

NATIVE SHRUBS

For Gardening and Landscaping



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Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

Bell-like white flowers. Clusters of delicious blue berries. Fall color is a range of reds. Striking in winter with colorful young branches and peeling multicolored bark on older stems. Tolerates flooding, needs acidic soil.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - light shade	Dry - wet	10'8'	3-7



American Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis*)

Large compound leaves and plate-sized clusters of small white flowers. Small purple berries used in making preserves, pies, and elderberry wine.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - light shade	Moist, well drained	8'8'	4-9



Virginia Rose (*Rosa virginiana*)

Versatile with glossy leaves and large, pink flowers. Spectacular fall colors. Salt tolerant, somewhat drought tolerant. Does well in sandy soil.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun	Dry - moist	5'10'	4-8



Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

Fragrant spheres of white flowers attract butterflies, hummingbirds and native bees. Top wildlife species. Good for rain gardens.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun	Moist - wet	8'8'	5-11



Maple-leaved Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)

Understory shrub with soft maple-shaped leaves. Clusters of small white flowers. Dark-blue berries. Unusual pale, bluish-pink fall colors.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Partial - full shade	Dry-moist, well drained	5'5'	4-8



American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)

Dense, vase-shaped clumps of supple stems with large rough leaves and edible nuts. Important grouse food. Shades of orange, gold and red in fall.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - full shade	Dry - wet	10'10'	4-9



Nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)

Large multi-stemmed shrub. Can be trained into small single-stemmed tree. Glossy foliage, clusters of small white flowers. Resistant to viburnum leaf beetle. Dark-blue berries persist into winter. Good fall color.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - light shade	Moist - wet	25'/15'	3-7



Northern Bush-honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)

Not a true honeysuckle. Slender stems with large finely toothed, glossy leaves, yellow flowers. New leaves typically reddish bronze. Orange, gold and red fall colors. Spreads easily, good ground cover. Drought-resistant.

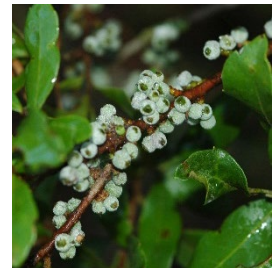
Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Dry - moist	3'/3'	3-7



Bayberry (*Morella caroliniensis* (formerly *Myrica pensylvanica*))

Coastal species well adapted to sandy soil and occasional flooding. Fine urban shrub because of high salt tolerance and resistance to insects and diseases. Glossy, aromatic foliage, semi-evergreen. Tolerates pruning.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Dry - wet	10'/10'	3-6



Flowering Raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*)

Large fuzzy leaves with pointed lobes on thorn-less, arching canes. Single pink flowers are an inch across and resemble wild rose flowers. Small raspberry fruits. Wonderful shrub for edge areas. Shade tolerant.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - full shade	Moist	5'/3'	4-6



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