DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS, SUNNY AREAS
(all native to Connecticut)

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Shrubs/Groundcovers

Bayberry	Myrica pensylvanica
Bearberry	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
Beach Plum	Prunus maritima
Common Juniper	Juniperus communis
Inkberry	Ilex glabra
Potentilla	Potentilla cinquefoil
Sweetfern	Comptonia peregrina
New Jersey Tea	Ceanothus americanus
Sumacs	
Fragrant Sumac	Rhus aromatica
Shiny Sumac	Rhus copallina

Grasses

Big Bluestem	Andropogon gerardii
Broomsedge	Andropogon virginicus
Indian Grass	Sorghastrum nutans
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium
Prairie Cordgrass	Spartina pectinata
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum

Perennials

Anise Hyssop	Agastache foeniculum
Baptisia	Baptisia australis
Blazing Star	Liatris spicata
Boltonia	Boltonia asteroides
Butterfly Weed	Asclepsias tuberosa
Goldenrod	Solidago sp.
Ox-Eye Daisy	Heliopsis helianthoides
New York Ironweed	Vernonia noveboracensis
Showy Aster	Aster spectablis
Sneezeweed	Helenium autumnal
Threadleaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata

Perennials for Dry Clay Soil

Blue false indigo (*Baptisia australis*): Broad, shrublike plant with three rounded leaflets per leaf; spikes of deep blue, pea-shaped flowers; 3 ft. high. Zones 3-9.

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*): Hairy stems with narrow, lance-shaped leaves; flat clusters of bright orange flowers; 1-2½ ft. high. Zones 3-9.

Daylilies (*Hemerocallis* spp.): Strap-like leaves; cheery, funnel-shaped flowers of all colors, except blue; 1-6 ft. high, depending on species and cultivar. Zones 2-9.

Gayfeathers (*Liatris* spp.): Leafy stems; tall purple flower spikes; 6"-6 ft. high, depending on species. Zones 3-9.

Globe thistle (*Echinops ritro*): Showy spiny leaves; rounded heads of small, steel blue flowers; 3-5 ft. high. Zones 3-8.

Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*): Coarse leaves; daisy-like purple flowers with persisten central cones; 2-4 ft. high. Zones 3-8.

Torch lilies (*Kniphofia* spp.): Grassy leaves; spikes of fiery flowers; 1-5 ft. high, depending on cultivar, Zones 5-9.

Willow blue star (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*): Shrubby plant with glossy, lance-shaped leaves; small starry blue flowers; 3 ft. high. Zones 3-9.

Yuccas (*Yucca* spp.): Stiff, swordlike leaves; waxy white flowers; 4-15 ft. high, depending on species. Zones 3-10.

Annuals for Dry Sites

California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*): Delicate, gray-green dissected leaves; showy, cuplike orange flowers.

Calliopsis (*Coreopsis tinctoria*): Narrow leaves; showy red and orange flowers in airy clusters.

Dahlberg daisy (*Dyssodia tenuiloba*): Delicate dessected foliage; dozens of small yellow-orange daisies all summer.

Four-o'clock (*Mirabilis jalapa*): Bright green, pointed oval leaves; fragrant tubular flowers open in the afternoon; colors include red, crimson, magenta, yellow and white.

Gazanias (*Gazania* spp.): Tufts of neat, compound foliage; lots of starry, 2" daisies in reds, yellows, and oranges.

Joseph's-coat (*Amaranthus tricolor*): Tall, covered with pointed oval leaves; long, fuzzy tail-like flower spikes.

Rose moss (*Portulaca grandiflora*): Succulent foliage stores water for lean times; 2" yellow, red, pink or white single or double flowers.

Snow-on-the-mountain (*Euphorbia marginata*): Tall, leafy stems crowned with small flowers; snow white and green bracts.