

# Native Species for the Somerville Landscape

## Why plant native species?

- Enhance biodiversity by supporting local wildlife and pollinating insects
- Aid in reducing the urban heat island effect
- Native species are well-adapted to thrive in our climate. Choose straight species whenever possible

## Planting trees in your yard? Consider:

**Right Tree, Right Place** | Match the tree species with the type of soil, light, and moisture conditions at the site.

**Plant Young Trees** | With proper care, younger trees will grow and establish faster than older trees.

**Plant More Species** | Small yards can support several trees, shrubs and many perennials; some need to cross-pollinate to produce fruits and seeds. Planting perennials more densely will reduce unwanted weeds.

**Host A Planting Party** | Join forces with your neighbors to create a native species corridor.

Trees	
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>	Striped Maple
<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	Yellow Birch
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark Hickory
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	American Sweetgum
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Tupelo
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	American Sycamore
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak
<i>Quercus montana</i>	Chestnut Oak
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Common Baldcypress
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Linden

Small-Medium Trees	
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw
<i>Benthamidia (Cornus) florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Musclewood
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorn
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweet Bay Magnolia
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American Hophornbeam
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Fire cherry
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry
Evergreen Trees / Shrubs	
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly
<i>Pinus rigida</i>	Pitch Pine
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Redcedar
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Eastern Arborvitae

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# Ready to plant?

## Our top species recommendations!

### Shrubs

<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny Serviceberry
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Groundsel Bush
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush
<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	Sweet Fern
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American Hazelnut
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Bush-honeysuckle
<i>Fothergilla sp.</i>	Witch Alder
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witch Hazel
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry Holly
<i>Myrica gale</i>	Sweet Gale
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Rosa virginiana</i>	Virginia Rose
<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	Flowering Raspberry
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow
<i>Swida (Cornus) amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood
<i>Swida (Cornus) sericea</i>	Red Twig Dogwood
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum
<b>Climbing vines</b>	
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	Dutchman's Pipe
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine
<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	Woodbine
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral Honeysuckle
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	American Wisteria
<b>Spring Ephemerals</b>	
<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's Breeches
<i>Erythronium americanum</i>	Trout Lily
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot

### Perennials

<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Anise Hyssop
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Red Columbine
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Bluebell
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Tickseed
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	White Wood Aster
<i>Gentiana clausa</i>	Bottle Gentian
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium
<i>Liatris scariosa</i>	Blazing Star
<i>Liatris novae-angliae</i>	Northern Blazing Star
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower
<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	Wild Blue Lupine
<i>Monarda didyma, fistulosa, punctata</i>	Bee-balm, Wild bergamot
<i>Packera aurea</i>	Groundsel
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Narrow-leaf Mountain mint
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Orange Coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Cutleaf Coneflower
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyreleaf Sage
<i>Solidago sp.</i>	Goldenrod (many native varieties)
<i>Symphyotrichum sp.</i>	Aster (many native varieties)
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander
<b>Grasses</b>	
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple Love Grass
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed

