

# Landscaping for Life – Top Ten Plants

## Forbs

1. *Solidago puberula*, downy goldenrod\*
2. *Fragaria virginiana*, wild strawberry
3. *Helianthus decapetalus*, ten-petal sunflower\*
4. *Eutrochium fistulosum*, hollow stem Joe Pye weed\*
5. *Viola pedata*, bird's foot violet\*
6. *Lupinus perennis*, sundial lupine
7. *Geranium maculatum*, wild geranium
8. *Panicum virgatum*, northern switchgrass
9. *Hypericum ascyron*, greater St. John's wort\*
10. *Erigeron pulchellus*, robin's fleabane

## Shrubs

1. *Prunus virginiana*, bird cherry
2. *Vaccinium corymbosum*, highbush blueberry\*
3. *Alnus incana* ssp. *rugosa*, speckled alder\*
4. *Rubus odoratus*, flowering raspberry\*
5. *Corylus americana*, American hazelnut
6. *Rosa virginiana*, Virginia rose\*
7. *Swida (Cornus) sericea*, red twig dogwood\*
8. *Amelanchier laevis*, Allegheny serviceberry\*
9. *Viburnum acerifolium*, maple leaf viburnum\*
10. *Spiraea tomentosa*, steeplebush\*

## Trees

1. *Quercus coccinea*, scarlet oak\*
2. *Prunus serotina*, black cherry\*
3. *Salix nigra*, black willow\*
4. *Betula alleghaniensis*, yellow birch\*
5. *Populus tremuloides*, quaking aspen\*
6. *Acer saccharum*, sugar maple
7. *Pinus rigida*, pitch pine\*
8. *Carya ovata*, shagbark hickory\*
9. *Crataegus crus-galli*, cockspur hawthorn\*
10. *Tilia americana*, basswood

Plants are listed in order based on numbers of native lepidoptera supported

Plants listed with a \* can be interchanged for any native species. The specific species called out is one of many great options.