

Get Acquainted with Northeastern Natives

The mission of The Native Plant Center is to educate the community about the environmental necessity, economic value and natural beauty of native plants in the Northeast.

Below are photos and descriptions of some plants that may be available in the 2012 Native Plant Pre-Sale:

In January, 2012 visit www.nativeplantcenter.org to view the Pre-Sale Catalog.

Magnolia virginiana
Sweetbay Magnolia

A graceful small to medium sized, single-trunked or multi-stemmed tree with elegant lemon-scented creamy white blooms. In the fall, its large woody fruits mature, offering reddish-orange seeds to native and migrating birds. An ancient genus which evolved prior to bees, and accordingly, all are pollinated by beetles. Rich, moist soil, sun to part shade, 20-30' tall, 10'x15' wide.

BD



Silene virginica
Fire Pink

A native to the mountains of the East Coast, its bright red flowers that appear in mid-spring are very attractive to the ruby-throated hummingbird. A great rock garden plant, but does well in other garden situations as well. Self-sows readily when happy. Average to dry soil, full sun to part shade, 1-2' tall.

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Solidago speciosa
Showy Goldenrod

This is one of the showiest of about 125 species of Goldenrod. Unlike most, these bright yellow flowers stay erect in a pyramidal column. The pollen does not cause hay fever which is a common misconception. It is an important source of nectar and pollen for pollinators of all kinds. Average to moist, well-drained soils, part shade, 3 - 5' tall.

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Scutellaria ovata
Heart-leaf Skullcap

The showy blue flowers bloom in early summer on spikes similar in form to Salvia. A great choice for dry shade, but it is happy in most conditions. A nectar source for adult butterflies. Average to dry soil, part to full shade, 18" tall. DR BF H

Allium cernuum
Nodding Onion

Clusters of dainty pink or white bells weep from erect stems. All plant parts are edible. Rumored to prevent moles, these beauties are salt-tolerant and deer-resistant. Like its cousin, chives, nodding onion generously self-sows and resides happily in our Stone Cottage Garden. Average to moist, well-drained soil, sun, 12-18" tall. DR DT BF H



Hypoxis hirsuta
Yellow Star Grass

This plant is easily mistaken for a short tuft of grass when not in bloom. Fortunately, the sunny star-shaped flowers bloom on and off throughout the growing season, but mainly April through July. A wonderful accent or edging plant. Average to dry soil, sun to part shade, 8-12" tall. BF



Ilex verticillata
Dwarf Winterberry 'Jolly Red' and 'Red Sprite'

This dwarf winterberry matures to 3' to 4' tall with a pleasantly mounded habit. Early blooms produce numerous, large red fruit which provide winter nutrition for birds. Sold in pairs as they are dioecious. Moist, acidic soil, full to part sun, 3' - 4' tall. BF BD





Deschampsia cespitosa
Golden Tufted Hairgrass 'Goldtau'

This semi-evergreen clump-forming grass comes in deepest green sculpted tussocks, topped in midsummer by shimmering golden inflorescences. 'Goldtau' translates to gold dew, enough said. Spectacular in masses, also great for edging borders and paths. Moist to average soil, sun - part shade, 1-2' in flower. DR BD BF

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**Many more varieties will be available at the
2012 Wildflower and Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 28.**

**You will receive a copy of the complete 2012 Native Plant
Pre-Sale List if we have your current e-mail address on file.
Alert us of any changes!**

Visit www.nativeplantcenter.org
in mid-January for the complete Plant Catalog

**Pre-Sale Order Deadline:
Friday, February 17**

**NPC MEMBERS RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON PRE-SALE ORDERS
JOIN ONLINE TODAY!**

KEY

DR – Deer Resistant
DT – Drought Resistant
BD – Attracts Birds
BF – Attracts Butterflies
H - Hummingbird

List of native plants which may be available in the 2012 Wildflower & Native Plant Pre-Sale:

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| Adiantum pedatum - Maidenhair Fern | Ilex verticillata 'Jolly Red' and 'Red Sprite' - Dwarf Winterberry |
| Allium cernuum - Nodding Onion | Lilium superbum – Turk's Cap Lily |
| Andropogon scoparium – Little Bluestem | Lobelia siphilitica - Great Blue Lobelia |
| Anemone thalictroides - Rue Anemone | Magnolia virginiana - Sweetbay Magnolia |
| Arisaema triphyllum – Jack in the Pulpit | Mitchella repens - Bishop's Cap |
| Asarum canadense - Wild Ginger | Monarda punctata - Dotted Monarda |
| Asclepias tuberosa 'Gay Butterflies' - Butterfly Weed | Oenothera fruticosa - Sundrops |
| Aster laevis - Smooth Aster | Penstemon digitalis - Foxglove Beardtongue |
| Carex appalachia - Appalachian Sedge | Polemonium reptans - Jacob's Ladder |
| Ceanothus americanus - New Jersey Tea | Scutellaria ovata - Heart-leaf Skullcap |
| Chamaelirium luteum –Fairywand | Senecio aureus – Golden Groundsel |
| Chrysopsis mariana – Maryland Golden Aster | Silene virginica - Fire Pink |
| Cimicifuga racemosa – Black Cohosh | Solidago speciosa - Showy Goldenrod |
| Cornus alternifolia – Pagoda Dogwood | Thalictrum pubescens - Tall Meadow Rue |
| Decumaria barbara 'Barbara Ann' - Climbing Hydrangea | Thelypteris noveboracensis - New York Fern |
| Deschampsia cespitosa 'Goldtau' - Tufted Hairgrass | Tiarella cordifolia 'Sugar and Spice' - Foam Flower |
| Dicentra cucullaria - Dutchman's Breeches | Uvularia grandiflora - Great Merrybells |
| Dodecatheon meadia - Shooting Star | Vernonia noveboracensis - New York Ironweed |
| Diphylleia cymosa - Umbrella Leaf | Viburnum trilobum 'Bailey's Compact' - Dwarf American Cranberry Bush |
| Galax aphylla - Beetleweed | Waldsteinia fragarioides - Barren Strawberry |
| Geum rivale - Water Avens | Woodsia ilvensis - Rusty Cliff Fern |
| Hamamelis virginiana 'Vincent's Red' - Witch Hazel | Zizia aptera - Heart-leaved Golden Alexanders |
| Helianthus decapetalus - Thin-leaved Sunflower | |
| Hypoxis hirsuta - Yellow Star Grass | |