

Top Native Plants for Ecological Gardening

Top 5 Trees

Acer rubrum (Red maple)
Betula nigra (River birch, not 'heritage')
Prunus serotina (Black cherry)
Quercus alba (White oak)
Salix nigra (Black willow)

Top 5 Shrubs

Aronia arbutifolia (Chokeberry)
Lindera benzoin (Spicebush)
Rubus odoratus (Flowering raspberry)
Swida sericea (Red osier dogwood)
Vaccinium corymbosum (High bush blueberry)

Top 10 Standing Perennials

Asclepias incarnata (Swamp milkweed)
Baptisia tinctoria (Yellow wild indigo)
Chelone glabra (White turtlehead)

Eurybia spectabilis (Showy aster)
Eutrochium purpureum (Joe Pye weed)
Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed)
Helianthus decapetalus (Ten-petal sunflower)
Monarda punctata (Spotted bee balm)
Penstemon digitalis (Foxglove beardtongue)
Solidago caesia (Axillary goldenrod)

Top 5 Groundcovers

Antennaria plantaginea (Parlin's pussytoes)
Carex pensylvanica (Pennsylvania sedge)
Fragaria virginiana (wild strawberry)
Maianthemum canadense (Canada mayflower)
Phlox divaricata (Woodland phlox)