The plants listed in this brochure are generally considered deer *resistant*. No plant is *deer-proof*. In areas of high deer density or proximity to deer travel routes, active measures against deer browsing may be advisable.

Scientific names follow Arthur Haines, Flora Novae Angliae, 2011

LANDSCAPING

- *Native plants give a sense of place in harmony with the natural character of the countryside.*
- *In addition to beauty and harmony, native plants can offer conservation benefits, even in a small backyard.*

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Think about adding some of these plants to your existing landscape
- Establish a new native plant garden
- Let a corner of your yard go wild and enhance the habitat with some planted natives
- Introduce people to native plants with gardens in public spaces (e.g., libraries, town halls)
- With the many white-flowered species, try a moonlight garden

Caution:
Plants that naturalize easily may be weedy in small or formal gardens

Never dig up native plants!*

*Plant *rescue* in the face of bulldozers is an exception.

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Connecticut Native Plants for Landscaping and Conservation:

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A selection of native plants tabulated according to their suitability for a variety of purposes ranging from landscape beauty and interest to pollinator habitat and stream bank stabilization.

All plants included are available nurseries, although not all are available at every nursery.

CONSERVATION

Native plants may be used for many conservation goals, for example:

- As alternatives to invasive plants
- To stabilize stream banks
- For erosion control on dry sites
- As food and shelter for native birds and mammals
- As food and shelter for pollinator insects
- As food and shelter for beneficial insects that eat insect pests
- In rain gardens to prevent excess runoff of storm water
- In native habitat restoration

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Each plant has its own row in the adjacent matrix.

The letters and numbers in the columns after common name and scientific name provide information about each species.

Each column contains information about a specific plant use or characteristic.

When there is a *blank* where a row intersects a column, it means that the plant listed in that row lacks the characteristic listed in the column.

When there is an **x** where a row intersects a column, it means the plant listed in the row has the characteristic listed in the column.

The symbol **±** means "more or less".

Some columns have letter codes rather than x's. This was done to aid the eye in keeping track of the columns.

For the most part, these letter codes correspond to the characteristic (for example, the characteristic of Showy **Blooms** is indicated by a **B**).

In the ***Height (ft.)*** column, the expected mature plant Height is given in feet.

Flower color codes are: **B**=Blue; **Br**=Brown; **G**=Green; **L**=Lavender; **O**=Orange; **Pi**=Pink; **Pu**=Purple; **R**=Red; **W**=White; **Y**=Yellow; **y-g**=Yellow-green.

The first column, ***Plant Habit*** (growth form of the plant): **C** = Ground Cover; **F** = Fern; **G** = Grass/Sedge; **P** = Perennial; **S** = Shrub; **T** = Small Tree

Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant Habit	Evergreen	Height (ft.)	Spread (ft.)	Female & Male Plants	Flower Month (numbered)	Flower Color	Showy Blooms	Showy Fruit	Showy Green	Showy Autumn	Winter Interest	Naturalizes	Aggressive	Self-seeds	Veg. Spread	Cut Flowers	Cottage Garden	Shady Woodland	Forest Edge	Dry Meadow	Wet Meadow	Marsh or Swamp	Shallow Water	Nectar &/or Pollen	Beneficial Insects	Wildlife Food/Shelter	Brook/Pondside	Good Bank Stabilizer	Holds Dry Soil	Ground Cover	Suited to Rain Garden	Works on Harsh Sites	Bird Food
Alder, Speckled	*Alnus incana ssp. rugosa*	t/s		8-16+	6-20					F			W	N			-						x	S				x	x	x			x	x	x
Bayberry, Northern	*Morella caroliniensis (Myrica pensylvanica)*	S		2-9+	3-10	x	5	Y		F			W	N														x		x				x	x
Buttonbush	*Cephalanthus occidentalis*	S		3-12+	3-8		6	W	B	F			W	N									S	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x
Meadowsweet	*Spiraea alba var. latifolia*	S		2-5	2-5		6-8	W	B									x	x		x		x	MS		x	x	x	x	x			x		
Gray Dogwood	*Cornus (Swida) racemosa*	S		6-15	10		5-6	W		F				N			x	x										x	x	x					x
Red-cedar, Eastern	*Juniperus virginiana var. virginiana*	T	x	25-45	8-25	x	--	--		F			W									x						x	x		x				x
Serviceberry, Allegheny	*Amelanchier laevis*	t/s		15-40	8-18		4	W	B	F		A									x					x		x							x
Steeplebush	*Spiraea tomentosa*	S		2-4	3-5		7-9	Pi,Pu	B					N			x					x	MS		x			x				x			
Summersweet	*Clethra alnifolia*	S		6-16	4-6		7-8	W	B	F		A		N	x		x				x		x	S		x		x	x	x			x		x
Sweet-fern	*Comptonia peregrina*	S		1-4	4+		4-5	y-g						N	±		x					x								x			x	x	
Witch-hazel	*Hamamelis virginiana*	t/s		15-20	15-20		10-12	Y	B			A	W							x	x					x									
Alexanders, Golden	*Zizia aurea*	P		1-3	1-1.5		5-6	Y	B					N		x							x			x	x					x			
Aster, New England	*Symphyotrichum (Aster) novae-angliae*	P		2-6	2-3		8-9	Pu	B								x	x			x		x			x	x		x						
Bearberry (not deer resistant)	*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* (woody)	C	x	.25-.5+	2-4		4-5	W,pi	B	F	G		W	N			x									x		x				x		x	x
Bergamot, Wild	*Monarda fistulosa ssp. fistulosa varieties fistulosa & mollis*	P		2-4	2-3		7-9	Pi,L	B					N		x	x	x				±				x						x			
Big Bluestem	*Andropogon gerardii*	G		4-6+	2-3		9	pu				A	W	N	x		x						±					x		x					x
Blue-eyed Grass, Narrow-leaved	*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*	P		1-1.5	.5		5-6	B						N		x			x			±									x			
Boneset	*Eupatorium perfoliatum*	P		2-4+	2		7-9	W	B								x	x	x				x			x	x		x					
Butterflyweed	*Asclepias tuberosa ssp. tuberosa*	P		1-3	2		6-8	O,Y	B					N		x	x					x				x	x			x				
Christmas Fern	*Polystichum acrostichoides*	F	x	1-2	1-2		--	--					W	N						x											x			
Cinnamon Fern	*Osmundastrum (Osmunda) cinnamomea*	F		2.5-5	2-3		--	--	B											x				S	x				x					
Cohosh, Black	*Actaea (Cimicifuga) racemosa*	P		3-5	2-4		6-7	W	B		G			N		x			x	x	x					x								
Cohosh, Blue	*Caulophyllum thalictroides*	P		1-3	.5-2		4	y-g		F	G									x														
Columbine, Wild (Red)	*Aquilegia canadensis*	P		1-2	1		4-5	R	B					N		x		x	x						x									
Foam-flower	*Tiarella cordifolia var. cordifolia*	C		.75-1	1-2		5	W,pi	B					N			x			x											x			
Fox Sedge	*Carex vulpinoidea*	G		1-3	.5-2		5-7	G						N	x		x						x	M								x		
Fringed Sedge	*Carex crinita var. crinita*	G		3-4	2					F	G			±									x	MS					x					x
Ginger, Wild	*Asarum canadense*	C		.5-.75	1		4-5	Br,Pu			G			N			x		x												x			
Goldenrod, Seaside	*Solidago sempervirens var. sempervirens (or mexicana)*	P		2-6	2		8-9	Y	B									x							x				x				x
Goldenrod, Wreath	*Solidago caesia var. caesia*	P		1-3	1.5		8-9	Y	B									x	x	x	x					x								x
Indiangrass	*Sorghastrum nutans*	G		3-6	1-2		9	br/Y				A	W	N		x						x						x						x
Iris, Blue Flag	*Iris versicolor*	P		2-4	2-3		5-6	B,Pu	B					N			x						x	M	x	x			x			x			
Ironweed, New York	*Vernonia noveboracensis*	P		4-7	3-4		8-9	Pu	B					N		x		x					x			x			x			x			
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	*Arisaema triphyllum ssp. triphyllum, pusillum, or stewardsonii*	P		1-2	1-1.5		4-5	G,Pu	B	F				N						x											x			
Joe Pye Weed, Spotted	*Eutrochium (Eupatorium) maculatum ssp. maculatum*	P		3-7	2-4		7-9	Pu	B					N				x					±			x			x			x			
Joe Pye Weed, Sweet-scented	*Eutrochium (Eupatorium) purpureum var. purpureum*	P		3-7	2-4		7-9	Pi,Pu	B					N				x				±				x			x			x			
Little Bluestem	*Schizachyrium scoparium var. scoparium*	G		1.5-3.5	1.5-2		8	pu				A	W					x				x						x		x		x		x	
Lupine, Wild Blue	*Lupinus perennis ssp. perennis*	P		1-2.5	1		4-7	B,pi,w	B					-		-		x								x	x			x				
Maidenhair Fern, Northern	*Adiantum pedatum*	F		1-2	1-1.5		--	--									x			x														
Meadow-rue, Early	*Thalictrum dioicum*	P		1-3	1-2	x	4-5	W	B									x				x													
Milkweed, Swamp	*Asclepias incarnata ssp. incarnata or pulchra*	P		2-5	2		7-8	Pi,w	B					N		x	x						x	M		x	x	x	x			x			
Mountain-mint, Narrow-leaved	*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*	P		1-2	2-3		7-9	W	B					N	±	x		x				x				x			x						
Partridge-berry	*Mitchella repens*	C	x	<0.25	.5-1+		5-7	W			G		W	N			x			x												x			
Pennsylvania Sedge	*Carex pensylvanica*	C		.5-1	.5-1		5	G						N			x			x											x	x		
Sneezeweed, Common	*Helenium autumnale*	P		3-5	2-3		8-9	Y	B									x					x			x			x						
Teaberry	*Gaultheria procumbens* (woody)	C	+	.25-.5	.5-1		6-7	W					W	N			x			x												x			
Turtlehead, White	*Chelone glabra*	P		2-3	1.5-2		8-10	W,pi	B					N			x						x			x			x						
Tussock Sedge	*Carex stricta*	G		1-4	1-2		5-6	br,r						N			x						x	MS	x			x	x					x
Vervain, Blue	*Verbena hastata var. hastata*	P		2-4+	1-1.5		7-9	B,pu						N		x	x						x	M		x			x			x			
Woodfern, Marginal	*Dryopteris marginalis*	F	±	1.5-2.5	1.5-2		--	--					±							x														