

### Resources

Detailed Reference List Available after Plant List

#### **Plant Information**

Missouri Botanical Garden
 Plant Finder

 The Morton Arboretum

Tree & Shrub Handbook, Plants Not Favored by Deer

• Native Plant Trust

Garden Plant Finder New England Wild Flower Society

Deer Resistant Native Plants
The Polly Hill Arboretum

Plant Selection Guide

Rutgers University

Landscape Plants Rated by Deer Resistance
• Ruth Rogers Clausen

- 50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants: The Prettiest Annuals, Perennials, Bulbs, and Shrubs That Deer Don't Eat
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
   Deer Resistant Plants

#### Deer on Martha's Vineyard

Dukes County

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# PHA Special Topics

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# Plants not Favored by Deer

A Martha's Vineyard Plant Guide 兴学学学学学学学学 POLLY HILL A R B O R E T U M Overpopulation of white-tailed deer is a serious issue on Martha's Vineyard. *Plants are part of the solution.* 

# What are the consequences of deer overpopulation?

- Threats to human health: diseasecarrying ticks and car accidents
- Threats to other wildlife
- Damage to plants and depletion of rare plant species



## Choosing the right plants: Are any plants really "deer proof"?

You don't need to know much about a deer's palate in order to figure out which plants they won't like. Deer tend to avoid plants containing poisonous compounds, strong odors, rough textures, and plants with thorny/prickly leaves or stems. The plant list in this booklet includes a variety of such plants to choose from.



No plant is fully deer-proof, but some are much less favored than others. If deer are desperate, particularly during the colder months when food is scarce, they may try foods that they wouldn't normally consider. In the spring, deer love to eat new growth, particularly plants that are well-watered. However, they are still much less likely to be tempted by the plants on our lists. Landscaping with these trees, shrubs, and perennials will help deter deer from visiting your garden in the first place.

#### Start with your own yard

This booklet explores ways that you can help combat deer overpopulation on Martha's Vineyard, starting with your own planting choices. Selecting plants not favored by deer is an important part of an ecologically balanced future, and will make for a more satisfying (and less frustrating!) gardening experience. If you want to avoid deer damage, often referred to as "deer browse," in your garden, first ask yourself: *What am I planting?* Deer will remember if they find your plants tasty and will return year after year. Therefore, the simplest way to avoid an endless battle with deer browsing is to avoid offering them their favorite foods.



#### Inside this guide:

Native Plant Highlights	A sampling of some plants not favored by deer native to the Island, accompanied by brief descriptions and environmental needs. A good place to start, and gather ideas.
Plant Swaps	If you're looking to replace your "deer candy," "Plant Swaps" offer aesthetically similar alternatives that deer are much less likely to graze.
Full Plant List	A comprehensive list of native or locally-appropriate plants. The plant list is designed to help you easily find the right herbaceous perennial, shrub, or tree for your sunny spot, shady woodland, or butterfly garden.

# Native Plant Highlights: 10 Beautiful Perennials Native to Martha's Vineyard





#### Anemone quinquefolia wood anemone

This woodland wildflower's delicate white blooms provide early spring nectar for pollinators. Plant in part sun to shade, in average soil.

# Aquilegia canadensis columbine

This columbine's nodding red and yellow flowers are attractive not only to us, but also to hummingbirds. Plant in sun to part shade, preferably in well-drained soil.

#### Arisaema triphyllum jack-in-the-pulpit

Jack-in-the pulpit's showy spathe and fruit make it an intriguing addition to a shady woodland garden. Deer avoid this plant as parts of it are poisonous. Plant in shade, in medium to wet soil.

#### Baptisia tinctoria wild indigo

Wild indigo forms clumps of lupine-like spires that flower in midsummer and attract butterflies. Plant in full to part sun. This plant is tolerant of dry soils.



#### Coreopsis rosea tickseed

Tickseed is a great choice for long summer blooms that attract butterflies and bees. Plant in sun, preferably in medium to wet soil.

# *Eupatorium perfoliatum* boneset thoroughwort

This plant's clusters of white flowers attract a variety of pollinators and pairs well with native grasses. Plant in part to full sun, in wet soil.

#### *Iris versicolor* blue flag

If you're looking for showy flowers that deer won't devour, irises are an excellent choice. This native is a beautiful addition to an area with moist soil. Grow in full sun to part shade in medium to wet soil.

# *Podophyllum peltatum* mayapple

Mayapple's umbrella-like leaves make an excellent deer-deterring groundcover. White spring blooms attract bees and other pollinators. Plant in shade, in average, welldrained soil.

# *Pycnanthemum muticum* short-toothed mountain mint

This compact perennial has silvery bracts, delicate flowers, and a minty aroma that deer avoid. It attracts butterflies and bees. Plant in full to part sun, in average, welldrained soil.

# *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* blue-eyed grass

This plant's star-like, blue-purple flowers bloom throughout the summer, attracting pollinators. Plant in sun to part shade, in average to wet soil.











Image Courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden

# Native Plant Highlights: Great Grasses & Ferns

## Plant Swaps

Most ornamental grasses and ferns are not favored by deer, and luckily there are many low-maintenance natives to choose from that add texture Image Courtesy of and interest paired with native wildflowers. North Creek Nurseries, Inc.



#### *Carex pensylvanica* Pennsylvania sedge

This adaptable sedge forms low clumps that can make a good lawn alternative. It does well in shade to part sun, in medium to dry soil.

# Panicum virgatum switchgrass

This versatile grass has a vertical shape and red seed heads. It adapts to most soils and does best in sun.

#### Schizachyrium scoparium little bluestem

This classic Island native's beautiful seed heads follow the blue-green summer stems. It grows well in poor soils, in sun.

#### Adiantum pedatum maidenhair fern

This fern's delicate foliage and black stems add interest to a shady spot. Grow in medium to wet soil.

#### Athyrium angustum lady fern

This soft-textured fern does well in shade but can also tolerate sun. Grow in medium to wet soil.

# Onoclea sensibilis sensitive fern

This deciduous fern has bright green fronds with deeply cut lobes. Grow in part sun to shade, in medium to wet soil. If your garden experiences heavy deer browsing, first try to avoid planting "deer candy" (plants that deer especially enjoy). Try swapping out some of your "deer candy" for aesthetically-similar, more deer resistant alternatives.

Common "deer candy"	Try instead
hosta ( <i>Hosta sp.</i> )	wild geranium ( <i>Geranium maculatum</i> ), coral bells ( <i>Heuchera sp.</i> ), lenten rose ( <i>Helleborus sp.</i> ), wild ginger ( <i>Asarum</i> <i>canadense</i> )
daylily ( <i>Hemerocallis sp.</i> ) and lily ( <i>Lilium sp.</i> )	butterfly milkweed (Asclepias tuberosa), yarrow (Achillea milefolium), allium (Allium sp.)
vegetables – especially lettuce & leafy crops	scented herbs, or include herbs around your vegetable plantings: try catmint ( <i>Nepeta sp.</i> ), sage ( <i>Salvia sp.</i> ), or lavendar ( <i>Lavendula angustifolia</i> )
rose ( <i>Rosa sp.</i> )	peony (Paeonia sp.), or try native roses like Rosa virginiana, Rosa palustris, or Rosa caroliniana
tulip ( <i>Tulipa sp.</i> )	daffodill ( <i>Narcissus sp.</i> ), allium ( <i>Allium sp.</i> )
hydrangea ( <i>Hydrangea sp.</i> )	blue star (Amsonia sp.)
yew (Taxus baccata)	boxwood ( <i>Buxus sp.</i> ), Japanese plum yew ( <i>Cephalotaxus harringtonii</i> ), Japanese pieris ( <i>Pieris japonica</i> )
American arborvitae ( <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> )	spruce ( <i>Picea sp</i> .), American holly ( <i>Ilex opaca</i> )
cherry and plum ( <i>Prunus sp</i> .)	serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier sp.</i> ), paw paw (A <i>simina triloba</i> ), cockspur hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i> )

# Beyond Planting Choices: When to Use Repellents or Fences

# Deer Overpopulation on Martha's Vineyard: How do Deer Impact the Island?

## Which repellents work & when to use them

Even if you landscape with plants not favored by deer, you may still see some browsing. Look for signs of deer damage like ragged cuts on your perennials or buck rubbing on shrubs and small trees.

Deer repellents with strong odors can help reduce this browsing, but their success is variable. Some plants may only need to be sprayed once a month, while others may require repellents once a week

or more during periods of frequent rain or y snow.

Bobbex<sup>TM</sup> and Deer Away® are two common spray repellents. Natural repellents, like hanging bars of scented soap, may help if you have minimal deer

damage in your garden. With all repellents, efficacy varies depending on the level of rainfall and deer desperation. Using repellents on new growth in the spring can help to discourage deer early on from coming back to that plant. Pay attention to the level of deer browsing in

your garden and use repellents as needed.

## Is fencing or caging a good choice for your garden?



At Polly Hill Arboretum, you may notice that Polly's Playpen includes quite a bit of "deer candy," including many of Polly's prized rhododendrons. The Playpen is an example of an area completely protected from deer browse by fencing. If you want to continue planting hostas or hydrangeas in a section of your garden and don't want to worry about spraying, fencing is another option.

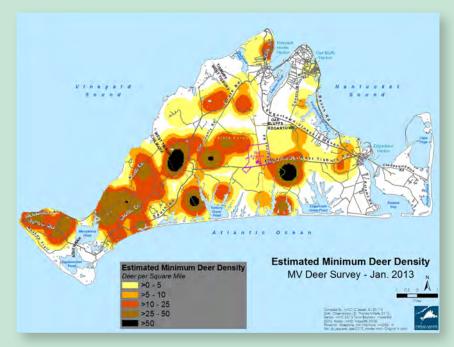


Plants can be protected with wire mesh cages if you only have a few specimens in need of protection. Generally, smaller trees with low branches are the most susceptible to deer damage, particularly tender foliage and fruit. You may need to protect trees that are still low to the ground for the first few years of their life. Research fencing to find an option that's right for your garden and safe for wildlife.

## Why are there so many deer on the Island?

- Lack of natural predators
- Increased suburbanization: Deer thrive on edge habitat between wildlife boundaries and fragmented habitat created by suburban development.

The average deer density on Martha's Vineyard is about 40-50 deer per square mile, equalling roughly 5,000 total deer on the Island. In parts of Eastern Massachusetts closed to hunting, density can reach 80 deer per square mile. In a balanced ecosystem, the average density would only be about 10 deer per square mile!



Martha's Vineyard deer density map - Courtesy of Chris Seidel, Martha's Vineyard Commission

## **Population Control**

Without natural predators for deer on Martha's Vineyard, hunting is an important part of population control. In 2018, an incentivized hunting program began on the Island. A community cooler was established in West Tisbury and the donated meat is distributed to the Island Food Pantry and other local outlets for community members in need.

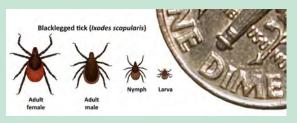
#### Deer overpopulation on Martha's Vineyard affects human health, wildlife, and plant communities...



## Impact of Deer Overpopulation on Human Health

#### By helping to control the deer population, we can also help to improve public health on the Island.

White-tailed deer host ticks during the ticks' reproductive phase, so overpopulation of deer goes hand in hand with an overabundance of ticks carrying Lyme and other diseases. The Martha's Vineyard Tick-borne Illness Reducation Initiative works to combat this problem through initiatives like tick yard surveys, educational presentations, and connecting private landowners with responsible hunters.



Deer tick scale - Image Courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

In addition to spreading disease, deer are a major cause of car accidents. In 2019, the Dukes County Sheriff's Office reported 332 deer collisions on Martha's Vineyard. That's more than double the number of deer struck by cars just five years prior (165). Community effort to reduce the deer population can help to minimize these accidents and reduce the presence of tick-borne illness.

# Impact of Deer Overpopulation on Plants & Wildlife

Our favorite garden creatures, like butterflies and songbirds, need plants to survive. While deer are an important part of Martha's Vineyard's ecosystems, too many will drive down the population of other essential wildlife.

Rare plants have relationships with insects and animals. When deer eat or damage a plant, they also damage the butterfly that needs that plant to complete its life cycle, or the bird that relies on a certain understory shrub as a nesting site and for the tasty insects it hosts.

The rare New England blazing star (Liatris scariosa var. novae-angliae) provides food for native pollinators like monarchs, and its seeds attract birds like the black-capped chickadee. Deer browsing is a threat to New England blazing star, as well as a threat to all wildlife whose survival is intertwined with this plant.



New England blazing star

red-tailed hawk

Heavy deer browsing can cause less palatable, sometimes invasive, plants to dominate an ecosystem. For instance, deer browse of tree saplings could change the composition of a forest, giving less palatable plants like ferns a new advantage. Changing plant composition and the loss of rare plants also affects habitat for wildlife.





# Bring this Knowledge to your own Garden



As with almost anything in horticulture, gardening with plants not favored by deer may require experimentation and trial and error, but the ideas in this booklet will give you a good place to start. Gardening with plants not favored by deer can help to minimize your own frustration as well as discourage deer. Luckily there are many beautiful plants not favored by deer to choose from that also provide habitat for important wildlife. Try some of these plants in your garden and you will be helping to contribute to a more ecologically balanced future on Martha's Vineyard.

black-capped chickadee

and shrubs from buck rubbing. In the fall, bucks (male deer) use certain trees and shrubs to remove the velvet from their antlers, damaging and sometimes killing the plant. If you notice buck rubbing on certain trees in your yard, you can protect the bark with a plastic or mesh wrap.

In addition to over-foraging and threatening the survival of rare plant species, deer also cause damage to trees

Plant List: Perennials for Part Sun/Shade					
Latin name	Common name	Native Range	Characteristics of Interest	Sunlight	
Anemone quinquefolia	wood anemone	MV native	flowers, groundcover, restoration	shade, part sun	
Aquilegia canadensis	columbine	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, restoration	shade, part sun	
Arisaema triphyllum	jack-in-the-pulpit	MV native	flowers, fruit, rain gardens, restoration	shade, part sun	
Asarum canadense	wild ginger	Eastern NA	groundover, rain gardens	shade, part sun	
Aster divaricatus	white wood aster	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	shade, part sun	
Astilbe sp.	astilbe	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	shade, part sun	
Chrysogonum virginianum	golden star	Eastern NA	flowers, rain gardens, groundcover	shade, part sun	
Cornus canadensis	bunchberry	MV native	wildlife, flowers, fruit, groundcover, restoration	shade, part sun	
Delphinium exaltatum	tall larkspur	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers	shade, part sun	
Dicentra eximia	wild bleeding heart	Eastern NA	flowers	shade, part sun	
Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae	wood spurge	Non-Native	flowers, groundcover, evergreen	shade, part sun, sun	
Helianthus divaricatus	woodland sunflower	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	shade, part sun	
Helleborus foetidus	bearsfoot hellebore	Non-Native	flowers, fragrant, winter interest, groundcover	shade, part sun, sun	
Helleborus niger	Chrismas rose	Non-Native	flowers, winter interest, groundcover	shade, part sun	
Helleborus orientalis	lenten rose	Non-Native	flowers, winter interest, groundcover	shade, part sun	
Helleborus x hybrida	hybrid hellebore	Non-Native	flowers, winter interest, groundcover	shade, part sun	
Heuchera longiflora	longflower alumroot	North America	flowers, groundcover	part sun	
Heuchera villosa	coral bells	Eastern NA	flowers, groundcover	shade, part sun, sun	
Iris cristata	dwarf crested iris	Eastern NA	flowers, groundcover	shade, part sun, sun	
Pachysandra procumbens	Allegheny spurge	Eastern NA	flowers, winter interest, groundcover, evergreen	shade, part sun	
Paeonia japonica	peony	Non-Native	flowers, fragrant	part sun	
Paeonia obovata	peony	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant, fruit	part sun	
Phlox divaricata	woodland phlox	Eastern NA	flowers, fragrant, groundcover shade, part sun		
Potentilla canadensis	dwarf cinquefoil	MV native	wildlife, flowers, groundcover, restoration	part sun	
Scutellaria ovata	heartleaf skullcap	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	shade, part sun	
Symphyotrichum cordifolium	blue wood aster	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	shade, part sun	
Tiarella cordifolia	foamflower	Eastern NA	flowers, fall color, groundcover	shade, part sun	

## Plant List: Perennials for Sun

Latin name	Common name	Native Range	Characteristics of Interest	Sunlight
Achillea filipendulina	fern-leaf yarrow	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	sun
Achillea millefolium	yarrow	MV native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	sun
Acorus americanus	several-veined sweet flag	MV native	rain gardens, restoration	part sun, sun
Agastache foeniculatum	anise hyssop	North America	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	part sun, sun
Alchemilla mollis	lady's mantle	Non-Native	flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Allium cernuum	nodding onion	North America	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Allium giganteum	ornamental onion	Non-Native	flowers	sun
Allium thunbergii	ornamental onion	Non-Native	flowers	part sun, sun
Amsonia hubrichtii	bluestar	North America	wildlife, flowers, fall color, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Amsonia tabernaemontana var. salicifolia	eastern bluestar	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, fall color	part sun, sun
Anemone virginiana	thimbleweed	Eastern NA	flowers, restoration	part sun, sun
Asclepias syriaca	common milkweed	MV native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant, restoration	sun
Asclepias tuberosa	butterfly milkweed	MV native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens, restoration	sun
Aster ericoides	heath aster	MV native	wildlife, restoration	part sun, sun
Baptisia australis	wild indigo	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, fruit	part sun, sun
Baptisia tinctoria	wild indigo	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	part sun, sun
Callirhoe involucrata	poppy mallow	North America	flowers, groundcover	sun
Caltha palustris	marsh marigold	Eastern NA	flowers, rain gardens	sun
Caryopteris divaricata	bluebeard	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	part sun, sun
Cerastium tomentosum	snow in summer	Non-Native	flowers, foliage, groundcover	sun

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Latin name	Common name	Native Range	Characteristics of Interest	Sunlight
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	plumbago	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fall color	part sun, sun
Chelone glabra	white turtlehead	MV native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Chelone lyonii	pink turtlehead	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Coreopsis pubescens	star tickseed	North America	wildlife, flowers	sun
Coreopsis rosea	tickseed	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	sun
Coreopsis verticillata	threadleaf coreopsis	North America	wildlife, flowers, groundcover	part sun, sun
Delosperma cooperi	hardy ice plant	Non-Native	flowers, groundcover	sun
Dracocephalum ruyschianum	dragonhead	Non-Native	flowers, groundcover	part sun, sun
Echinacea paradoxa	yellow coneflower	North America	widlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Echinacea purpurea	purple coneflower	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, restoration	part sun, sun
Echinacea tennesseensis	Tennessee coneflower	North America	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Echinops bannaticus	globe thistle	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	sun
Eryngium yuccifolium	button eryngo	North America	widlife, flowers	sun
Eupatorium hyssopifolium	hyssop-leaved thoroughwort	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	part sun, sun
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset thoroughwort	MV native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens, restoration	part sun, sun
Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae	wood spurge	Non-Native	flowers, groundcover, evergreen	part sun, sun, shade
Gaillardia x grandiflora	blanketflower	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	sun
Gautalindheimeri	gaura	North America	flowers	sun
Geranium macrorrhizum	birgroot cranesbill	Non-Native	flowers, groundcover	
Helenium autumnale	sneezeweed	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Helenium flexuosum	purple-headed sneezeweed	MV native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	sun
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Helianthus salicifolius	willow-leaved sunflower	North America	wildlife, flowers	sun
Heuchera americana	coral bells	Eastern NA	flowers, groundcover	part sun, sun
Hibiscus moscheutos	swamp rose mallow	MV native	wildlife, flowers	sun
Iris versicolor	blueflag	MV native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens, restoration	part sun, sun
Lavendula angustifolia	lavender	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	sun
Leucanthemum x superbum	shasta daisy	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Liatris microcephala	dwarf blazing star	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Lobelia cardinalis	cardinal flower	MV native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens, restoration	part sun, sun
Monarda didyma	bee balm	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Nepeta racemosa	nepeta	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Nepeta subsesslis	nepeta	Non-Native	flowers, fragrant, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Nepeta x faassenii	catmint	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Oenothera fruticosa	sundrops	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Paeonia lactiflora	peony	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Paeonia tenuifolia	peony	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Penstemon digitalis	beardtongue	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Penstemon x hybrida	hybrid penstemon	Non-Native	widlife, flowers	sun
Perovskia atriplicifolia	Russian sage	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	sun
Phlox maculata	summer phlox	North America	flowers	part sun, sun
Phlox paniculata	garden phlox	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	part sun, sun
Phlox pilosa	prairie phlox	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, groundcover	part sun, sun
Phlox stolonifera	creeping phlox	Eastern NA	flowers	part sun, sun
Physostegia virginiana	obedient plant	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Polemonium reptans	Jacob's ladder	Eastern NA	flowers	part sun
Ratibida pinnata	prairie coneflower	North America	wildlife, flowers	sun
Rudbeckia fulgida	black-eyed susan	North America	wildlife, flowers, rain gardens	sun
Rudbeckia lacinata	cutleaf coneflower	Eastern NA	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun
Rudbeckia maxima	large coneflower	North America	widlife, flowers	sun
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	sweet coneflower	North America	flowers, fragrant, rain gardens	part sun, sun
Rudbeckia triloba	brown-eyed susan	North America	widlife, flowers	part sun, sun
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Latin name	Common name	Native Range	Characteristics of Interest	Sunlight		
Salvia microphylla	baby sage	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	sun		
Salvia nemerosa	garden sage	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant	sun		
Salvia officinalis	common sage	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers, fragrant, edible	sun		
Scabiosa caucasia	pincushion flower	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	sun		
Sedum spectabile	showy stonecrop	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	sun		
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	blue-eyed grass	MV native	flowers, groundcover, restoration	sun		
Sisyrinchium atlanticum	eastern blue-eyed grass	MV native	flowers, groundcover, restoration	sun		
Stachys byzantina	lamb's ear	Non-Native	foliage, groundcover	sun		
Stachys monieri	lamb's ear	Non-Native	flowers	part sun, sun		
Stachys officinalis	bishop's wort	Non-Native	flowers	sun		
Stokesia laevis	stoke's aster	Non-Native	wildlife, flowers	sun		
Symphyotrichum laeve	smooth aster	Eastern NA	wildlife	sun		
Symphyotrichum novi-belgii	New York aster	MV native	wildlife, rain gardens, restoration	sun		
Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	aromatic aster	North America	wildlife, groundcover	sun		
Symphyotricum ericoides	heath aster	MV native	wildlife	part sun, sun		
Thalictrum dasycarpum	purple meadow rue	North America	wildlife, flowers	part sun, sun		
Thalictrum pubescens	king of the meadow	MV native	wildlife, flowers, restoration	part sun, sun		

Plant List: Shrubs					
Latin name	Common name	Size	Native Range	Sunlight	Characteristics of Interest
Buxus microphylla var. koreana	Korean littleleaf boxwood	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	screen
Buxus sempervirens	common boxwood	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	screen
Callicarpa americana	beautyberry	Low	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit, winter interest
Callicarpa dichotoma	purple beautyberry	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	flowers, fruit, winter interest
Calluna vulgaris	heather	Moderate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Calycanthus floridus	Carolina allspice	Large	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fall color
Caryopteris x clandonensis	bluebeard	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Cephalotaxus harringtonii	Japanese plum yew	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun, shade	winter interest, fruit
Cornus amomum	silky dogwood	Intermediate	Eastern NA	part sun, sun, shade	wildlife, flowers
Cornus racemosa	gray dogwood	Large	MV native	part sun, sun, shade	wildlife, flowers, fall color
Cotinus coggygria	smokebush	Large	Non-Native	sun	flowers, fall color
Daphne sp.	daphne	Low	Non-Native	part sun	flowers, fragrant
Erica sp.	heath	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, winter interest
Hamamelis virginiana	common witchhazel	Large	MV native	part sun, sun, shade	flowers, winter interest
Ilex glabra	inkberry	Intermediate	MV native	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest, fruit
Kerria japonica	Japanese kerria	Low	Non-Native	part sun, shade	flowers
Lespedeza thunbergii	bush clover	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	flowers
Leucothoe fontanesiana	drooping leucothoe	Low	Eastern NA	part sun	flowers, fall color, winter interest
Mahonia aquifolium	Oregon grapeholly	Low	North America	part sun, shade	wildlife, winter interest, flowers, fruit, fall color
Microbiota decussata	Siberian cypress	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	fall color, winter interest
Myrica pensylvanica	small bayberry	Intermediate	MV native	part sun, sun	wildlife, fragrant, fruit, winter interest
Paeonia suffruticosa	tree peony	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Pieris floribunda	mountain pieris	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	flowers, fruit
Pieris japonica	Japanese pieris	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun, shade	flowers
Pinus pumila	Japanese stone pine	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest
Potentilla fruticosa	shrubby cinquefoil	Low	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Rhus aromatica	fragrant sumac	Low	Eastern NA	part sun, sun, shade	wildlife, fruit, fragrant, fall color
Salix discolor	pussy willow	Large	MV native	part sun, sun	flowers, winter interest
Salix gracilistyla	rosegold pussy willow	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	flowers, winter interest
Salix purpurea	purpleosier willow	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Sambucus racemosa	European red elder	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit
Santolina chamaecyparissus	lavender cotton	Low	Non-Native	sun	flowers, fragrant, winter interest
Skimmia japonica	Japanese skimmia	Low	Non-Native	part sun, shade	wildlife, flowers, fruit, winter interest
Spiraea alba	meadowsweet	Low	MV native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Spiraea nipponica	nippon spirea	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Spiraea prunifolia	bridalwreath spirea	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers, fall color
Spiraea thunbergii	thunberg spirea	Low	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers
Spiraea tomentosa	steeplebush	Low	MV native	sun	widlife, flowers
Spiraea x vanhouttei	Vanhoutte spirea	Low	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers
Stephanandra incisa	cutleaf stephanandra	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	flowers, fall color
Symphoricarpos albus	snowberry	Low	North America	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit, winter interest
Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	coralberry	Low	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest, fruit, flowers
Syringa meyeri	Meyer lilac	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers, fragrant
Syringa vulgaris	common lilac	Large	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers, fragrant
Syringa x persica	Persian lilac	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers, fragrant
Teucrium chamaedrys	wall germander	Low	Non-Native	sun	flowers, fragrant
Viburnum dentatum	arrowwood viburnum	Large	MV native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fragrant, fruit, fall color
Weigela florida	weigela	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers
Yucca filamentosa	yucca	Low	Eastern NA	sun	wildlife, flowers, evergreen
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Plant List: Trees					
Latin name	Common name	Size	Native Range	Sunlight	Characteristics of Interest
Asimina triloba	pawpaw	Small	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	fruit, wildlife, fall color
Betula nigra	river birch	Large	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, fall color, flowers, winter interest
Betula papyrifera	paper birch	Large	MV native	part sun, sun	wildlife, fall color, flowers, winter interest
Betula populifolia	gray birch	Intermediate	MV native	sun	wildlife, fall color, winter interest
Catalpa bignonioides	southern catalpa	Large	North America	part sun, sun	flowers, fruit
Catalpa speciosa	northern catalpa	Large	NA native	part sun, sun	flowers, fruit
Cedrus deodora	deodar cedar	Large	Non-Native	sun	form, fruit
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	katsura tree	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	fall color, shade tree
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud	Small	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fall color
Cornus kousa	Kousa dogwood	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit
Cotinus obovatus	American smoketree	Intermediate	North America	sun	fal color, flowers
Crataegus laevigata	English hawthorn	Small	Non-Native	sun	widlife, flowers, fruit
Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese cryptomeria	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	form, screen
Fagus grandifolia	American beech	Large	MV native	part sun, sun	form, fruit, shade tree
Fagus sylvatica	European beech	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	form, shade tree
Halesia carolina	Carolina silverbell	Intermediate	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit, fall color
Пех ораса	American holly	Large	MV native	part sun, sun	wildlife, fruit, winter interest
Lagerstroemia indica	crape myrtle	Small	Non-Native	part sun, sun, shade	wildlife, flowers, fall color
Larix decidua	European larch	Large	Non-Native	sun	fall color, flowers
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Large	Eastern NA	sun	wildlife, fall color, flowers,
Liriodendron tulipifera	tulip tree	Large	Eastern NA	sun	wildlife, fall color, flowers
Magnolia grandiflora	southern magnolia	Large	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit, winter interest
Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay magnolia	Small	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit
Metasequoia glyptostroboides	dawn redwood	Large	Non-Native	sun	fall color, form
Nyssa sylvatica	beetlebung	Intermediate	MV native	part sun, shade, sun	widlife, fall color, winter interest
Picea abies	Norway spruce	Large	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, winter interest
Picea engelmannii	Engelmann spruce	Large	North America	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest
Picea omorika	Serbian spruce	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest, fruit
Pinus banksiana	jack pine	Intermediate	North America	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus bungeana	lacebark pine	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, winter interest, fruit
Pinus densiflora	Japanese red pine	Large	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus flexilis	limber pine	Intermediate	North America	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus koraiensis	Korean pine	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus parviflora	Japanese white pine	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus peuce	Balkan pine	Large	Non-Native	part sun, sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus rigida	pitch pine	Large	MV native	sun	wildlife, winter interest
Pinus strobus	eastern white pine	Large	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, fruit, winter interest
Pinus wallichiana	Himalayan pine	Large	Non-Native	sun	winter interest
Prunus caroliniana	Carolina cherry laurel	Small	Eastern NA	part sun, sun	wildlife, flowers, fruit
Prunus serrulata	Japanese flowering cherry	Intermediate	Non-Native	sun	wildlife, flowers, fall color
Salix babylonica	Babylon weeping willow	Intermediate	Non-Native	part sun, sun	rain gardens
Sassafras albidum	sassafras	Large	MV native	part sun, sun, shade	fall color, flowers, fruit
Taxodium distichum	common baldcypress	Large	Eastern NA	sun	fall color, form
Thuja plicata	western arborvitae	Large	North America	part sun, sun	form, fragrant

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