

# Twelve Easy Native Plants for SUNNY GARDENS



## Bee Balm

(*Monarda didyma*)

- Ht 4 ft x W 3 ft
- Moist to wet soils
- Attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds



## Bluestar

(*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)

- Ht 2 ft x W 3 ft
- Dry to moist soil
- Leaves turn yellow in fall



## New England Aster

(*Aster novae-angliae*)

- Ht 4-6 ft x W 2-3 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Attracts Monarch and other butterflies in fall



## Black-Eyed Susan

(*Rudbeckia hirta* or *Rudbeckia fulgida*)

- Ht 1-3.5 ft x W 2 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Seeds attract birds in fall and winter.
- Evergreen rosette



## Butterfly Milkweed

(*Asclepias tuberosa*)

- Ht 1-3 ft x W 1-3 ft
- Dry to average soil
- Attracts Monarch and other butterflies



## Blazing Star

(*Liatris spicata*)

- Ht 3-5 ft x W 2 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Attracts butterflies and bees





### Little Bluestem

(*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

- Ht 3–4 ft x W 1.5 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Bronze-orange fall color



Aug-Feb



### Moss Phlox

(*Phlox subulata*)

- Ht 6 in x W 1–3 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Evergreen groundcover, great for slopes



Apr-Jun



### Purple Coneflower

(*Echinacea purpurea*)

- Ht 2–3 ft x W 2 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Seeds attract goldfinches in fall and winter



Jun-Aug



### Sea Oats

(*Chasmanthium latifolium*)

- Ht 2–3 ft x W 2–3 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Spreads quickly, good erosion control



Aug-Feb



### Switchgrass

(*Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'*)

- Ht 3–5 ft x W 2–3 ft
- Dry, average and moist soil
- Good erosion control



Aug-Feb



### False Blue Indigo

(*Baptisia australis*)

- Ht 3 ft x W 3 ft
- Dry, average and moist soil
- Interesting seed pods



Jun

# Twelve Easy Native Plants for SHADY GARDENS



## Woodland Phlox

(*Phlox divaricata*)

- Ht 18 in x W 1 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Fragrant



Apr-May



## Foamflower

(*Tiarella cordifolia*)

- Ht 18 in x W 18 in
- Average to moist soil
- Semi-evergreen groundcover



May



## Green and Gold

(*Chrysogonum virginianum*)

- Ht 6 in x W 1 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Semi-evergreen groundcover



Mar-Jun



## Mountain Stonecrop

(*Sedum ternatum*)

- Ht 6 in x W 1 ft
- Moist to Average to dry soil
- Slow-spreading semi-evergreen groundcover



Apr-May



## Golden Groundsel

(*Packera aurea*)

- Ht 1 ft x W 1 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Evergreen groundcover; spreads vigorously



Apr



## Allegheny Spurge

(*Pachysandra procumbens*)

- Ht 1 ft x W 1 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Evergreen groundcover



Apr-Jun



### Christmas Fern

(*Polystichum acrostichoides*)

- Ht 1–2 ft x W 1–2 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Evergreen



### Wild Geranium

(*Geranium maculatum*)

- Ht 1 ft x W 1 ft
- Dry to average to moist soil



Apr–May



### Coral Bells

(*Heuchera americana*)

- Ht 1–2 ft x W 18 in
- Moist to Average to dry soil
- Interesting leaf and flower



May–Aug



### Evergreen Wood Fern

(*Dryopteris intermedia*)

- Ht 18 in–3 ft x W 18 in–3 ft
- Dry to average to moist soil
- Evergreen



### White Wood Aster

(*Eurybia divaricata* or *Aster divaricatus*)

- Ht 2–3 ft x W 2–3 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Semi-evergreen groundcover; prone to spreading



Aug–Sep



### Blue Wood Sedge

(*Carex glaucoidea*)

- Ht 1 ft x W 1 ft
- Moist to Average to dry soil
- Clump-forming evergreen groundcover





### Red Chokeberry

(*Photinia pyrifolia*, also called *Aronia arbutifolia*)

- Ht 3 ft x W 6 ft
- Medium-moisture soil (Partial shade ok)
- White flowers in spring
- Leaves turn orange-red in fall

Apr

### Red Twig Dogwood

(*Cornus sericea*)

- Ht 6-10 ft x W 5-10 ft
- Moist soil
- White flowers in spring
- Intensely red branches in winter

Butterfly ❄️ flower May



### Inkberry

(*Ilex glabra* 'Densa' or 'Shamrock')

- Ht 4 ft x 4 ft
- Medium to moist soil
- Plant male and female for black berries
- Evergreen

deer ❄️

### Sweetspire

(*Itea virginica* 'Little Henry')

- Ht 4 ft x W 4 ft
- Medium to moist soil
- White flowers in summer
- Leaves turn red in fall

deer butterfly flower Jun-Jul



### Dwarf Fothergilla

(*Fothergilla gardenii* 'Blue Mist')

- Ht 3 ft x W 3 ft
- Medium to moist soil
- White flowers in spring
- Leaves turn orange in fall

Apr-May



### Ninebark

(*Physocarpus opulifolius* 'Summer Wine')

- Ht 5 ft x W 5 ft
- Medium to dry soil
- Pink flowers in early summer
- Leaves turn burgundy in fall

May-Jun



## Doghobble

(*Leucothoe axillaris* 'Scarletta')

- Ht 3 ft x W 3 ft
- Medium-moisture soil
- White flowers in spring
- Evergreen (winter color shown above)



May



## Smooth Hydrangea

(*Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle')

- Ht 4 ft x W 5 ft
- Dry to moist soil
- Showy blooms



Jun-Sep



## Winterberry

(*Ilex verticillata*)

- Ht 6-15 ft x W 6-15 ft
- Medium to moist soil
- Plant male and female for vivid red winter berries
- Berries attract birds



Jun-Jul



## Summersweet

(*Clethra alnifolia* 'Sixteen Candles')

- Ht 3-4 ft x W 2-3 ft
- Medium to moist soil
- Fragrant flowers
- Leaves turn gold in fall



Jul-Aug

## Smooth Viburnum

(*Viburnum nudum* 'Winterthur')

- Ht 6-8 ft x W 6-8 ft
- Medium to moist soil
- White flowers become clusters of dark blue berries
- Leaves turn maroon in fall



May



## Sweetshrub

(*Calycanthus floridus*)

- Ht 6-10 ft x W 6-12 ft
- Medium-moisture soil
- Fragrant leaves and flowers
- Leaves turn gold in fall



Apr-Jun

# Six Native **DEER RESISTANT PLANTS** for **SUN**



## False Blue Indigo

(*Baptisia australis*)

- Ht 3 ft x W 3 ft
- Dry, average and moist soil
- Interesting seed pods



Jun



## Goldenrod

(*Solidago shortii* 'Solar Cascade')

- Ht 18 in x W 18 in
- Average to moist soil
- Other cultivars are larger



Aug-Oct



## Blue Flag Iris

(*Iris versicolor*)

- Ht 2 ft x W 2 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Naturalizes (spreads)



Jun-Jul



## Tickseed Coreopsis

(*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam')

- Ht 24 in x 24 in
- Average to dry soil
- Long blooming



May-Jul



## Bluestar

(*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)

- Ht 2 ft x W 3 ft
- Dry to moist soil
- Leaves turn yellow in fall



May



## Fragrant sumac

(*Rhus aromatic* 'Gro-lo')

- Ht 2 ft x W 5 ft
- Average to dry soil
- Orange/red in fall



Jul-Aug

# Six Native DEER RESISTANT PLANTS for SHADE



## Bunny Blue® Sedge

(*Carex laxiculmus* 'Hobb')

- Ht 12 in x W 12 in
- Average to moist soil
- Evergreen groundcover



## American Holly

(*Ilex opaca* 'Maryland Dwarf')

- Ht 3 ft x W 5 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Evergreen with red berries on female plant (if partnered with male plant)



Jun



## Foamflower

(*Tiarella cordifolia*)

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- Semi-evergreen groundcover



May



## Green and Gold

(*Chrysogonum virginianum*)

- Ht 6 in x W 1 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Semi-evergreen groundcover



Mar-Jun



## Golden Groundsel

(*Packera aurea*)

- Ht 1 ft x W 1 ft
- Average to moist soil
- Evergreen groundcover; spreads vigorously



Apr



## Eastern Sweetshrub

(*Calycanthus floridus*)

- Ht 6-10 ft x W 6-12 ft
- Average, well-drained soil
- Fragrant flowers, leaves and twigs



Apr-Jun

# **Montgomery County INVASIVES OF CONCERN**

**Do NOT plant these! Remove at once if found.**

## Spreading Vines



## **Porcelainberry**



## **Japanese Honeysuckle**

*Lonicera japonica*



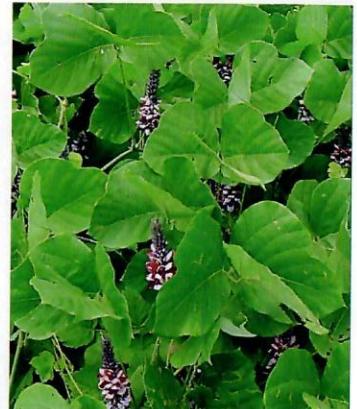
## **Mile-a-Minute**

*Persicaria perfoliata*  
(formerly known as *Polygonum perfoliatum*)



## **English Ivy**

*Hedera helix*



## **Kudzu**

*Pueraria montana*

## Groundcover



## **Lesser Celandine**

Grass



## **Japanese Stiltgrass**

*Microstegium vimineum*

## Non-Woody Plants (Herbaceous)



## **Canada Thistle**

*Cirsium arvense*

## Shrub



## **Japanese Knotweed**

*Polygonum cuspidatum*

Vine



**Oriental Bittersweet**  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*

Shrub



**Multiflora Rose**  
*Rosa multiflora*

Shrub



**Autumn Olive**  
*Elaeagnus umbellata*

Shrub



**Burning Bush**  
*Euonymus alatus*

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Shrub



**Bush Honeysuckle**  
*Lonicera maackii* or *Lonicera tatarica*

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Shrub



**Japanese Barberry**  
*Berberis thunbergii*

Tree



**Bradford Pear**  
*Pyrus calleryana*

Tree



**Tree of Heaven**  
*Ailanthus altissima*