

Virginia Native Plants Commonly Found in Local Nurseries

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Double-check each plant by matching the scientific "Latin" name! Otherwise it might not be native!

Common Name	Scientific/Latin Name
Perennials for Sun many will tolerate part sun	
Butterfly Weed (not Butterfly Bush!)	Asclepias tuberosa
Eastern Blue-Star	Amsonia tabernaemontana
Blue Wild Indigo, Baptisia	Baptisia australis
White Turtlehead, Turtlehead	Chelone glabra
Green and Gold, Golden Knees	Chrysogonum virginianum
Threadleaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata
Joe-pye weed	Eutrochium dubium, E. fistulosum, E. purpureum
Summer Sundrops, Tuscan Sun Sunflower	Heliopsis helianthoides
Blazingstar, Gayfeather	Liatris spicata
Beebalm, Oswego Tea	Monarda didyma
Evening Primrose	Oenothera biennis
Creeping Phlox, Moss-pink	Phlox subulata
Obedient Plant (can spread aggressively)	Physostegia virginiana
Black-eyed Susan, Brown-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta, Rudbeckia fulgida
Blue-eyed Grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium, S. atlanticum, S. fuscum, S. mucronatum
New England Aster	Symphotrichum novae-angliae (or Aster novae-angliae)
New York Aster	Symphotrichum novi-belgii (or Aster novi-belgii)
Perennials for Part Sun or Shade	
Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis
White Turtlehead	Chelone glabra
Green and Gold, Golden Knees	Chrysogonum virginianum
Blue Mistflower	Conoclinium coelestinum (AKA) Eupatorium coelestinum
Wild Bleeding Heart, Fernleaf Bleeding Heart	Dicentra eximia
Dwarf Crested Iris	Iris cristata
Cardinal flower	Lobelia cardinalis
Virginia Bluebell	Mertensia virginica
Jacob's Ladder	Polemonium reptans
Goldenrod, Solidago (does not cause hayfever!)	Solidago rugosa
Foamflower	Tiarella cordifolia
Spiderwort	Tradescantia virginiana
Shrubs	
Devil's Walking Stick	Aralia spinosa
American Beautyberry	Callicarpa americana
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis

Sweet Pepperbush, Summersweet	Clethra alnifolia
Dwarf Fothergilla, Witch Alder	Fothergilla gardenii
Witch Hazel	Hamamelis virginiana
Hydrangea 'Annabelle'	Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' or other H. arborescens
Oakleaf Hydrangea	Hydrangea quercifolia
Winterberry Holly	Ilex verticillata
Virginia Sweetspire	Itea virginica
Mountain Laurel	Kalmia latifolia
Ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius
Arrowwood or Possum-Haw Viburnum	Viburnum dentatum or V. nudum
Trees	
Red Maple	Acer rubrum
Serviceberry, Shadbush	Amerlanchier arborea or canadensis
River Birch	Betula nigra
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
White Fringetree	Chionanthus virginicus
Dogwood - not Chinese Dogwood!	Cornus Florida
American Holly	Ilex opaca
Sweet Gum	Liquidambar styraciflua
Ferns	
Northern Maidenhair Fern	Adiantum pedatum
Cinnamon Fern	Osmundastrum cinnamomeum
Christmas Fern	Polystichum acrostichoides
Vines	
Trumpet Vine	Campsis radicans
Climbing Hydrangea	Decumaria barbara
Trumpet Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens
Passionflower	Passiflora incarnata
Wisteria 'Amethyst Falls' (most Wisteria are aliens)	Wisteria frutescens 'Amethyst Falls'
Grasses	
Southern Sea Oats (Long Leaf Spike Grass)	Chasmanthium sessiliflorum
Switch Grass (many varieties: Shenandoah, Northwind, Cheyenne Sky, Heavy Metal, etc)	Panicum virgatum
Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis
Pennsylvania Sedge	Carex pensylvanica