



Delaware Native Plants for Communities in Kent and Sussex Counties

A selection of plants for Wildlife and the Watershed



→ Recommended for a Rain Garden

Perennials	Wildlife Notes *Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds	Mature Size	Soil Conditions	Sunlight
Rose mallow 'Fantasia' <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	*Large pink flowers in late summer. Cut back stems (3-4") in late autumn.	2 to 3 ft. height 1.5 to 3 ft. width	Moist, wet clay, loam, sand	Full sun, little shade
→ Rose mallow 'Crown Jewels' <i>Hibiscus</i>	*Large white flowers with red center; purple foliage.	2.5 ft. height 2.5 ft. wide	Moist, dry clay, loam, sand	Full sun, little shade
Blue flag iris <i>Iris versicolor</i>	Flowers in May and June.	3 ft. height	Moist, wet loam, sand	Full/part sun
→ Coral Bells "Dales Strain" <i>Heuchera americana</i>	*Ground cover with silver evergreen foliage and white flowers in spring.	18 in. height 18 in. width	Moist loam, sand	Part sun, Shade
→ Coral Bells "Plum Pudding" <i>Heuchera americana</i>	*Ground cover with plum-purple evergreen foliage; white flowers in spring.	18 in. height	Moist, dry loam, sand	Part sun, Shade *Drought tolerant
Rough Goldenrod <i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks'	*Yellow flower clusters bloom Aug. to Oct.	3 to 6.5 ft. height	Moist, dry Loam, sand.	Full/part sun *Drought tolerant
→ Early Goldenrod <i>Solidago juncea</i>	*Yellow flower clusters June-Oct.	1 to 4 ft. height	Dry, moist sand	Full sun
Blue Mistflower <i>Conclinium coelestinum</i>	Fuzzy blue flower top red stems in Sept. and Oct.	2 to 3 ft. height 2 ft. width	Moist	Full/part sun
New England Aster <i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	*Showy violet-purple flowers bloom in autumn.	1 to 6 ft. height	Moist loam	Full/part sun
Tufted creeping phlox 'Sherwood Purple' <i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Mat forming ground cover with tiny, dense flower clusters in spring.	6 to 12 in. height	Moist loam	Part sun, Shade *Drought tolerant
Butterfly Weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	*Bright orange flowers in August-October attract adult butterflies, especially the Monarch; Monarch caterpillars feed on the plant (a type of milkweed).	1 to 3 ft. height	Dry to moist Loam, sand	Full/part sun *Drought tolerant once established.

Swamp Milkweed <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	*Large purple flowers on thick stemmed plants (see above).	2 to 3 ft. height	Moist, wet Clay, loam	Full/part sun
→ Joe Pye Weed <i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	*Pink/purple flowers July-Oct. on tall stalks.	1.5 to 10 ft. height (depending on the cultivar)	Dry, moist, wet Clay, loam; acidic soil	Full/part sun
Boneset <i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	*White flowers July & Aug.	2 to 4 ft. height	Moist, wet Clay, loam, sand	Full/part sun
→ Black -Eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	* Yellow flowers June to Oct.	1.3 to 5 ft. height	Dry, moist	Full/part sun
→ Swamp Sunflower <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	*Yellow flowers, Aug.-Oct.	1.5 to 5 ft. height	Moist, wet Loam, sand; acidic soil	Full/part sun
→ Oxeye Sunflower <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	*Pale yellow flowers, June-Sept. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.	1 to 5 ft. height	Dry, moist Loam, sand	Full/part sun
→ Threadleaf Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	*Yellow flowers June-Oct.. Self-seeds and spreads.	1.5 to 3.5 ft. height	Dry, moist Loam	Sun
Yellow Wild Indigo <i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Yellow flowers May-Sept. Seeds in peapods.	1 to 3 ft. height	Dry, sandy ,loam acidic soils	Sun, part-shade
→ Wild Lupine <i>Lupinus perennis</i>	Blue/purple flowers on upright stalks April-May *butterflies (+caterpillar host), hummingbirds, native bees	1 to 3 ft. height	Dry, moist, Loam, sand; acidic soils	Sun, part-shade
Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Red flowers July-Oct. *butterflies & hummingbirds	2 to 4 ft. height	Moist, wet Clay, loam	Sun, part-shade
Blazing Star <i>Liatris spicata</i>	*Rose/ purple/white flowers July-Aug.	2 to 4.5 ft. height	Dry, moist Clay, loam, sand; acidic soils	Sun/part-shade
→ Obediant Plant <i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	*Pink/purple flowers June-Sept. Nutlike fruits.	1.5 to 5 ft. height	Dry, moist, Clay, loam, sand; tolerates drought	Sun/part-shade
Scarlet Beebalm <i>Monarda didyma</i>	*Red flowers July-Sept. Butterflies & Hummingbirds	2 to 5 ft. height	Moist, wet Loam	Sun/part-shade Can spread rapidly.
New York Ironweed <i>Veronia noveboracensis</i>	*Purple flowers Aug.-Oct.	3.5 to 8 ft. height	Moist, wet; but will tolerate dry Loam	Sun/part-shade
Vines				
→ Trumpet Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	*Medium-sized, tube-shaped coral/ red flowers with yellow. Attract	6 to 12 ft. height -needs support.	Dry to moist Clay, loam, sand	Full/part sun

	hummingbirds.			
→ Trumpet Vine <i>Campsis radicans</i>	*Tube-shaped large orange flowers July -Sept. attract hummingbirds.	20 to 35 ft. Height -needs strong support	Dry, moist Clay, loam, sand	Full/part sun
Groundcover				
Common Bearberry 'Massachusetts' <i>Arcostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Evergreen groundcover with white blooms tinged with pink in April/May. Autumn red berries attract birds.	.5 to 1 ft. height Great for erosion control	Dry to moist, Well-drained sand and organic soils	Partial shade (under forest canopy) , full sun
Ferns				
Christmas Fern <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Evergreen fronds; fiddleheads in April.	2 to 3 ft. height	Moist loam, sand	Shade/part shade
Hay-scented Fern <i>Dennstedia punctiloba</i>	Provides wildlife cover/not attractive to rabbits.	1.5 to 2 ft. height	Moist, dry Humus, loam, sand	Shade/part shade