, wildlife and people across the state.



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