

Gardening with West Virginia Native Plants WVNPS 2012

This list represents native plants found in many counties in West Virginia. You will find those locations in Checklist of Vascular Flora of West Virginia. Order form Home Page and for additional gardening information, please refer to the WVNPS bibliography.

Herbaceous Perennials

Oswego Tea/Bee Balm-Monarda didyma – scarlet flowers, blooms July-August, 2-3' tall, partial shade. *

Wild Bergamot – Monarda fistulosa – lavender flowers, blooms mid- Summer, 2-3' tall, full sun.*

Blazing Star-Liatris spicata – lavender flowers in a spike, blooms July-August, 2-3' tall, full sun. *

Cardinal Flower – Lobelia cardinalis – red flowers in a spike, blooms in July-August, 3' tall, partial shade.*

Butterfly weed – Asclepias tuberosa – orange flowers, blooms June-July, 2' tall, full sun. *

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Common Milkweed – *Asclepias syriaca* – pink
fragrant flowers, blooms in June, 3' tall,
full sun. * **

New England Aster – *Symphyotrichum novae-
angliae* – purple flowers in Sept., 3-
4'tall, full sun. * **

Smooth Aster – *Symphyotrichum laeve* – pale
blue flowers in September, 3-4' tall,
full sun. * **

Wild Blue Indigo – *Baptisia australis*
–indigo blue flowers, blooms in May, 3'
tall, full sun.

Virginia Bluebells – *Mertensia virginica* –
blue bell-shaped flowers, blooms in April,
2' tall, partial shade.

Wild Geranium – *Geranium maculatum* –
lavender flowers, blooms in April-May, 2'
tall, partial shade. *

Wild Columbine – *Aquilegia canadensis* –
reddish –yellow flowers, blooms in May, 2-
3'tall, partial shade.

Joe-Pye Weed – *Eupatorium purpureum* – to
8'tall, flowers pink and globular, blooms
in Sept., full sun. *

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Jerusalem Artichoke – Helianthus tuberosus
– 6-9' tall, yellow showy flowers, blooms
in Sept., full sun.

Spiderwort – Tradescantia virginiana –
blue-purple flowers, plants 2' tall,
blooms in May-June, full sun.

Culver's Root – Veronicastrum virginicum
–spiked pinkish-white flowers, blooms in
mid-summer, plants 6'tall, full sun.

Shrubs

Spicebush – Lindera benzoin – dainty
yellow flowers in April, red berries and
yellow foliage in September, reaches
height of 10'. **

Black Haw – Viburnum prunifolium– to 12'
tall, white flowers in May, bluish-black
fruit ripens in Fall.

Witchhazel – Hamamelis virginiana – shrub
with yellow Fall foliage and yellow
fringed flowers in November.

Bursting Heart – Euonymus americana –
reddish Fall foliage, with showy red fruit
in Fall.

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Common Hazelnut – *Corylus americana* –
catkin-bearing shrub in March, plants are
4-5 'tall.

Eastern Wahoo – *Euonymus atropurpurea* –
reddish Fall foliage with showy red fruit
in Fall.

Additional Herbaceous Plants

Wild Senna – *Senna marilandica* – yellow
legume flower, blooms in July, 4' tall,
full sun.

Great Blue Lobelia – *Lobelia siphilitica* –
blue flowers in a spike, blooms July-Aug.,
plants 3' tall, partial shade.

Mist Flower – *Conoclinium coelestinum* –
small light flowers, blooms in Sept. to 2'
tall, partial shade.

Ironweed – *Vernonia altissima* – purple
flowers in August -September, plants up to
6 ", full sun. *

Sweet Goldenrod– *Solidago odora* –
aromatic, yellow spiked blooms in
September, 4' tall, full sun.

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**Tall Bellflower -Campanulastrum americanum
– blue flowers, blooms in mid-Summer, 3-4'
tall, partial shade.**

**Goatsbeard – Aruncus dioicus – white
feathery flowers, blooms in June, 4-5'
tall, partial shade. ***

**Brown-eyed Susan - Rudbeckia triloba –
yellow flowers with dark center, mid
–Summer bloomer, 2' tall plant in full
sun.**

**Swamp Milkweed – Asclepias incarnata –
pink flowers, blooms in July, plants 3'
tall, partial shade. * ****

**Smooth Beardtongue – Penstemon laevigatus
– light purple flowers, blooms in June,
plants 2-3' full sun.**

**Cup Plant – Silphium connatum – yellow
flowers, blooms in July-August, 6' tall,
full sun. ***

Additional Shrubs

**Smooth Arrowwood –Viburnum recognitum – to
6' tall, white flowers in clusters,
scarlet Fall foliage.**

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Chioanthus virginicus – Fringetree – shrub to small tree, a showy white bloom with fringed petals in May. *

Fragrant Sumac – Rhus aromatica – to 6' tall, yellow flowers in April, red berries in the Fall with reddish foliage.

Maple-Leaf Viburnum – Viburnum acerifolium – to 3 'tall, white flowers in late Spring, full sun.

Ferns

Christmas Fern – Polystichum acrostichoides – evergreen, prefers moist soil, open or shade, fronds to 1'.

Royal Fern – Osmunda regalis – clumps to 3'tall, moist to wet soils, full sun, showy.

Maidenhair Fern – Adiantum pedatum – fan shaped leaves, 1-2' high, prefers moist shady habitat.

Hay-scented Fern – Dennstaedtia punctilobula – lacy leaves, 1-2', prefers open areas, foliage when crushed has a scent like fresh hay.

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**Southern Lady Fern – *Athyrium filix-femina*
- leaves 1-2', prefers moist soil, shade
to partial shade. (var. *asplenoides*)**

*** Attracts butterflies as nectar source.**

**** Host plants for butterfly caterpillars.**