

Common Name Genus species	Suggested Cultivars	Zone	Season of Bloom	Height Size/Shape	Flower Color	Light Requirement	Soil Requirement	Remarks
Bayberry <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i> MEER-ih-kuh pen-sil-VAY-ni-ca		3	Spring, fruit in September	5-12 ft. Rounded	Grayish, blue-green	Sun/part shade	Preferably acidic, avoid high pH	Insignificant blooms, berries may last until April
Dogwood, redosier <i>Cornus stolonifera</i> KOR-nus sto-lon-IF-ur-ah	'Alleman's Compact'	3	Spring	4 ft. Compact shrub	White	Sun/part shade	Tolerant of most soil types	Improved disease re- sistance, bright red branch- es are showy in winter
Fothergilla <i>Fothergilla gardenii</i> Foth-ur-GIL-uh gar-DEN-ee-eye	'Mount Airy'	4	Spring	3-5 ft.	White, bottle brush shape	Sun/shade tolerant	Adapts to most soils, prefers acidic, moist, well-drained	Brilliant fall color, flowers and color best in full sun
Juniper, creeping <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> Joo-NIP-ur-us hor-ih-zon-TAH-lis	'Blue Chip'	3/4	N/A	8-10 inches Spreading	Blue/green foliage	Sun	Tolerates tough condi- tions, except not wet soils and shade	Aggressive grower, good ground cover
Ninebark <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> Fy-so-KAHR-pus op-yoo-lih-FOH-lee-us	'Coppertina' 'Dart's Golden' 'Diablo' 'Summer Wine'	3/4	Mid-late June	4-5 ft. 'Diablo' reaches 8 ft tall	White	Sun	Adapts to most condi- tions	Copper foliage Bright gold foliage Dark purple foliage
Potentilla (Shrubby Cinquefoil) <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> PO-ten-TIL-uh froo-tih-KO-sa	'Abbotswood' 'Pink Beauty' 'Mango Tango'	2/3	All Summer	2 ft.	White Pink Orange-reddish	Sun	Any condition but wet	Remains small without pruning, bright green foli- age, color on Mango fades in hot sun
Summersweet <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> KLETH-ruh al-nih-FO-lee-uh	'Paniculata' 'Ruby Spice'	3/4	July/August	4-6 ft. rounded	White 'Ruby Spice' is pink/rose	Sun/shade	Likes acidic soil, toler- ates moist soil	Fragrant, disease resistant 'Ruby Spice' is the deepest pink, holds color well
Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i> EYE-leks vur-tih-sih-LAH-tah	'Jim Dandy' (male) 'Red Sprite' (female) 'Winter Red' (female)	3	Spring Fruit in Septem- ber	3-6 ft. 'Winter Red' up to 9 ft. (slow growing)	Small white flow- ers, copius red ber- ries on females only	Prefers full sun	Likes moist soil, pre- fers acidic	Jim Dandy is good pollinator Need one male to pollinate females; 'Southern Gentle- man is good pollinator for Winter Red'
Witch Hazel <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> Ham-uh-MEE-liss vur-jin-ee-AY-nuh		4	Late Fall	15 ft. rounded	Yellow, ribbon-like	Sun/shade	Avoid drought	Fragrant flowers when nothing else is in bloom

What is a native plant? There are many definitions, however most botanists would probably agree that native means plants growing in North America prior to European settlement. Because a plant is native does not mean it is problem-free! Native plants grown in a non-native environment and lacking competitors/predators may become invasive.

We have included both native plants and their cultivars in this pamphlet. Cultivars are plants belonging to the same genus or species, but are the result of deliberate breeding or human selection to obtain more desirable features (for example, disease resistance, size, color, etc). Many cultivars have thrived in our area for years and have become a common staple in our gardens. Cultivars are different from hybrids. Hybrids are a cross between two genera or species and are not included in our listing.

We have identified plants that will grow well, are hardy for zones 3-4 and are low maintenance. As always, remember that careful site selection, planning and care will ensure success and are the key to minimal care and beautiful gardens. The principle of using the **Right Plant** in the **Right Place** applies here!

We welcome all of your gardening questions! Please feel free to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension as noted on the back page and ... Happy Gardening!

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Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'
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