



Native Plant Sale

SPRING 2026



Oenothera fruticosa
'Fireworks'
by K. Wilson

Member Day: Friday, May 1: 2 pm-7 pm
Open to the Public: Saturday, May 2: 9 am-3 pm

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE
543 Way Road, Greenville

NATIVE PLANT SALE AT ABBOTT'S MILL

Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Milford, DE
Saturday, May 2: 9 am-12 pm

Beauty Meets Purpose

It's been a frigid winter in Delaware and like many of you, we're eager to dig into gardening again!

While cold winters can feel like a nuisance, ecosystems benefit from periods of prolonged cold. These cold snaps can curb pest populations, help break plant dormancy (increasing germination rates), and force wildlife to enter energy-saving hibernation. More intense cold such as the below zero temperatures we experienced this winter can kill non-native invasive overwintering insects such as the emerald ash borer, pine beetles and Japanese beetles along with plant pathogens in the soil. Snowfall helps to insulate and provides moisture for plant roots. During extreme weather periods, standing native vegetation supplies critical habitat for wildlife, providing food and cover.

This year's Native Plant Sale will offer several native species that are of special significance to Delaware's ecosystems. Look for those marked as "Species of Greatest Conservation Need," which are rare plants identified in DNREC's updated Delaware Wildlife Action Plan. These plants are critical to protect as part of our state's commitment to preserving biodiversity.

For over three decades, Delaware Nature Society has been proud to support the use of native plants through our annual Native Plant Sale. But our mission goes far beyond the sale itself. From individual and community gardens to large nature preserves, native plants are vital to resilient, healthy ecosystems.

In urban settings, we are partnering with communities to support food and pollinator gardens. Our next steps include an assessment of over 75 pollinator projects to determine wildlife impact and native plant selection sustainability from the last 4 years. In our preserves and natural areas, we continue to focus on controlling invasive plants along with tree plantings, which allows the regeneration of native species and an increase in diversity that is essential for wildlife.

Our efforts are shaped by years of experience in regenerative landscapes in land management, regenerative farming, and fostering the connection between people and nature. We continue this important work thanks to supporters like you! Join us in prioritizing native plants in your gardens. Together, we can ensure that our landscapes remain beautiful, diverse, and ecologically balanced.

We look forward to seeing you at our Native Plants Sale, where beauty meets purpose!



Kristen Travers
Director of Conservation



Kerry Wilson
Habitat Outreach Manager

Our Mission

Connecting people and nature to create a healthy environment for all through education, conservation, and advocacy.

For more than 60 years, DelNature has been a leader in nature education, land preservation, wildlife protection, and watershed stewardship. Our impact is made possible through collaboration with members, donors, volunteers, and community partners. We are proud to be the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

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Native Plant Sale

Details and Catalog Guide

SALE DAYS

Dates

Member Day: May 1: 2 pm - 7 pm

Open to public: May 2: 9 am - 3 pm

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: Make sure your membership is current. If you need to join or renew, visit our website. Questions? Call 302.239.2334.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up online to help with setup and sale days.

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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
- Blrds

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

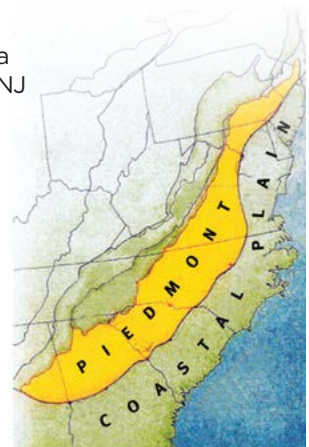
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Yellow Apr-May FS, PS M

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.

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This catalog 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 catalog. However, most herbaceous plants (flowers, grasses, ferns) range from \$12 to \$17, most shrubs and trees range from \$25 to \$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.*

Membership

Membership does more than unlock perks, it fuels our mission and helps grow and expand access to nature and nature education for people of all ages.

Join today to enjoy:

- Special member discounts on programs and events.
- Exclusive members-only experiences.
- Savings at select retail partners.
- Reciprocal admission to nature centers nationwide through the Association of Nature Center Administrators.
- And more!

Questions? Email Tyler Conover, Development and Outreach Coordinator, at Tyler.Conover@DelNature.org.

Don't forget our Native Plant Sale Members-Only Day on May 1 as a special thank you!



Visit
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Sponsor & Partner Opportunities

Become a sponsor and make an even bigger impact in our community. Sponsorship is a great way to connect with new audiences, boost your brand, and show your organization's commitment to our mission. You'll help inspire more people to connect with nature while directly supporting impactful programs across our community.

Email Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement, at Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org.

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At a Loss for Habitat:

A Look at the Species of Greatest Conservation Need in Delaware



Every 10 years DNREC updates its **Delaware Wildlife Action Plan (DEWAP)** that provides a roadmap for preserving Delaware's natural heritage. The Plan includes a listing and prioritization of Delaware's **Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)**. This list identifies and provides a tiered listing of species based on their conservation need. Taxa included in the report are birds, fish, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians. For the first time, plants are included in this report. Over the last 10 years the conservation need has increased due to habitat loss primarily from climate change, including sea level rise, and land development. Other contributing factors to habitat loss include competition from invasive plant species outcompeting our native species along with deer browsing.

Some strategies to reduce habitat loss include:

- Protecting land through conservation easements on properties to prevent further development of that land, while keeping it natural.
- Increasing protection of our coastlines.
- Removing invasive species from our properties.
- Planting a diversity of locally native plant species.
- Installing other forms of habitat such as artificial towers for chimney swifts, a brush pile fence, nest boxes, and bee boxes.

Adding a diversity of native plants, including species of greatest conservation need, in your native garden, you can help increase the biodiversity of your landscape and help build back habitat for local and migrating wildlife. Some of the species available at Delaware Nature Society's Native Plant Sale include:

Asplenium trichomanes, Maidenhair spleenwort

Chamealirium luteum, Fairy Wand

Comptonia peregrina, Sweet-fern

Dryopteris goldiana, Goldie's Wood-Fern

Taxodium distichum, Bald-cypress

Trillium grandiflorum, Large-flowered Trillium

To learn more about gardening with native plants and the ecological services you can provide on your property join us for our seasonal Ecological Gardening Workshops.

- **June 25**
Summer Native Garden Workshop | 5-7pm
- **October 1**
Fall Native Garden Workshop | 5-7pm



Chamealirium luteum
Courtesy of Bransford, W.D. and Dolphia, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



Asplenium trichomanes
Courtesy of Smith, R.W., Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



Trillium grandiflorum
Courtesy of Van Nest, Anne Marie, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



Carex pensylvanica



Schizachyrium scoparium



Eragrostis spectabilis

Ferns

PS, SH M

Adiantum pedatum

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

Maidenhair Fern Delicate fronds; dramatic if planted among low flowers.

PS, SH M

Dryopteris goldiana

Height: 3-4' Width: 28-38" P, C

Goldie's Wood Fern Tall, leathery, arching fronds abruptly tapering at the tip.

FS, PS, SH M

Asplenium trichomanes NEW

Height: 2-8" Width: 10" P, C

Maidenhair spleenwort Delicate fronds with distinct brown/black stems ideal for rock gardens, walls, and crevices, favoring shade.

PS, SH M

Dryopteris marginalis

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

Marginal (Eastern) Wood Fern Evergreen; vase-shaped; takes dry shade or floodplain.

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

Osmunda regalis NEW

Height: 6' Width: 4' P, C

Royal fern Large fern with unique form and texture. Great as a background plant and to fill in shade areas.

PS M, W

Osmundastrum (Osmunda) cinnamomeum

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

Cinnamon Fern Cinnamon-colored spikes; graceful. 🌿

Vines

Green-white FS, PS, SH M, D

Celastrus scandens

Height: 5-15'+ Width: 4-15' P, C

American Bittersweet Narrower leaves than Asian invasive; bright red fruit.

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! 🌿🐝🐦

Yellow Apr-May FS, PS M

Gelsemium sempervirens 'Margarita'

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

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

Lilac blue May-June FS, PS M, W

Wisteria frutescens 'Amethyst Falls'

Height: 10-30' Width: 6-8' EP

American Wisteria Cascading blooms; less aggressive than Asian species. 🌿🐝



Wisteria frutescens
"Amethyst falls"



Lonicera sempervirens
"Major Wheeler"



Osmundastrum cinnamomeum

Grasses

Greenish Apr FS, PS, SH M, D

Carex pensylvanica

Height: 6-10" Width: 14-20"+ P, C

Pennsylvania Sedge Fine-textured, spreading; for dry shade, slopes. 🦋🐦

White Apr-Jul PS, SH D, M

Carex rosea

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

Rosy Sedge Semi-evergreen tufted woodland sedge to add en masse to the garden or mixed with other wildflowers.

Sept FS, PS M, D

Chasmanthium latifolium

Height: 3' Width: 20-30"+ P, C

Wild Oats (Northern Sea Oats) Kinetic seedheads eaten by birds; groundcover; takes black walnut. 🦋🐦

Purple June-Sept FS D, M

Eragrostis spectabilis

Height: 2' Width: 2' P, C

Purple Lovegrass Lovely haze of flower panicles; mingle with purple or gold flowers.

Lt brown April FS, PS, SH M, W

Luzula acuminata

Height: 6-16" Width: 6-16" C, EP

Woodrush Textural contrast for larger plants in rain gardens, streambanks.

Pinkish July-Sept FS M, W, D

Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'

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

Switchgrass Showy red fall foliage, tough plant. 🐦

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 - Oct FS D, M

Schizachyrium scoparium 'Camper' NEW

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' X

Little bluestem This hardy cultivar is notable for erosion control, drought tolerance, performance in poor soil, and it's fiery orange and red fall colors. Provides wildlife habitat for ground nesting birds and ground cover.

Silver Aug-frost FS D

Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'

Height: 3-4' Width: 1' X

Little Bluestem Tight, upright habit; bluish leaves turn orange to purple-brown, fall. 🐦

Bronze Aug FS D

Schizachyrium scoparium 'The Blues'

Height: 3' Width: 2-3' X

Little Bluestem Powder-blue summer foliage, wine red in fall and winter. 🐦

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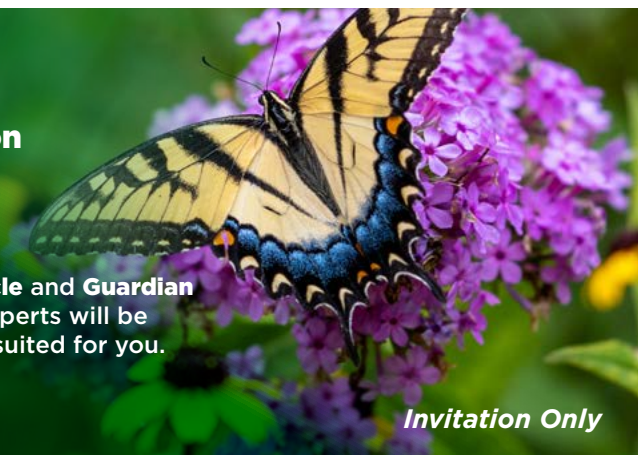
Native Plant Pre-Sale and Garden Reception

Thursday, April 30 | 5 pm - 7 pm
Coverdale Farm Preserve

An exclusive invitation only event for DelNature **1964 Circle** and **Guardian Level Donors***. Enjoy wine, cheese and early shopping. Experts will be available to guide your selection of beautiful plants best suited for you.

*1964 Circle level donors are Members who contribute \$1,964+ annually.
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Invitation Only





Aquilegia canadensis



Antennaria plantaginifolia



Allium cernuum

Perennials

White June-July PS M

Actaea (Cimicifuga) racemosa

Height: 3-8' Width: 3-4' P, C

Black Bugbane (Cohosh) Tall candles light up summer garden and feed small pollinators. ✂️

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' EP, EC

Blue Dogbane Attractive vase shape; combines well with asters, Phlox, grasses.

Blue May-June FS, PS M

Amsonia tabernaemontana var. salicifolia

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

Blue Dogbane Willowy foliage; gold fall color; butterfly nectar; shrubby habit.

White June-Oct FS, PS D

Anaphalis margaritacea

Height: 1-3' Width: 2.5" EC, EP

Western Pearly Everlasting Larvae host for American Lady butterflies and food for Painted Lady butterflies. Commonly used in dried flower arrangements. ✂️

White or lav Mar-Apr PS, SH M

Anemone (Hepatica) acutiloba

Height: 6-8" Width: 6" EP

Sharp-lobed Liverleaf Very early; mottled foliage contrasts nicely with small ferns. ✂️

White June FS, PS, SH M, D

Anemone virginiana

Height: 1-3' Width: 12-16"+ P, C

Thimbleweed Pretty late-spring blooms; neat seedheads; very adaptable. ✂️

White Apr - Jun FS D

Antennaria neglecta NEW

Height: 10" Width: 10" P

Field Pussytoes Showy ground cover forming dense colonies, that attracts butterflies.

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" X

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" X

Wild Columbine Big impact on dwarf plant; deeper red bloom than species. ✂️



Asclepias incarnata



Asclepias tuberosa



Chamaelirium luteum

Perennials

Green/purp Apr-May PS, SH M

Arisaema triphyllum

Height: 12-30" Width: 1' P, C

Jack-in-the-pulpit Unusual hooded flower; set it off with ferns, woodland flowers. 🦋

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. 🦋🦋

White July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Asclepias incarnata 'Ice Ballet'

Height: 2-4' Width: 1-2' X

Swamp Milkweed Long-lasting, vanilla-scented white blooms; lovely with Lobelias. 🦋🦋

Orange June-Aug FS D

Asclepias tuberosa

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

Butterfly Weed Large clusters of bright flowers draw many pollinators. 🦋🦋

White May-June SH M

Astilbe biternata

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

False Goatsbeard Large plumes attract butterflies.

Yellow June-July FS, PS D, M

Baptisia tinctoria

Height: 32" Width: 40" P, C

Yellow Wild Indigo Soft, airy texture; very tough, so useful for difficult spots. 🦋🦋

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. 🦋

SPRING CLEANING Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Weed, while also removing seedlings of undesirable plants, but do not leave empty spaces.
- Lightly mulch with leaf compost, if desired.
- Selectively prune shrubs over two years old.
- Assess your garden and determine if additional plants are needed to fill in any bare space that may promote weed growth.
- Divide & transplant perennials to fill in gaps/expand gardens.
- Cut back dead flowers and grass stems once temperatures remain above 50°F to stubble of varying heights (8" to 22" tall) to provide nest cavities for native bees, whose larvae will develop over a year inside the stems and hatch the next growing season (new plant growth will hide the stubble).



Goodyera pubescens



Geranium maculatum



Heuchera americana

Perennials

White April PS, SH M

Cardamine concatenata (Dentaria laciniata)

Height: 8-15" Width: 8" P, C

Cut-leaf Toothwort One of first to bloom in spring; delicate, ferny texture. ✂

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. ✂

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.

White Sep-Oct FS, PS M, W

Chelone glabra

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

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

Pink Jun - Sep FS, PS, M, W

Chelone obliqua 'Tiny Tortuga' NEW

Height: 12-18" Width: 12-16" X

Turtlehead Compact plant with glossy dark green foliage with pink hooded, turtle-shaped blooms.

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. ✂

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. ✂

Golden June FS, PS D

Coreopsis 'Jethro Tull'

Height: 8-18" Width: 1-2' X

Tickseed Fluted petals.

Yellow Sept-Oct FS, PS M, D

Coreopsis palustris 'Summer Sunshine' NEW

Height: 30" Width: 40" X

Beadle's Tickseed Late-season food for pollinators; shiny leaves and sturdy habit.

Yellow June-July FS D, M

Coreopsis verticillata

Height: 2' Width: 2-4' 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, Pink Apr-May PS, SH M

Dodecatheon meadia

Height: 9-18" Width: 9" EP

Shooting-star Delicate blossoms like those of cyclamen. ✂

Orange, Red, Yellow, Cream, Purple Jun - Aug FS, PS D, M

Echinacea 'Cheyenne Spirit' NEW

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-2' X

Coneflower Compact, bushy growth with intense mix of colors. Drought tolerant and thrives in a variety of soils. ✂

Deep pink July-Aug FS, PS D, M

Echinacea purpurea 'Ruby Star' ('Rubinstern')

Height: 2-3' Width: 18-24" X

Purple Coneflower Known for its vibrant flowers. ✂

White June-Sep FS, PS M

Echinacea purpurea Pow Wow® White

Height: 16-24" Width: 12-16" X
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" X
Purple Coneflower Smashing raspberry-colored daisies on compact, bushy plants. 🌿🐝🦋

Rose June-Aug FS, PS D, M

Echinacea purpurea 'Primadonna Deep Rose'

Height: 2-3' Width: 1-2' X
Purple Coneflower Stems of this cultivar are wide and sturdy. Adaptable and tolerant of drought, heat, humidity, and poor soils. Mass with Rudbeckias. 🌿🦋🐝

White June-Aug FS, PS M, D

Echinacea purpurea 'Primadonna White' NEW

Height: 2-3' Width: 1.5-2' X
Cone flower An adaptable plant that is tolerant of drought, heat, humidity and poor soil. Divide clumps when they become overcrowded (about every 4 years). 🌿🦋🐝

White, Yellow, Lavender Apr-June PS, SH D, M

Erigeron pulchellus 'Lynnhaven Carpet'

Height: 1-2' Width: 1-2' 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: 1-2' EP, EC
Button Snakeroot Spiky flowers attract many pollinators, beneficial insects. 🌿🐝🦋

White April PS, SH M

Erythronium albidum

Height: 6-12" Width: 3-6"+ P, C
White Dog-tooth Violet Rare in this region; not a violet but a lily relative; lovely. 🌿🐝

Yellow Apr-May PS, SH M

Erythronium rostratum

Height: 2-7" Width: 6-12"+ EC, EM
Yellow (Beaked) Trout Lily More upward-facing flowers and a bit later than local yellow trout lilies.

White Aug-Sept PS, SH D, M

Eurybia (Aster) divaricata

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-18" P
White Wood Aster Daisy-like flowers shine in shade; takes drought. 🌿🐝🦋

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. 🌿🐝🦋

Lavender-rose Aug-Sept FS, PS M, W

Eutrochium (Eupatorium) dubium 'Baby Joe'

Height: 2-3' Width: 15-18" X
Coastal Plain Joe-Pye Weed For small spots or containers; no flopping; tolerates a bit of shade. 🌿🐝🦋

Deep mauve July-Aug FS, PS M, W

Eutrochium (Eupatorium) dubium 'Little Joe'

Height: 3-4' Width: 1' X
Coastal Plain Joe-Pye Weed Compact form; more shade tolerant; ideal for small gardens. 🌿🐝🦋

Mauve July-Oct FS, PS M

Eutrochium (Eupatorium) purpureum

Height: 5-7' Width: 2-4' P, C
Sweet-scented Joe-Pye Weed Vanilla-scented flowers and leaves; superb for butterflies, bees. 🌿🐝🦋

White Mar-Nov FS, PS D

Fragaria virginiana

Height: 4" Width: 1' EC, EP
Virginia Strawberry Low-growing wild strawberry producing an edible fruit with fall foliage turning shades of red. Larval host for Gray Hairstreak. 🌿🦋🐝

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. 🌿🐝

White May - Sep PS D, M

Goodyera pubescens NEW

Height: 14" Width: 12" P, C
Downy rattlesnake plantain Beautiful native orchid with green broad rounded leaves with silver veins. Found on dry to moist upland sites in deciduous and coniferous forests.

Yellow Oct-frost FS, PS M, W, D

Helianthus angustifolius

Height: 5-9' Width: 3-4' C, EP
Swamp Sunflower Very showy daisy flowers; alive with butterflies, goldfinches. 🌿🐝🦋



Perennials

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. ☞ ☞ ☞

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" X

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" X

Hairy Alumroot Semi-evergreen, apple-green foliage and showy flowers; magnificent in shade. ☞

Scarlet June-Sept FS, PS M, W

Hibiscus coccineus

Height: 3-6' Width: 2-3' EC

Scarlet Rose-mallow Showy flowers attract Hummingbirds; brighten a rain garden or pond side. ☞ ☞ ☞

White, Pink July-Sept FS, PS M, W

Hibiscus moscheutos

Height: 3-6' Width: 3' P, C

Swamp Rose-mallow Gigantic flowers with pink centers; tropical look. ☞ ☞ ☞

Orange, Yellow May-Aug PS, SH Dry, Moist

Krigia biflora

Height: 1-2' Width: 1' P

Two-flower Cynthia Attractive waxy, light green foliage; spreads over time through rhizomes; good for groundcover. ☞

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. ☞ ☞

Mauve Aug-Sept FS M

Liatris spicata 'Kobold'

Height: 2' Width: 6-12" P, C

Spike Gayfeather (Dense Blazing Star) Compact; use among coneflowers for knockout color. ☞ ☞

Red, 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. ☞ ☞



Phlox divaricata



Rudbeckia fulgida



Polemonium reptans

Perennials

Lavender July FS, PS M

Marshallia grandiflora

Height: 18" Width: 9-12" EM

Large-flowered Barbara's-buttons Button flowers with blue anthers; best for streamsides.

Light pink July FS, PS M, W

Marshallia trinervia

Height: 15-24" Width: 15-18" EP

Colonial Barbara's-buttons Delightful blooms; wetland native, can grow in garden beds.

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. 🐝 🍴

Red June-Aug FS, PS M, W

Monarda didyma

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

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

Bright red June-July PS, FS M

Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'

Height: 3-5' Width: 24-40" X

Bee Balm Very enticing to hummingbirds; resists mildew; long blooming. 🐝 🍴

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. 🐝 🍴

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. 🐝 🍴

SUMMER LOVING Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Weed and repeat as needed.
- Water (deeply) new plantings 1-2 times per week. Established plantings should not need water unless there is a prolonged drought in the first year of establishing the garden.
- Remove spent flowers as desired from aggressive re-seeders and continue into the fall.
- Around Memorial Day to July 4th, cut back later blooming natives like asters so they grow into a more compact form. Ideally cut 25% to 75%, depending on how tall you want the plants to be later in the season.
- Retain last year's dead stubble as native bee larvae are still developing in the stems.



Tiarella cordifolia



Phlox pilosa



Trillium luteum

Perennials

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. ☞ ☞

Yellow June-July FS, PS M, D

Oenothera fruticosa

Height: 16-30” Width: 3’ P, C

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

Yellow June-July FS, PS M

Oenothera fruticosa ssp. glauca Fireworks (‘Fyrverkeri’)

Height: 18” Width: 12-18” P, C

Narrowleaf Evening-primrose (Shrubby Sundrops) Red stems complement sunny flowers that draw many pollinators. ☞ ☞

Yellow May-June FS, PS M, D

Opuntia humifusa

Height: 15”-18” Width: 12”-18” C

Prickly Pear Cactus Unusual groundcover for dry, even sandy soils, gorgeous blooms. ☞

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. ☞

White/pink June FS, PS M

Penstemon digitalis

Height: 3-4’ Width: 14-18” P, C

Foxglove Beardtongue Robust, tough, easy; pretty blooms; ornamental seedpods. ☞ ☞

White June-July FS, PS D, M

Penstemon digitalis ‘Husker Red’

Height: 2-3’ Width: 12-18” X

Foxglove Beardtongue Hummingbird draw; bronze-purple foliage is attractive all year. ☞ ☞

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.

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” X

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’ X

Woodland Phlox Very fragrant woodland carpet; semi-evergreen. ☞

White June FS, PS M

Phlox ‘Minnie Pearl’

Height: 12-18” Width: 1’ X

Phlox Refreshing early summer show; bright green, mildew-free foliage. ☞

Lavender, Pink July-Sept FS, PS M

Phlox paniculata ‘Jeana’

Height: 2-5’ Width: 2-4’ X

Garden Phlox Butterfly favorite; vibrant flowers; best in Mt. Cuba trials; no mildew. ☞ ☞ ☞

Deep Pink Late Summer FS, PS M

Phlox paniculata 'Robert Poore'



Height: 4-5' Width: 2-3' X

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.  

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 Apr-May PS, SH M

Polygonatum biflorum



Height: 18-24" Width: 12-17" P, C

Small Solomon's-seal Interesting arching foliage; bell-like, green-edged flowers.

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.  

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

Rudbeckia hirta


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.   

Deep pink Apr-May FS, PS D, M

Silene caroliniana ssp. wherryi 'Short and Sweet'

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

Wherry's Catchfly Low, semi-evergreen mound; for rock gardens or steep sites. 

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 Aug-Sept FS, PS M, D

Solidago Little Lemon ('Dansolitem') parentage uncertain

Height: 12-18" Width: 18-24' X

Goldenrod Lemon yellow; compact.

Yellow Jul - Oct FS, PS, SH M, W

Solidago ohioensis (Oligoneuron) NEW

Height: 3' Width: 1-2' P

Ohio goldenrod The flat-topped clusters of bright yellow flowers are excellent for pollinator gardens, providing late season nectar source for butterflies and moths. Host plant for Cacaocausia lorquiniana, Leuconota chloris, Synchlora aerata moths.

Gold Aug-Oct FS, PS D, M

Solidago sphacelata 'Golden Fleece'


Height: 18" Width: 2-3' X

Autumn Goldenrod Fountains of bloom; semi-evergreen; versatile groundcover.   

Red, Yellow June-Aug FS, PS M

Spigelia marilandica

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

Indian Pink Scarlet trumpets filled with gold; deadhead for rebloom through fall. 

Red Jun FS, PS M

Spigelia marilandica 'Little Redhead'




Height: 24" Width: 18" X

Indian Pink Smaller and tidier. This genus requires good drainage to thrive, so do not plant in areas with standing water.

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.   

Purple Sept-Oct FS, PS M

Symphotrichum (Aster) novae-angliae




Height: 3-5' Width: 2-3' P, C

New England Aster One of the showiest of asters; cut back in spring to keep bushy.   

Blue-purple Aug.-Sept FS M, W

Symphotrichum (Aster) novi-belgii

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

New York Aster Smooth leaves; bushy habit; takes wet soils.   



Verbena hastata



Cephalanthus occidentalis



Solidago Ohioensis

Perennials

Violet Sept-Oct FS D, M

Symphotrichum (Aster) oblongifolium 'October Skies'

Height: 1-2' Width: 18-36" X
Aromatic Aster #4 in Mt. Cuba Center trials; more compact; good in containers. ☼ ☼ ☼

Lavender Sept-Nov FS M, D

Symphotrichum (Aster) oblongifolium 'Raydon's Favorite'

Height: 18-36" Width: 2-3' X
Aromatic Aster One of the last asters to bloom in fall; best in drier, leaner soil. ☼ ☼ ☼

White Apr-May PS, SH M

Thalictrum thalictroides (Anemone)

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. ☼

Pink May - Jun SH D, M, W

Tiarella cordifolia 'Octoraro' NEW

Height: 4-6" Width: 24" P, C
Octoraro foam flower A semi-evergreen native replacement for English ivy and periwinkle.

Maroon Apr-May PS M

Trillium cuneatum

Height: 6-12" Width: 12-16" EP, EC
Wedge-petal Trillium (Large Toadshade) Upright blossom; beautiful mottled leaves; early and vigorous.

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 M, W

Trillium recurvatum

Height: 6-18" Width: 1' EP
Prairie Trillium Gracefully curving flowers; mottled leaves.

Maroon Apr-May PS, SH M

Trillium sessile

Height: 4-12" Width: 6-12" EP, EC
Sessile Trillium Handsome mottled foliage; unusual stalkless flowers.

Yellow May PS M

Uvularia grandiflora

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-18" EP
Large-flowered Bellwort (Great Merrybells) Arching stems with large, pendulous flowers. ☼

Yellow May-June PS M

Uvularia perfoliata

Height: 1' Width: 12-18" P, C
Perfoliate Bellwort (Merrybells) Showy bell-shaped flowers for the woodland garden. ☼

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.



Antennaria neglecta



Uvularia perfoliata



Viola pedata

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 Aug-Sept FS M, D

Vernonia glauca

Height: 3-5' Width: 2-4' P, C
Broad-leaf Ironweed Like New York Ironweed, but for drier places; butterflies love it. 🦋🦋

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.

Violet Apr-May FS, PS D

Viola pedata

Height: 3-8" Width: 3-6" P, C
Birdfoot Violet Rare; finely dissected foliage; for rock gSmOTaardens, sandy soil. 🦋🦋

Blue, Purple Mar-May FS, PS M

Viola sororia

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. 🦋

Purple May PS M

Viola walteri 'Silver Gem'

Height: 3-5" Width: 10-15" X
Prostrate Blue Violet Blooms stand out against semi-evergreen, silvery leaves. 🦋🦋

Yellow Apr-June FS, PS M, W

Zizia aurea

Height: 1-2' Width: 12-16" P, EC
Golden Alexanders Hosts Black Swallowtail butterfly; draws many beneficial insects. 🦋🦋



FALL INTO FUN Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Weed as needed; weeds should diminish over time as the garden establishes.
- Leave spent vegetation standing and leaf litter in beds to provide shelter for birds, other small animals, and insects that may overwinter in leaves.
- Selectively prune shrubs over two years old.
- Leave seeds and fruits on native plants through the fall and into the winter as they are good food sources for birds and add visual interest for you throughout the winter.
- Remove seeds/fruits from plants with aggressive reseeding habits if they are taking over the garden.



Acer saccharinum



Aronia arbutifolia



Lindera benzoin

Trees & Shrubs

Red March FS, PS M, W

Acer rubrum

Height: 40-75' Width: 25-50' P, C
Red Maple Beautiful fall show; red buds and flowers; very adaptable. 🌳 🌸 🐦

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. 🌳 🌸 🐦

Yellowish April FS, PS M

Acer saccharum

Height: 60-70' Width: 40-50' P
Sugar Maple Famously brilliant fall foliage; caterpillars for nestlings. 🌳 🌸 🐦

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. 🌳 🌸 🐦

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. 🌳 🌸

Yellow April PS, SH M

Carpinus caroliniana

Height: 15-30' Width: 15-30' P, C
American Hornbeam (Musclewood) Happy in a moist area; beautiful trunk; yellow fall color. 🌳 🌸

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. 🌳 🌸

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 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. 🌳 🌸 🐦

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. 🌳 🌸 🐦

Yellow-brown April FS, PS, SH M

Betula lenta

Height: 40-55' Width: 35-55' P, C
Sweet Birch Golden fall foliage; source of birch beer; caterpillars for nestlings. 🌳 🌸 🐦

Rosy purple April FS, PS M

Cercis canadensis

Height: 15-30' Width: 20-35' P, C
Redbud Arresting bloom color; early spring nectar, later seeds for wildlife. 🌳 🌸 🐦



Symphoricarpos orbiculatus



Comptonia peregrina



Hydrangea arborescens

Trees & Shrubs

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. 🌿 🌸

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 Apr-May FS, PS M

Cornus florida

Height: 15-35' Width: 15-40' P, C
Flowering Dogwood Famous spring blooms; red fruit for birds; lovely form and bark. 🌿 🌸 🐦

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. 🌿 🌸 🐦

Yell/red Mar-Apr PS, SH D, M

Corylus americana

Height: 8-10' Width: 4-12'+ P, C
American Hazelnut Grow your own tasty, attractive nuts, which wildlife love, too. 🐦 🌿

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. 🌿 🌸 🐦 🌿

Yellow Mar-Apr PS, SH M

Dirca palustris

Height: 3-6' Width: 4-6' P, C
Eastern Leatherwood Rare! Fragrant, dangling blooms; yellow fall color; lights up shade. 🌿 🌸

White Apr-May FS, PS M

Fothergilla x intermedia 'Mt. Airy'

Height: 5-6' Width: 3-6' X
Large Fothergilla Abundant, honey-scented flowers; beautiful yellow to orange fall color. 🌿

Yell/grn May-June PS, FS

Frangula (Rhamnus) caroliniana

Height: 10-15' Width: EC, EP
Carolina False Buckthorn Handsome shrub; seeds change from red to black on maturity.

Yellow Oct-Nov FS, PS, SH M

Hamamelis virginiana

Height: 8-20' Width: 8-20' P, C
Common Witch-hazel Ribbon-like blooms in late fall amid yellow fall foliage. 🌿



Morella (*Myrica*) pennsylvanica



Rosa carolina



Rhododendron canescens

Trees & Shrubs

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 PS, SH M

Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'

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

Wild Hydrangea Flowerheads up to 1' across on vigorous stems.

White May FS, PS M

Ilex opaca

Height: 40-50' Width: 10-15' P, C

American Holly Excellent for screening; cover and fruit for birds. ✂️

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 May FS, PS M, W

Ilex verticillata

Height: 6-10' Width: 6-10' P, C

Winterberry A mix of berry-bearing female plants and male pollinators. ✂️

White May FS, PS M

Ilex verticillata 'Magical Showtime'

Height: 3-4' Width: 4' X

Winterberry holly A Dwarf variety of winterberry holly perfectly designed for hedging, border plantings or a garden focal point, especially in urban setting and along sidewalks. Pair with 'Southern Gentleman' or 'Mr. Poppins' for berry production. ✂️

White June FS, PS M, W

Ilex verticillata 'Southern Gentleman'

Height: 6-9' Width: 6-9' P, C

Winterberry Male; required for 'Winter Gold' to produce fruit. ✂️

White June-July FS-SH M, W

Itea virginica

Height: 3-6' Width: 3-10' C, EP

Virginia Sweetspire Graceful, scented flowers; leaves yellow to red, fall; lovely red stems. ✂️

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

Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'

Height: 4-6' Width: 4-6' X

Virginia Sweetspire Fountains of fragrant flowers; red fall leaves; beautiful for hedges. ✂️

Yellow Apr FS D

Juniperus communis

NEW

Height: 12' Width: 4' P

Common juniper Widespread shrub-like conifer with a high tolerance for drought. Provides food from seed cones and shelter for wildlife.

White Apr-May PS, SH M, W

Leucothoe axillaris 'ReJoyce'

Height: 2-3' Width: 3' X

Coast Leucothoe (Doghobble) Bright red new foliage and deep red fall color, evergreen shrub or groundcover. ✂️

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 June FS, PS M

Magnolia macrophylla

Height: 30-40' Width: 30-40' EP, EC
Bigleaf Magnolia Gigantic, fragrant flowers; tropical look; beautiful seed cones.

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 June-July FS, PS M, W

Magnolia virginiana

Height: 20-35' Width: 10-20' C, EP
Sweet Bay Lemon-scented flowers; birds, wildlife relish berry-like seeds.

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.

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

Ostrya virginiana

Height: 20-30' Width: 10-18' P, EC
American Hop-hornbeam (Ironwood) Shaggy bark; food for nestlings in spring, adult birds in winter.

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.

Green April FS, PS M

Platanus occidentalis

Height: 70-100' Width: 40-60' P, C
American Sycamore Majestic; white, peeling bark; lovely at water's edge.

White May FS D

Prunus maritima

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

Light green Apr-May FS, PS M, W

Quercus bicolor

Height: 60-80' Width: 30-40' C, P
Swamp White Oak Grows well in heavy soil; attractive, flaky bark.

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 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.

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.

WINTER INTEREST Native Plant Care

Keep your garden looking fresh through the seasons, benefiting wildlife and the environment.

- Remove unattractive drooping foliage or grasses that flop over, but keep in mind that doing so may remove food sources and shelter for birds and overwintering insects.
- Trim dead sedge foliage before plants leaf out in early spring.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs as necessary.



Taxodium distichum



Staphylea trifolia



Tsuga canadensis 'Albospica'

Trees & Shrubs

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. ✂️

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. ✂️

Orange or red Apr-May PS M

Rhododendron flammeum

Height: 6-8' Width: 6-8' EC, EP

Oconee Azalea Spidery blooms; takes heat, some drought. ✂️

Orange June FS, PS D, M

Rhododendron Gregory Bald Group

Height: 7-9' Width: 6' EM

Hybrid Azalea Smoky Mountains hybrid provides later color. ✂️

Pink May PSH M, W

Rhododendron 'Marydel'

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

Coast Azalea Very fragrant; found in Md. by the late plantswoman Polly Hill. ✂️

Orange July-Aug PS D, M

Rhododendron prunifolium

Height: 5-12' Width: 5' EP, EC

Plum-leaf Azalea Bright color in summer; lovely against Clethra. ✂️

Pink Apr-May FS, PS M

Rhododendron vaseyi

Height: 8-15' Width: 8-15' EM

Pink-shell Azalea Orchid-like blooms; outstanding salmon fall foliage; graceful. ✂️

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. ✂️

White June PS-SH M

Rhododendron viscosum 'Summer Eyelet'

Height: 6' Width: 6' X

Swamp Azalea White blooms with red stamens appearing in June; compact habit; very strong spicy, clove-like fragrance. Ideal in dappled shade. A wonderful addition to a woodland garden.

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. ✂️

White June FS, PS M, W

Sambucus canadensis

Height: 5-12' Width: 5-12' P, C

American Elderberry Huge, lacy flowers; birds love the luscious fruit. ✂️

White Apr - Jun FS, PS, SH D, M

Staphylea trifolia NEW

Height: 8-15' Width: 10-20' P
American bladdernut Fast growing shrub with drooping clusters of bell shaped flowers and unique papery seed pods.


White, Green Apr - Jun FS, PS, SH D, M

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus NEW

Height: 2-6' Width: 3-8' P
Coralberry Low-growing forest shrub with winter berries. Provides food, cover, and nesting sites for songbirds, ground birds, and small mammals. Drought tolerant. Host plant for Snowberry Clearwing (*Hemaris diffinis*).

Green Mar-Apr FS M, W

Taxodium distichum

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



PS, SH M

Tsuga canadensis 'Albospica' NEW

Height: 8-25' Width: 5-15' X
Canadian hemlock Fine-textured evergreen with striking white-tipped needles. Deer and walnut tree tolerant. Accent or screen plant for shady spots. Provides cover.



White Apr-May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum

Height: 3-10' Width: 6-8' P, C
Highbush Blueberry One of top 10 shrubs for wildlife, plus scrumptious fruit for humans.  

White Apr-May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Chester Co. Provenance'

Height: 3-10' Width: 6-8' P, C
Highbush Blueberry Locally-sourced from Chester County. One of top 10 shrubs for wildlife, plus scrumptious fruit for humans.  

White April FS, PS M

Vaccinium Corymbosum 'Draper'

Height: 4-5' Width: 4-5' X
Highbush Blueberry Compact shrub with high yields of firm, sweet berries.



White May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Elizabeth'

Height: 4-5' Width: 5-6' X
Highbush Blueberry Extremely flavorful; large berries ripen in mid-season.  



White May FS, PS M

Vaccinium corymbosum 'Legacy'

Height: 6' Width: 6' X
Highbush Blueberry Very sweet, mid-season fruit; leaves turn orange, fall.  



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.  



Cream May FS, PS M

Viburnum dentatum

Height: 6-12' Width: 4-10' P, C
Arrowwood Blue-black berries; one of the best shrubs for birds.  



White May FS, PS M, D

Viburnum lentago

Height: 8-15' Width: 6-12' P
Nannyberry Berries change from olive to red to blue-black; winter fruit for birds.  


White Apr-May FS, PS M, W

Viburnum nudum

Height: 6-12' Width: 4-5' P, C
Possumhaw Viburnum Berries turn white to pink to blue-black; plant another for more fruit.  


White May-June FS, PS M, W

Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur'

Height: 6' Width: 5-12' X
Possumhaw Viburnum Compact; lustrous foliage, burgundy in fall; beautiful pink turning blue berries.  

Bronze Apr-May FS, PS, SH M, D

Xanthorhiza simplicissima

Height: 2-3' Width: 2-4' EP, EC
Yellowroot Lacy foliage; good groundcover for slopes, dry areas; yellow in fall. 

Prepare to Succeed:

How to prepare your native garden space for optimal productivity and minimal maintenance.



Lawn to Landscape: How to prepare for a new native habitat.

As gardeners, we are often eager to put plants in the ground when embarking on a new project. However, without proper preparation, we may be left frustrated by the amount of maintenance required and the slow pace at which a garden establishes. This process can take time, and depending on site conditions, it may extend through an entire growing season. The time invested in thoughtful preparation ultimately leads to a highly productive space that requires less maintenance during the 1 to 3 year establishment period.

When it comes to preparation, there is no “one size fits all” approach. Assessment of the site’s current conditions is the first step.

Here are some scenarios to help you get started in your space.



	Highly compacted/low quality soil found in urban and dry landscapes	Lawn to landscape conversion with average soil	Conversion of non-native to native established garden bed/ rich soil
WHY	Due to lack of carbon and nutrients in the soil it may be more difficult to establish a garden in this space.	Eliminating turf grass is one way to make a great impact. The best approach is to start small and add to the space until you reach your desired area.	Addressing existing weeds and minimal disturbance of the soil will aid in the reduction of weeds during the first years of garden establishment.
WHAT	Sheet mulching can provide carbon, nutrients, and moisture retention along with smothering weeds and seeds.	Smothering the turf grass and existing seed bank through solarization with a lighter version of sheet mulching.	Weed suppression using solarization and removal of any plants you no longer want in the bed.
HOW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weed whack to expose soil 2. Layer overlapping cardboard 3. Cover with 2 alternating 2” layers of compost and straw. 4. Top with 3” of mulch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weed whack turf to expose soil. 2. Layer overlapping cardboard over area. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Top with 6” of mulch. 4. Add one foot of area per year until desired area reached. 	Cover area with a clear or black tarp for 6-8 weeks during the hottest part of the summer for best results.



A note on invasive species:
 If your space currently has invasive species such as Japanese Stilt grass, it is best to spend the year smothering the space through solarization and other methods of eradication before you replant with native plants.

Plants & Wildlife Programs



Learn more and register at DelNature.org/programs

Ecological Gardening Workshops

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

June 25 | 5-7pm

Summer Native Garden Workshop

October 1 | 5-7pm

Fall Native Garden Workshop

Spring Bird Walks

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE MIDDLE RUN NATURAL AREA

April - May

Sundays | 8 am - 10:30 am *Bucktoe Creek Preserve*

Tuesdays | 8 am - 10:30 am *Middle Run Natural Area*

Enjoy a gentle guided hike through the meadows and woods in search of migrating and nesting birds. Beginners welcome!

Bird Banding

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

April-December | Wednesdays | 7:30 am - 10:30 am

See Bird Banding of wild birds close up and learn how we're helping learn about birds' habits to understand what they need to survive and thrive.

Fire and Ephemerals

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

April 16 | 9 am-12 pm

Explore woodland that had been recently burned with prescribed fire. Look for and identify spring ephemeral wildflowers that are in bloom.

Wood Thrushes and Wood Lots

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

May 29 | 9 am - 11 am *Bucktoe Creek Preserve*

July 10 | 9 am - 11 am *Flint Woods Preserve*

Enjoy a relaxing walk around a beautiful private preserve in search of Wood Thrushes and their nests. Learn how to manage habitat to encourage the successful nesting of these iconic woodland birds. Led by Ian Stewart.

Breeding Birds and Ice Cream

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

June 12 | 9 am - 11 am

This is the 3rd year of the Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas. Explore the woods and fields of a beautiful private preserve in search of nesting birds and add data to the atlas. End the morning with ice cream and cold drinks.

Woods, Wildflowers, and Warblers

FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

August 26 | 5:30 pm - 8 pm

Enjoy Flint Woods Preserve during a time when the meadows are blooming, the woodlands are lush, and the warblers are moving through. Enjoy wine and cheese in a beautiful meadow.

Serpentine Barrens and Octoraro Nursery

NOTTINGHAM PARK

August 27 | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Visit Nottingham Park, a Serpentine Barrens in Chester County, PA, in search of rare and unusual plants and birds. Tour Octoraro Native Plant Nursery and take home a free container seedling. Meets at Ashland Nature Center.



**Join us for the Summer
Solstice Celebration at DuPont
Environmental Education Center.**

Saturday, June 20 | 12 pm - 3 pm

Live entertainment, food, and marsh activities

Certify Your Yard!

Gardening for water and wildlife makes your yard come alive!
With these gardening tips your yard could become home to 15 migratory birds, 20 native plant species, and 5 kinds of butterflies.



Start with these easy steps

- **Provide Food:** native plants with nectar, fruits, and seeds
- **Supply Water:** water gardens, bird baths, and puddles for drinking and bathing
- **Create Cover:** rock piles and evergreens give protection from weather, predators, and people
- **Provide Baby Animal Spaces:** trees and shrubs are great protection to animals raising their young
- **Garden Sustainably:** reduce lawn chemicals and use a rain barrel

Certify Your Yard
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Flowers, Feathers, and the Food Web



Camera traps at nest boxes reveal consistent importance of Lepidoptera in Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) nestling diets', by Ashley Kennedy et al. *Wilson Journal of Ornithology* 2026.

Insights from an Ornithologist on Attracting Birds to Your Garden

By Ian Stewart, PhD



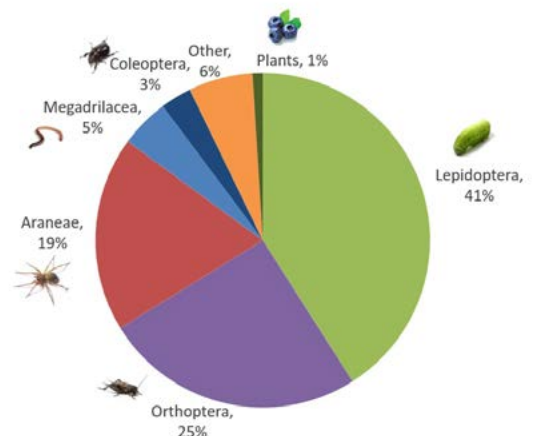
Spring is an exciting time for any gardener, but especially those who favor native plants! Like other gardeners, you can look forward to a summer yard filled with colorful plants, but you can also start dreaming about the extra bees, butterflies, and birds you will attract. By planting native wildflowers, grasses, trees and shrubs, you can increase the number of insects in your yard, which will in turn attract more animals higher up the food web.

In a local study, Ashley Kennedy, a former PhD student of Doug Tallamy at the University of Delaware, surveyed the prey that adult bluebirds brought to their nestlings using GoPro cameras mounted on their nestboxes. As shown in the pie chart below, over 40% were caterpillars (the larvae

of butterflies, moths, and sawflies)! Caterpillars are ideal food for birds as they are nutritious but also soft and squishy, which makes them easy to digest, even for small nestlings. Importantly, almost all caterpillars are native species and many of them only eat certain native plants, and so the adult insects will only lay their eggs on these host plants. Planting a wide variety of native host plants is a great way to attract a diversity of adult insects, which in turn leads to a greater number and diversity of caterpillars. Some of these caterpillars become important food for birds and other animals, while others become adult butterflies and moths for you to enjoy.

Our spring plant sale includes wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs and trees, several of which are known as 'keystone species' because they support so many insects that they hold up the food web. By planting a diversity of native plants, you can attract a diversity of insects and other pollinators, and in turn, enrich your yard with a variety of breeding birds and other wildlife. The trees and shrubs also provide nesting sites for birds as well as food. Truly where beauty meets purpose!

Eastern Bluebird Diet



For more helpful insights, visit our Nature of Delaware Blog at DelNature.org/blog.

Pledge Today to Become a Clean Stream Champion!

Many of New Castle County's waterways are polluted and much of it is coming from what we do in our own homes and yards.



SCOOP THE POOP

Dog poop can contain **3 billion harmful bacteria** which can wash into our rivers and streams making them **unsafe for drinking, fishing, or swimming**. Scoop the poop to keep our parks and neighborhoods clean.



GARDEN FOR WATER & LIFE

Reduce yard chemicals and use native plants (plants that originated in our area) that don't need chemicals and that also provide food for wildlife including birds and butterflies.



ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

What washes down storm drains (like soap from washing your car or chemicals you spray in your garden) **goes straight into our waterways**, causing pollution and potentially costly fixes to your local sewer system.



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!
CleanStreamChampion.org



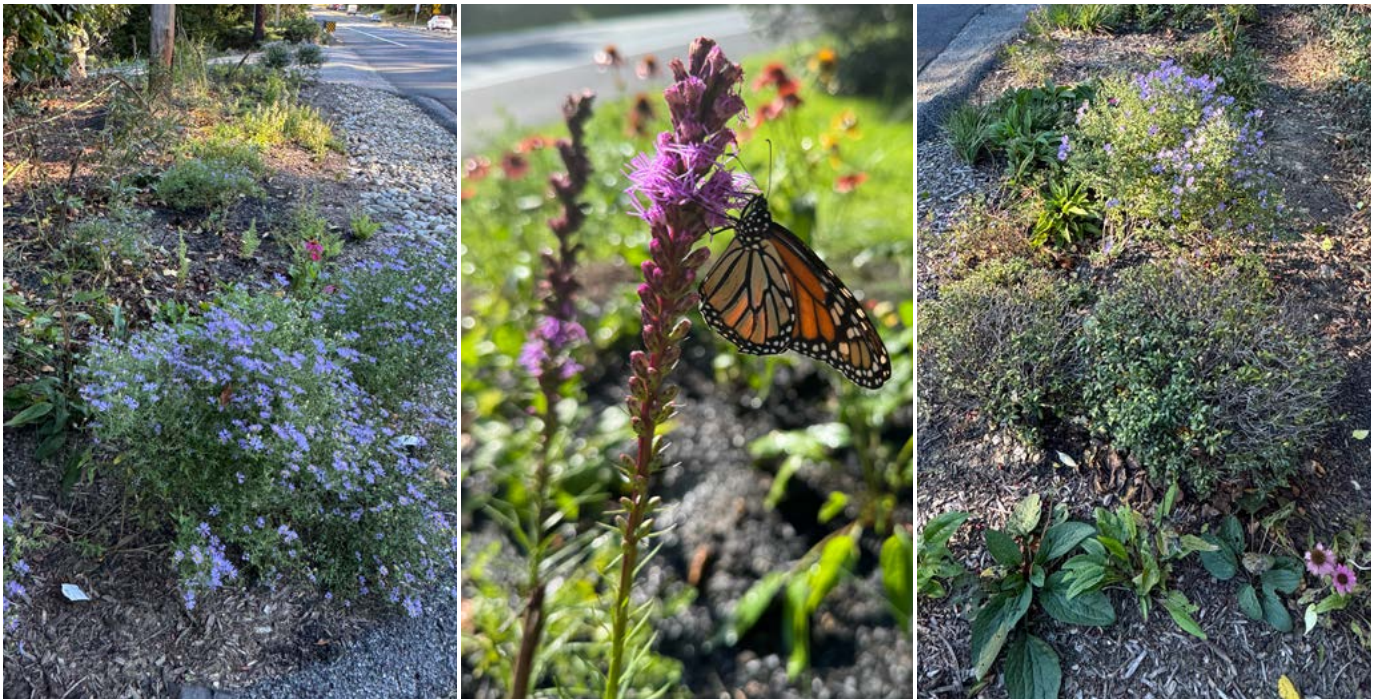
DelNature's Native Plant Giveaway Contest

Delaware Nature Society, in partnership with New Castle County's Clean Stream Champion initiative, invites HOAs and community organizations to apply for a free native plant design consultation and plant package to transform a small shared space into a vibrant, pollinator-friendly garden that benefits both people and wildlife.

Entries must be submitted by **May 15, 2026**. One winner will be selected at random from eligible entries. Open to HOAs, community associations, civic groups, and shared residential developments. Project must be located in New Castle County, Delaware.



View the full terms and conditions and enter at DelNature.org/plantcontest



Native plants boost water quality and wildlife, need less water and chemicals, and provide food and habitat for birds, butterflies, and pollinators.

Enter the contest now and help keep our waterways clean!



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DelNature Advocates



We are dedicated to advocating for wildlife, land conservation, water protections, solutions to climate change.

Advocacy Priorities:

Clean Water

We work to secure funding for clean water infrastructure investments, effective management of stormwater runoff and agricultural runoff, and removal of legacy toxins in local waterways

Delaware Land Protection Coalition

We advocate for full funding of Delaware's Open Space and Farmland Preservation programs while looking for ways to increase funding.

Natural Resources

We continue to advocate for conservation programs at the local, state, and federal levels, including EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program, Delaware River Basin Restoration Program, and cover crop assistance programs.

Climate Action

We work with National Wildlife Federation and other partners to advocate for climate change mitigation, resiliency, and sustainability planning.

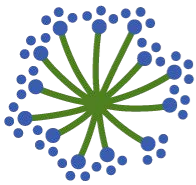


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Visit DelNature.org for upcoming activities and more ways to get involved.