

Native Plant Trust

TOUGH PLANTS FOR TOUGH SPOTS

SUN AND DROUGHT TOLERANT

| Botanical Name | Common Name | Ecotypic to New England | Northeast US Native | Color | Height | Growth Habit |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Carya ssp</i> | hickory | yes | yes | yellow fall foliage | up 100ft | tree |
| <i>Betula lenta</i> | cherry birch | yes | yes | yellow fall foliage | Up 70 ft | tree |
| <i>Betula populifolia</i> | gray birch | yes | yes | yellow fall foliage, attractive bark | 20-30 ft | tree |
| <i>Fagus grandiflora</i> | American beech | yes | yes | yellow fall foliage, attractive smooth bark | 50-80ft | tree |
| <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> | eastern red cedar | yes | yes | evergreen, attractive fruit | up to 50ft | tree |
| <i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i> | sourwood | yes | yes | great fall foliage | 30-40ft | tree |
| <i>Pinus rigida</i> | pitch pine | yes | yes | evergreen | 10-70ft | tree |
| <i>Pinus strobus</i> | eastern white pine | yes | yes | evergreen | up to 100 ft | tree |
| <i>Prunus maritima</i> | beach plum | yes | yes | good fall foliage, edible fruit | 15ft | tree |
| <i>Quercus alba</i> | eastern white oak | yes | yes | good fall foliage | up to 120ft | tree |
| <i>Quercus ilicifolia</i> | scrub oak | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 15-20ft | tree |
| <i>Quercus montana</i> | mountain chestnut oak | yes | yes | good fall foliage | 50-70ft | tree |
| <i>Quercus rubra</i> | northern red oak | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 90-100ft | tree |
| <i>Quercus velutina</i> | black oak | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 70-90ft | tree |
| <i>Quercus stellata</i> | post oak | yes | yes | glossy green foliage | 30-50ft | tree |
| <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> | red bearberry | yes | yes | evergreen, red fruit | 6-12in | shrub |
| <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> | red chokeberry | yes | yes | white flowers, excellent fall foliage, red fruit | 6-10 feet | shrub |
| <i>Comptonia peregrina</i> | sweet fern | yes | yes | great texture, aromatic foliage | 3-4 feet | shrub |
| <i>Diervilla lonicera</i> | bush honeysuckle | yes | yes | good fall foliage, yellow flowers | 4 ft | shrub |

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| <i>Gaultheria procumbens</i> | wintergreen | yes | yes | evergreen foliage, aromatic, red fruit | 6 inches | shrub |
| <i>Gaylussacia baccata</i> | black huckleberry | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage edible fruit | 3 ft | shrub |
| <i>Kalmia latifolia</i> | mountain laurel | yes | yes | evergreen foliage | 6-10 feet | Shrub |
| <i>Morella pensylvanica</i> | northern bayberry | yes | yes | evergreen aromatic foliage | 8-10 feet | Shrub |
| <i>Rhus copallinum</i> | winged sumac | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 10 feet | shrub |
| <i>Rhus glabra</i> | smooth sumac | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 15 feet | shrub |
| <i>Rhus hirta</i> | staghorn sumac | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 20 feet | shrub |
| <i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i> | common lowbush blueberry | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage, edible fruit | 3 feet | shrub |
| <i>Campsis radicans</i> | trumpet-creeper | no | yes | red flowers | 20 feet | liana/vine |
| <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> | virginia-creeper | yes | yes | excellent fall foliage | 30 feet | vine |
| <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> | pearly everlasting | yes | yes | white flowers | 12 inches | wildflower |
| <i>Allium cernuum</i> | nodding onion | no | yes | pink flowers | 12-24 inches | wildflower |
| <i>Asclepias syriaca</i> | common milkweed | yes | yes | great wildlife value | 3-5 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> | butterfly milkweed | yes | yes | orange flowers | 2-3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Baptisia tinctoria</i> | yellow wild indigo | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i> | hyssop-leaved boneset | yes | yes | silver white flowers | 2-3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Euphorbia corollata</i> | flowering spurge | no | yes | white flowers | 2-3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Ionactis linariifolia</i> | flax leaved stiff-aster | yes | yes | lavender flowers | 2 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Monarda fistuolsa</i> | wild bergamot | yes | yes | pink flowers | 4-5 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Monarda punctata</i> | spotted bee-balm | yes | yes | yellow flowers with pink/white showy bracts | 3-4 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Opuntia humifusa</i> | eastern prickly pear | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 1 feet | wildflower |

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| <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> | foxglove beard-tongue | yes | yes | white flowers | 3-5 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i> | broad-leaved mountain-mint | yes | yes | great wildlife value | 3-5 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> | narrow-leaved mountain-mint | yes | yes | great wildlife value | 3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago bicolor</i> | white goldenrod | yes | yes | white flowers | 2-3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago juncea</i> | early goldenrod | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 3-4 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago nemoralis</i> | gray goldenrod | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 3 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago odora</i> | licorice goldenrod | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 3-4 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago puberula</i> | downy goldenrod | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 3-4 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago sempervirens</i> | seaside goldenrod | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 2-6 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Solidago speciosa</i> | showy goldenrod | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 3-4 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Symphotrichum laeve</i> | smooth American-aster | yes | yes | blue/purple flowers | 3-4 feet | wildflower |
| <i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i> | heart-leaved American-aster | yes | yes | small blue flowers, stout stem | 2-4 feet | wildflowers |
| <i>Symphotrichum dumosum</i> | bushy American- aster | yes | yes | small white flowers | 3-5 feet | wildflowers |
| <i>Vernonia glauca</i> | broad-leaved ironweed | No | yes | purple flowers | 4-6 feet | wildflowers |
| <i>Viola pedata</i> | Bird-foot violet | yes | yes | purple flowers, foliage texture | 2-4 inches | wildflowers |
| <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> | bracken fern | yes | yes | foliage texture | 2-3 feet | fern |
| <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> | big bluestem | yes | yes | texture and fall color | 5-8 feet | grass |
| <i>Danthonia spicata</i> | poverty oatgrass | yes | yes | texture | 2-4 inches | grass |
| <i>Elymus canadensis</i> | Great Plains wild-rye | yes | yes | texture | 2-4 feet | grass |
| <i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i> | purple lovegrass | yes | yes | texture | 2 feet | grass |
| <i>Juncus tenuis</i> | path rush | yes | yes | texture | 6-10 inches | rush |
| <i>Panicum virgatum</i> | switch panigrass | yes | yes | texture | 4-5 feet | grass |

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| <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> | little bluestem | yes | yes | texture | 3-4 feet | grass |
| <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> | Indian grass | yes | yes | texture | 4-5 feet | grass |
| <i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> | partridge sensitive-pea | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 2-3 feet | annual wildflower |
| <i>Nuttallanthus canadensis</i> | oldfield-toadflax | yes | yes | blue flowers | 12 inches | annual wildflower |
| <i>Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium</i> | blunt-leaved rabbit-tobacco | yes | yes | white flowers, aromatic foliage | 12 inches | annual wildflower |
| <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> | black-eyed coneflower | yes | yes | yellow flowers | 2-4 feet | annual wildflower |
| <i>Trichostema dichotomum</i> | forked bluecurls | yes | yes | blue flowers, aromatic foliage | 6-12 inches | annual wildflowers |