

Richmond Native Plants for Pollinator/Habitat Gardens

Scientific Name	Common Name	Sun	Moisture
<i>Achillea millifolium</i>	Yarrow	S	D - M
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	PS - Sh	D - M
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goats Beard	PS - Sh	M - W
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	S - PS	W - M
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	S	D
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	S	D
<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Wild Yellow Indigo	S - PS	D
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	Wild Turtlehead	S - PS	M - W
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue Mistflower	PS - Sh	D - M
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaf Coreopsis	S - PS	D - M
<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	Hyssop-leaf Boneset	S - PS	D - M
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common Boneset	S - PS	M - W
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	White Wood Aster	PS - Sh	D - M
<i>Euthamia caroliniana</i>	Slender Flat-top Goldenrod	S - PS	D - M
<i>Eutrochium dubium</i>	Three-nerved Joe-pye Weed	S - PS	M - W
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium	PS - Sh	D - M
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Common Sneezeweed	S - PS	M
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	S - PS	M - W
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	Woodland Sunflower	PS	D - M
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Early Sunflower, Oxeye	S - PS	D - M
<i>Hypericum punctatum</i>	Spotted St. John's-Wort	S - PS	D - M
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	S - PS	M - W
<i>Lobelia puberula</i>	Downy Lobelia	S - PS	M - W
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot, Beebalm	S - PS	D - M
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Garden Phlox	S - PS	M
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	S - PS	M
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Narrow-leaf Mountain-mint	S - PS	D - M
<i>Rhexia mariana</i>	Maryland Meadow Beauty	S - PS	M - W
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyre-leaf Sage	S - PS	D - M
<i>Senna marilandica</i>	Wild Southern Senna	S - PS	D - M
<i>Solidago altissima</i>	Tall Godenrod	S - PS	D - M
<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	Gray Godenrod	S - PS	D - M
<i>Solidago odora</i>	Anise-scented Goldenrod	S - PS	D - M
<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	Heart-leaved Aster	PS - Sh	D - M

<i>Symphotrichum novi-belgii</i>	New York Aster	S – PS	M - W
<i>Symphotrichum racemosum</i>	Small White Aster	S - PS	D - M
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York Ironweed	S – PS	M - W
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander	S – PS – Sh	M
GRASSES (Don't forget the grasses! Great for structure, texture, and winter interest)			
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	S – PS	D - M
<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i>	Bushy Bluestem	S – PS	M - W
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	Broomsedge Bluestem	S – PS	D - M
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	River Oats	PS – Sh	M
<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Bottlebrush Grass	PS – Sh	D - M
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia Wild Rye	PS – Sh	M - W
<i>Saccharum brevibarbe</i>	Shortbeard Plumegrass	S – PS	D - M
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	S – PS	D - M
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass	S – PS	D - M
<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Eastern gamagrass	S- PS	M

Light Conditions

S = Sunny

PS = Part sun/Part Shade

Sh = Shade

Soil Conditions

D = Dry

M = Moist

W = Wet

Resources to learn more detail about specific species:

1. USDA Plant Database: <https://plants.usda.gov/java/>

This is an excellent resource. For the more common plants, there are “Fact sheets” or “Plant Guides” that provide fantastic detail. In addition, it provides links for other sites such as the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

2. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: <https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>

This site provides good thumbnail sketches for plants of interest. It also tends to have more photographs of the plants to provide a sense of how they look in a landscape.

3. Illinois Wildflowers: <http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/>

4. Missouri Botanical Garden:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>

5. Chesapeake Bay Native Plant Center: <http://www.nativeplantcenter.net/>

This is an interactive site that allows you to choose plants based on a variety of factors.

6. Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora: <http://vaplantatlas.org/>

This site provides range maps, thumbnail sketches, and a few pictures. The maps provide the best information available regarding whether a plant is native to your specific area of Virginia.