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Ohio
Natives

Growing Natives

There are several great reasons why you should be growing native plants in your garden. First and foremost, native plants and their related cultivated varieties are extremely hardy. They adapt and survive in whatever weather Mother Nature throws their way.

Second, natives can tolerate poor soil conditions with minimum fertilizers and amendments. After all, they have grown naturally for many years without human intervention

Third, native plants, through natural selection, survive due to good disease and pest resistance. Lastly, native plants make a lovely addition to a landscape because they are low maintenance, providing longevity and biodiversity to your outdoor environment. The following are natives or cultivars of native plants to Ohio.

Native Trees

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

Native Shrubs

Aronia melanocarpa-Black Chokeberry
Azalea arborescens-Sweet Azalea
Azalea vicosum-Swamp Azalea
Clethra alnifolia-Summersweet
Cornus sericea-Redtwig Dogwood
Fothergilla gardenia-Dwarf Fothergilla
Hamamelis virginiana-Witchhazel
Ilex glabra-Inkberry
Ilex verticillata-Deciduous Holly
Kalmia latifolia-Mountain Laurel
Magnolia virginiana-Sweetbay Magnolia
Physocarpus opulifolius-Ninebark
Rhododendron 'Roseum Elegans'
Rhus typhina-Staghorn Sumac
Rosa rugosa-Rugosa Rose
Salix discolor-Pussy Willow
Symphoricarpus albus-Snowberry
Thuja occidentalis-Arborvitae
Vaccinium spp.-Blueberry
Viburnum spp.-Arrowwood, Blackhaw, Cranberry Bush, and Nannyberry

Native Perennials

Aquilegia canadensis-Wild Columbine
Arisaema triphyllum-Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Aruncus dioicus-Goat's Beard
Asclepias tuberosa-Butterfly Weed
Aster novae-angliae-New England Aster
Baptisia australis-False Indigo
Chasmanthium latifolium-Northern Sea Oats
Chelone glabra-Turtlehead
Cimicifuga racemosa- Bugbane
Coreopsis spp.
Dicentra eximia-Fern Leaf Bleeding Heart
Echinacea purpurea-Purple Coneflower
Eupatorium maculatum-Joe-Pye Weed
Ferns-Christmas, Cinnamon, Lady, Maidenhair, Ostrich, Royal
Filipendula rubra-Queen of the Prairie
Geranium maculatum-Wild Cranesbill
Helenium autumnale-Helen's Flower
Helianthus spp.-Perennial Sunflower
Heliopsis helianthoides-False Sunflower
Liatris spicata-Gayfeather
Lobelia cardinalis-Cardinal Flower
Monarda didyma-Bee Balm
Oenothera macrocarpa-Evening Primrose
Panicum virgatum-Switch Grass
Penstemon digitalis-Beardtongue
Phlox stolonifera-Woodland Phlox
Phlox subulata-Creeping Phlox
Physostegia virginiana-Obedient Plant
Polemonium reptans- Creeping Jacob's Ladder
Ratibida pinnata-Prarie Coneflower
Rudbeckia hirta-Black-Eyed Susan
Sisyrinchium spp.-Blue-Eyed Grass
Solidago speciosa-Goldenrod
Tiarella cordifolia-Foam Flower
Tradescantia virginiana-Spiderwort
Trillium grandiflorum-White Trillium (Ohio's official state wildflower)

Native Vines

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



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