



Growing Natives



There are several great reasons why you should be growing native plants in your garden. First and foremost, native plants and their related cultivated varieties are **extremely hardy**. They adapt and survive in whatever weather Mother Nature throws their way. Second, natives can **tolerate poor soil** conditions with minimum fertilizers and amendments. After all, they have grown naturally for many years without human intervention. Third, native plants, through natural selection, survive due to good **disease and pest resistance**. Lastly, native plants make a lovely addition to a landscape because they are **low maintenance**, providing longevity and biodiversity to your outdoor environment. The following are natives or cultivars of native plants to Ohio:

Native Trees

Acer rubrum-Red Maple
Acer saccharum-Sugar Maple
Aesculus glabra-Ohio Buckeye
Amelanchier laevis-Serviceberry
Aronia spp.-Chokeberry
Betula nigra-River Birch
Cercis canadensis-Redbud
Chionanthus virginicus-Fringetree
Cornus florida-Flowering Dogwood
Fraxinus spp.-Ash
Gleditsia tricanthos var. *inermis*-Honeylocust (thornless)
Liquidambar styraciflua-Sweet Gum
Liriodendron tulipifera-Tulip Tree
Malus spp.-Apple/Crabapple
Nyssa sylvatica-Black Gum
Oxydendrum arboreum-Sourwood
Pinus strobus-Eastern White Pine
Prunus virginiana-Chokecherry
Quercus spp.-Oak
Tsuga Canadensis-Canadian Hemlock

Native Shrubs

Aronia melanocarpa-Black Chokeberry
Azalea arborescens-Sweet Azalea
Azalea vicosum-Swamp Azalea
Clethra alnifolia-Summersweet
Cornus sericea-Redtwig Dogwood
Fothergilla gardenia-Dwarf Fothergilla
Hamamelis virginiana-Witchhazel
Ilex glabra-Inkberry
Ilex verticillata-Deciduous Holly
Kalmia latifolia-Mountain Laurel
Magnolia virginiana-Sweetbay Magnolia

Native Shrubs continued

Myrica pensylvanica-Bayberry
Physocarpus opulifolius-Ninebark
Potentilla fruticosa
Rhododendron 'Roseum Elegans'
Rhus aromatica-Sumac
Rosa rugosa-Rugosa Rose
Salix discolor-Pussy Willow
Symphoricarpus albus-Snowberry
Thuja occidentalis-Arborvitae
Vaccinium spp.-Blueberry
Viburnum spp.-Arrowwood, Blackhaw, Cranberry Bush, and Nannyberry

Native Perennials

Aquilegia canadensis-Wild Columbine
Arisaema triphyllum-Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Aruncus dioicus-Goat's Beard
Asclepias tuberosa-Butterfly Weed
Aster novae-angliae-New England Aster
Baptisia australis-False Indigo
Chasmanthium latifolium-Northern Sea Oats
Chelone glabra-Turtlehead
Cimicifuga racemosa-Bugbane
Coreopsis spp.
Dicentra eximia-Fern Leaf Bleeding Heart
Echinacea purpurea-Purple Coneflower
Eupatorium maculatum-Joe-Pye Weed
Ferns-Christmas, Cinnamon, Lady,
Filipendula rubra-Queen of the Prairie
Maidenhair, Ostrich, Royal
Geranium maculatum-Wild Cranesbill
Helenium autumnale-Helen's Flower
Helianthus spp.-Perennial Sunflower
Heliopsis helianthoides-False Sunflower

Native Perennials continued

Liatris spicata-Gayfeather
Lobelia cardinalis-Cardinal Flower
Monarda didyma-Bee Balm
Oenothera macrocarpa-Evening Primrose
Panicum virgatum-Switch Grass
Penstemon digitalis-Beardtongue
Phlox stolonifera-Woodland Phlox
Phlox subulata-Creeping Phlox
Physostegia virginiana-Obedient Plant
Polemonium reptans-Creeping Jacob's Ladder
Ratibida pinnata-Prairie Coneflower
Rudbeckia hirta-Black-Eyed Susan
Silene spp.-Wild Pinks
Sisyrinchium spp.-Blue-Eyed Grass
Solidago speciosa-Goldenrod
Tiarella cordifolia-Foam Flower
Tradescantia virginiana-Spiderwort
Trillium grandiflorum-White Trillium (Ohio's official state wildflower)

Native Vines

Campsis radicans-Trumpet Vine
Lonicera sempervirens-Honeysuckle
Parthenocissus quinquefolia-Virginia Creeper