

Native Plants for Shade

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Take note: A plus (+) in front of the common name denotes Well Behaved. Save all others for more naturalized settings.

<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>AVG.HT.</u>	<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
<u>TREES for SHADE</u>				
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	+ Red Maple	65'	sun to shade	Grows tall and narrow in shade. Does not do well in poorly drained soils.
<i>A. saccharum</i>	+ Sugar Maple		avg.well drained	
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	+ Ohio Buckeye	15-25'	sun w. PM shade	* <i>A.parviflora</i> native to SE coastal area. Buckeyes grow best in moist fertile soil w. PM shade. All have showy spring flowers.
<i>A.parviflora*</i>	+ Bottlebrush	10-15'	medium moisture	
<i>A.pavia</i>	+ Red Buckeye	12-15'		
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	+ Downy Serviceberry	15-20'	sun w. PM shade dry to moist	One of the earliest blooms for the pollinators. Supports 19 sp.of birds & 74 bfls.& moths.
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	+ Pawpaw	15-20'	PM shade med. to wet	Host to zebra swallowtail. Prefers moist, rich soil. Leggy in too much shade. Edible fruit.
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	+ Amer.Hornbeam or Musclewood	25'	part shade to shade avg. to moist	Host to 65 Lepidoptera. Smooth muscular bark. Wht.fl.in spr. Yellow/orange in fall.Handles clay.
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	+ Redbud	15-20'	partial sun dry to moist	Early spr.purple fl.support bees, pollinators & 22 Leps. More sun = more flowers.
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	+ Alternate leaved	12-15'	sun w. PM shade	Beautiful white flowers in spring. Red berries in fall loved by birds. Host for 85 butterflies.
<i>C. florida</i>	+ Flowering	15-25'	moist well drained	
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	+ Amer.Beech	65'	sun to shade rich,moist well drain.	Smooth gray bark. Golden brown foliage hangs on all winter. Beechnuts are edible.
<i>Hammamelis virginiana</i>	+ Fall Witchhazel	15-20'	sun to part shade medium to moist	Spider like yellow flowers very late in fall when almost no other flowers are blooming.
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	+ E.Hophornbeam or Ironwood	25-35'	sun to shade medium	Hop like fl.in spring. Shaggy bark. Host to 72 bfls & moths. Handles rocky clay.
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	+ Wafer Ash or Hop Tree	15-20'	pt.sun to full shade medium to dry	Fragrant flowers in spring. Interesting wafer like seed clusters persist into winter.
<i>Viburnum V.prunifolium</i>	+ Blackhaw	12-15'	sun to part shade	Multi stemmed or single trunk depending on how pruned. White spring flowers. Blue black berries Burgundy leaves in fall. Tolerant of shade.
<i>V.rufidulum</i>	+ Rusty Blackhaw		med. to dry	
<u>SHRUBS for SHADE</u>				
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	3-8'	Part shade moist acid soil	Multi stemmed profusely suckering shrub. White flowers followed by shiny black fruit & fall color.
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	+ Beautyberry	5'	sun to part shade wet to dry	Birds feast on magenta berries in fall. Best to cut to 6" in early spring for more manicured look.
<i>Clethra alnifolia*</i>	+ Sweetshrub	3x3'	shade to part sun prefers moist	*Native to coastal S.E. Fragrant long blooming bottlebrush fl.mid sum.for bees, birds, & bfls.
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky or Swamp Dogwood	6-12'	sun to shade prefers moist	Medium sized open form shrub with tiny white flowers in clusters. Best in naturalized areas.

<i>Corylus americana</i>	American Hazelnut	10-16'	pt.shade to shade medium moisture	Multi stemmed shrub that forms thickets. Plant at least 4 for good pollination to produce nuts.
<i>Diervilla lonicera*</i>	+ Bush Honeysuckle	3-4'	sun to shade dry to med.	Not the same as the invasive bush honeysuckle. *Native to N.E. US. Good fall color.
<i>Dirca palustris</i>	+ Leatherwood	4-6'	pt.to full shade avg.to moist	Very slow growing. Small tubular yellow flowers in spring. Yellow leaves in fall.
<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	+ Strawberry bush	4-6'	part shade medium water	Exquisite fruits in the fall look like red flowers. Protect from deer.
<i>Frangula caroliniana</i>	+ Carolina Buckthorn	12-15'	sun to shade dry to moist	No thorns. Red berries turn black & are loved by birds. Easily pruned into nicely shaped lg. shrub.
<i>Hammamelis vernalis</i>	+ Ozark Witchhazel	6-10'	sun to part shade medium moisture	Fragrant yellow flowers very early in spring. Natural habitat is along creek bottoms.
<i>Hypericum hypericoides prolificum</i>	+ St. Andrew's Cross + Shrubby St.John's	12-36" 3-5'	light to med. shade dry to avg.	Used prolifically by bees, pollinators & bfly(15) Prune <i>H.prolificum</i> in late Feb.for nicer shape.
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Smooth or wild hydrangea	4-5'	sun to shade avg. moisture	Excellent pollinator shrub that aggressively spreads. White fl.in spr. Handles drought.
<i>Itea virginica</i>	+ Sweetspire	3-6'	sun to pt.shade med.to moist	Fragrant white spring flowers - more sun=more fl. Pollinator magnet with good fall color.
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	+ Spicebush	8'	shade to pt.sun avg. to moist	Host for spicebush swallowtail & 10 other Leps. Small red berries on female. Good fall color.
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	+ Ninebark	3-10'	sun to shade dry to wet	White to pink fl.in summer loved by pollinators. *Cultivars w. colored leaves are hybrids & will not be used as host plants. The native species is green
<i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i>	+ Roseshell azalea	4-7'	filtered sun well drained med.	Fragrant soft pink wild azalea found in NW.AR. hills.Blooms early May. Host plant for 42 Leps.
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant Sumac	4-6'	sun to med. shade dry to medium	A sprawling med.sized shrub with fragrant leaves. Red berries feed the birds. Beautiful fall color.
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Elderberry	5-12'	sun w. PM shade med. to wet	Lg.flat topped cluster of white fl.followed by blk. edible frt.in late sum. Sprawling.Use in wilder area
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	Bladdernut	10-15'	part to full shade dry to medium	Large attractive shrub that forms colonies. White fl.that give way to interesting seed pods.
<i>Vaccinium V.arboreum V.pallidum V.stamineum</i>	+ Farkleberry + Huckleberry + Deerberry	15' 1-2' 3-6'	shade to pt.sun dry,well drained	Vaccinium support many birds & 165 Lepidoptera Farkleberry-crooked trunks & black tasteless fruit Huckleberry- tasty small edible fruit Deerberry-similar to Farkleberry but shorter & flower has orange stamens.
<i>Viburnum V.acerifolium* V.lentago*</i>	+ Maple Leaved V. Nannyberry	4-6' 15'	shade, med.-dry sun to pt.sh,med.	*Native E.of AR. The most shade tolerant Vibur. *Native to northern US. Suckering. Good hedge.

PERENNIALS for SHADE

<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	+ White Baneberry	1.5-2.5'	part to full shade	Nice foliage all season turns gold in fall. White flowers in spring with showy berries in late sum.
<i>A.racemosa</i>	+ Black Cohosh	4-6'	well drained, moist	
<i>Ageratina altissima</i>	White Snakeroot	2-4'	sun to part shade medium to wet	White flower late summer to frost that easily self seeds. Formerly Eupatorium rugosum.

<i>Anemone virginiana</i>	+ Thimbleweed	1-2'	sun to shade dry to med.	White fl.in spr.followed by a seed head that resembles a thimble. Will grow in poor soil.
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	+ Red Columbine	2-3'	sun to part shade med.well drained	Bell shaped 1-2"dropping red & yellow flowers loved by hummingbirds. Will gently re-seed.
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	+ Amer.Spikenard	3-5'	part shade avg.water	Shrubby looking herbaceous perennial. White fl. followed by clusters of dk.purple berries for birds.
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	+ Goatsbeard	4-6'	sun to part shade med. to wet	Large,showy herbaceous perennial that looks like Astilbe on steroids. Creates striking affect.
<i>Asclepias exaltata</i> *	+ Poke Milkweed	3-6'	moist shade	*Native E.of AR. Most shade tolerant milkweed.
<i>A.purpurescens</i>	+ Purple Milkweed	2-3'	med.dry, PM shade	Purple Milkweed has rosy pink fl.in early sum.
<i>A.quadrifolia</i>	+ Four-leaved Milk.	3-6'	med.moist,humusy	White to soft pink flowers in early summer.
<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	+ Downy or Ohio Woodmint	1-2'	sun to part shade dry to medium	Light blue/purple flowers that resemble monarda in late spring. Good for hard to fill dry shade.
<i>Campanulastrum americanum</i>	Tall Bellflower	3-5'	part sun to shade medium to moist	A self seeding annual or biennial with violet blue flowers in late summer.
<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	+ Turtlehead	2-3'	pt.sun to med.shade moist	Thrives in rich, moist soil. Rosy purple fl.mid to late sum. Cut back in May to create bushier plant.
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue Mistflower	1.5-3'	sun to med.shade med. to wet	Spreads aggressively. Long bloom from July to Oct Blue flower similar to annual ageratum.
<i>Cunila origanoides</i>	+ Dittany	10-15"	sun to shade dry to medium	A small tidy pollinator plant w.lavender flowers late summer into fall. Tolerates shallow rocky soil
<i>Dicentra eximia</i> *	+ Fringed Bleeding Heart	1-1.5'	part shade evenly moist	*Native to Appalachian Mts. Rosy pink heart shaped fl.late spr.into sum. Prefers humusy soil.
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	+ Purple Coneflower	2-4'	sun to part shade dry to medium	Can be aggressive, but manageable. Pollinator & bfly.magnets. Birds love seed heads.
<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>	+ Hollow Joe Pye	4-7'	part sun to pt.shade medium to moist	Large pale pink flowers mid summer into fall. A pollinator magnet. Best with PM shade.
<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i> *	+ Closed Gentian	1-2'	part shade moist well drained	*Native north of AR. Dark blue flowers in late fall. Deer tolerant. Loved by bumble bees.
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	+ Wild Geranium or Crane's-bill	12-20"	part to full shade medium moisture	Clump forming. Lilac/pink flowers in spring for 6 to 7 weeks. Seed heads look like a crane's bill.
<i>Gillenia stipulata</i>	+ American Ipecac	1-3'	part to light shade avg.to dry	Upright bushy perennial with white flowers in early sum. Best in organically rich soil.
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	+Woodland Sunfl.	2-6'	part shade	Late summer flowers very valuable to bees &
<i>H. hirsutus</i>	+ Hairy Sunflower		dry to medium	67 butterflies & moths. Gently spreads.
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	- Alumroot	12-24"	part shade	Attractive and tidy greened leaved heuchera.
<i>parviflora</i>	+ Littleflower Alum.	9-12"	avg.moisture	Hummers loved the flower nectar. Nice fall color
<i>Hymenocallis occidentalis</i>	+ Woodland Spiderlily	1.5-2'	part shade med.to wet	Large white, fragrant, spider like flowers for wet settings. Foliage dies back in heat of summer.
<i>Iodanthus pinnatifidus</i>	Purple Rocket	1-3'	part to full shade med. to wet	Typically found in low moist woods. Flowers in late spring fade from violet to white. Self seeds.
<i>Iris cristata</i>	+ Dwarf Crested Iris	6-9"	sun to part shade medium moisture	A low growing small iris that quickly spreads to form a nice colony. Soft blue flowers early spring.
<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>	+ Hoary Pucoon	6-18"	sun to shade dry to medium	Showy tubular yellow orange flowers in late spr. attract bees, butterflies and other insects.

<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	+ Cardinal Flower	2-4'	part shade to shade	Brilliant red (or blue) flower spikes in summer.
<i>L.siphilitica</i>	+ Great Blue Lobelia	2-3'	moist to avg.	Hummer & bee favorite. Host to 4 Lepidoptera.
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	+ False Solomon's Seal	2-3'	part shade medium moist	Gracefully arching stems with leaves that turn yellow in fall. Red berries in sum. Slowly spreads
<i>Mertensia virginiana</i>	+ Virginia Bluebells	1.5-2'	part to full shade humus rich moisture	Beautiful dangling blue flowers in early spring. Foliage goes dormant in summer.
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	+ Bradbury's Beebalm	1-2'	sun to part shade dry to medium	Showy pinkish fragrant fl.attracts hummers, bees & bfls. Will self-seed, but it is manageable.
<i>Phlox divaricata paniculata</i>	+ Woodland Phlox + Tall Garden Phlox	9-12" 2-4'	part shade medium water	Woodland has blue fl.in early spr. Tall Garden Ph. lavender fl.in summer. Both attract pollinators.
<i>Pedicularis canadensis</i>	+ Wood Betony	12-18"	sun to part shade well drain.med.to dry	Fern like foliage. Flowers in spring vary in color from lt.yellow to purple red. Loved by pollinators
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	+ Jacob's Ladder	1-1.5'	part sun to pt.shade medium to moist	Best in humusy woodland soil. Blue bell shaped fl. in loose clusters on stems that rise above foliage.
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	+ Solomon's Seal	1-3'	part to full shade medium to moist	Tubular cream flowers dangling under interesting foliage which will turn yellow in fall.
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Cut-leaved Rudbeckia	7'	sun to shade medium to moist	Yellow flowers mid summer to fall. Aggressive. Best for larger naturalized spaces.
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard's Tail	1-2'	sun to shade wet	Water plant for moist edges. Fragrant leaves & flowers. Showy interesting white flowers.
<i>Scrophularia marilandica</i>	Late Figwort	6'	sun to shade med.to dry	Highly valuable for bees,bfls., hummers & many pollinators. Readily reseeds in good soil.
<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	+ Downy Skullcap	2-3'	sun to part shade dry to medium	Blue flowers mid summer through Sept. Loved by pollinators & bees. Best in dry poor soil/pt.shade
<i>Silene virginica S. stellata</i>	+ Firepink + Starry Campiom	1-1.5' 2-3'	light shade well drain.dry to med.	Will grow in shallow rocky soil. Red fl.late spring White flower that resembles a star in early sum.
<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	+ False Solomon's Seal	2-3'	part to full shade avg. to moist	Large shiny leaves. Clusters of white flowers in late spring. Small red berries in late sum.& fall.
<i>Solidago caesia S.flexicaulis</i>	+ Blue Stemmed Gol. + Zigzag Goldenrod	1.5-3' 1-3'	sun to part shade moist to dry	Goldenrods supports bees, many pollinators & 85 bfls. Blue stemmed is tidier than zigzag.
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	+ Indian Pinks	18"	part shade to sun avg.moisture	Spectacular red flowers w.yellow throats in spr. Cut back after 1st bloom to get blooms in fall.
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	+ Celandine Poppy	16-24"	shade avg. to moist	Spreads in moist well drained soil. Yellow spring flowers. Dormant in summer. Rare in the wild.
<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium shortii *</i>	Aster Blue Wood Aster Short's Aster	2-5' 3'	sun to part shade dry to medium	*Short's aster native E.of AR. Aster is essential for pollinators & bfls.in fall. Host for 8 Leps. Cut in half late spring for bushier plant.
<i>Taenidia integerrima</i>	Yellow Pimpernel	2-3'	part shade to shade medium to dry	Performs best in part sun & dry soil. Best to use in wilder areas.
<i>Tiarella cordifolia*</i>	+ Foam Flower	1'	part to full shade med.well drained	*Native east of AR. Delicate white to pink flowers in late spring.
<i>Tradescantia T.ernestiana T.ohiensis</i>	Woodland Spider. Ohio Spiderwort	1-2' 2-3'	med.to wet in shade dry to med.in shade	Shades of rose to purple. Cut back in early sum. to renew foliage & encourage a repeat bloom in the fall.
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	American Germander	3'	part shade moist	Spreads aggressively. Grayish leaves w.white to pink fl.early sum. Loved by many pollinators.

<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	+ Large Flowered Bellwort	1-2'	part to full shade moist to dry	Dangling yellow bells in late spring. Supports bees. Prefers moist humusy soil, but ok dry
<i>Zizia aptera</i>	+ Heartleaf Alexander	1-3'	sun to shade medium to moist	Clusters of yellow fl. rise above heart shaped basal leaves in late spr. Well drained soil best.

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<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	+ N. Maidenhair or 5 Fingered Maiden.	1-2'	part to full shade med. moisture	Lacy unique & lovely foliage for the shade garden.
<i>A. capillus-veneris</i>	+ Southern or Black Maidenhair			Soft delicate green foliage with black central stem.
<i>Asplenium platyneuron</i>	+ Ebony Spleenwort	6-12"	part to full shade dry to medium	A petite upright fern with a central stem that is dark purplish brown. Excellent drainage needed.
<i>Athyrium filix femina</i> spp. <i>aspenoides</i>	+ Southern Lady Fern	1-2.5'	part to full shade medium moisture	Upright tall fern, often with dark stems.
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	+ Marginal Wood Fern	1.5-2'	part to full shade medium moisture	Prefers rich moist humusy acid soil but will grow in average soil.
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	3'	part to full shade medium to wet	Can be an aggressive colonizer in ideal, moist conditions. Sensitive to drought & frost.
<i>Osmunda regalis</i> var. <i>spectabilis</i>	+ Royal Fern	2-3'	partial sun to shade moist	Large majestic fern with large fiddleheads in spring.
<i>Osmundastrum cinnamomea</i>	+ Cinnamon Fern	2'	shade medium to moist	Interesting seed head that resembles a cinnamon stick.
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	+ Christmas Fern	2'	shade medium to dry	Evergreen fern that stays attractive even during a drought.

ORNAMENTAL GRASS for SHADE

Most grasses need sun. Here are a few that handle shade:

<i>Carex albicans</i>	+ Oak Sedge	4-8'	dry, light shade	Short sedge that works in dry shade.
<i>C. cherokeensis</i>	+ Cherokee Sedge	6-12"	med. moist, lt. shade	Slow spreading clumps. Tolerates clay.
<i>C. cephalophora</i> var. <i>leavenworthii</i>	+ Leavenworth's	12-16"	dry, sun to shade	Fine textured narrow blades.
<i>C. eburnea</i>	+ Ivory Sedge	6-12"	med. moist, shade	Soft, clumping thread like green blades.
<i>C. flaccosperma</i>	+ Blue Wood Sedge	6-10"	moist, bright shade	Clumping blue sedge similar to Liriope.
<i>C. grayi</i>	+ Gray's Sedge	2-3'	moist, part sun/shade	Interesting spiky seed heads.
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Inland Sea Oats	3-4'	shade to sun avg. to dry	Attractive dangling seed clusters resembling oats. Reseeds aggressively. Good for soil stabilization.
<i>Diarrhena americana</i>	Beaked Grass	2-3'	part to full shade medium to dry	Spreads by rhizomes in moist rich soil to form dense colonies. A tough spreading grass for shade
<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Bottlebrush Grass	2-3'	part shade	Elymus is best in naturalized settings due to self seeding. Good for erosion control.
<i>E. villosus</i>	Silky Wild Rye	2-3'	avg. moisture	
<i>E. virginicus</i>	Virginia Wild Rye	2-4'		All have attractive seed heads.

GROUNDCOVER for SHADE

By definition a groundcover will spread and hopefully cover the ground. Well behaved does not apply here.

<i>Anemone canadense</i> *	Windflower or Canada Anemone	1-2'	pt. shade to sun medium to wet	*Native N. of AR. & to NE. Upward facing white flowers rise 2' above deeply dissected foliage.
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger	6-8"	shade avg. to moist	Shiny heart shaped green leaves spring to fall. Spreads over time to form a lovely groundcover.

<i>Carex albicans</i>	Oak Sedge	12-18"	med.to dry	Shade to light shade
<i>C.amphibola</i>	Creek sedge	8-15"	med. to wet	Shade to lt.shade. Thrives in humus rich soil.
<i>C.brevior</i>	Plains Oval Sedge	12"	wet or dry	Sun to shade. Very adaptable sedge.
<i>C.cephalophora</i> <i>var.levenworthii</i>	Leavenworth's	12"	med.to moist	Shade to part sun
<i>C.eburnea</i>	Ivory or Bristleleaf	6-12"	med.to dry	Part sun to shade. Thrives in dry alkaline soil.
<i>Fragaria</i> <i>virginiana</i>	Wild Strawberry	4-8"	sun to pt. shade medium moisture	Early spring white blooms & edible fruit. Valuable for bees, butterflies & moths.
<i>Mitchella</i> <i>repens</i>	Partridgeberry	4"	part to full shade medium moisture	Glossy dk.green leaves. Showy fragrant white fl. in late spr.followed by red berries.
<i>Packera aurea</i> <i>obovata</i>	Golden Ragwort Roundleaf Ragwort	8-12" 8-12"	part shade to sun medium to wet	Yellow flowers rise above foliage on 2' stems in early spring to provide early nectar.
<i>Podophyllum</i> <i>peltatum</i>	May Apple	1-1.5'	part to full shade med.to dry	Often forms large colonies in rich moist humusy soil. Foliage dormant in heat of summer.
<i>Sedum</i> <i>ternatum</i>	Three-leaved Stonecrop	4-6"	lt.to med. shade medium moisture	Small succulent like leaves that creep along the ground. White flowers in spring.
<i>Viola</i>	Wild Violets	6-12"	shade to sun medium moist	Too many species of violets to list. Violets are the only host plant for the fritillary butterfly.

VINES for SHADE

The following vines will flower better with a few hours of sunshine unless otherwise noted.

All vines can be aggressive, some more than others. Choose wisely.

<i>Aristolochia</i> <i>tomentosa</i>	Dutchman's Pipevine	PM shade humus rich soil	Host for pipevine swallowtail butterfly. Cut to ground in Feb. if control is needed.
<i>Bignonia</i> <i>capreolata</i>	Crossvine	sun w. PM shade medium moisture	Butterflies & hummingbirds love the orange & yellow fragrant flowers.Prune after fl.if needed.
<i>Clematis crispa</i> <i>C.versicolor</i>	Swamp Leatherflower Pale Leatherflower	sun to part shade medium to wet	Delicate smaller vines with purple to lavender bell shaped flowers that bloom on new growth.
<i>Clematis</i> <i>virginiana</i>	Virgin's Bower	sun to part shade medium to wet	Fast growing late summer bloom.Often confused w.Sweet Autumn clematis (a non-native invasive
<i>Gelsemium</i> <i>sempervirens</i>	Carolina Jasmine	sun w. PM shade medium moisture	Yellow spring flowers attract butterflies & hummingbirds.
<i>Lonicera flava</i> <i>sempervirens</i>	Yellow Honeysuckle Coral Honeysuckle	sun w. PM shade medium moisture	Hummingbird favorite. Long bloom season. Supports bumblebees & 23 Lepidoptera.
<i>Parthenocissus</i> <i>quinquifolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	full to part shade medium moisture	Grows as a climber or as a groundcover. Nice red foliage in the fall.
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i> <i>P.lutea</i>	Purple Passion Flower Yellow Passion Flower	sun to part shade moist to dry	Beautiful unique fragrant purple & white flowers Purple reseeds aggressively. Yel.is better behaved
<i>Wisteria</i> <i>frutescens</i>	American Wisteria	sun to shade medium to moist	Fragrant blue flowers support 17 Lepidoptera. Better behaved than the introduced wisteria.

A Word about Cultivars: Whenever possible it is best to use the original species of a native plant. By definition a cultivar has been cultivated by man. If our goal is to rebuild & support healthy habitats, using the straight species is the most reliable choice. Research on cultivars is in the early stages & is ongoing. Often if the chemistry of a plant changes too much (as in leaf color change) the cultivated plant will offer little or no ecological services - such as being available as a host plant or providing pollen or nectar for pollinators. Mimicking nature as closely as possible is our best hope of rebuilding thriving ecosystems.

RESOURCES: The following names with * are possible sources for purchasing native plants & seeds:

Audubon Arkansas	www.audubon.org/native-plants
*Ernst Conservation Seeds	www.ernstseed.com
*Hamilton Native Outpost	www.hamiltonnativeoutpost.com
*Missouri Wildflowers Nursery	www.mowildflowers.net
Native plant database	www.grownative.org >NativePlantDatabase>Alternative
*N.W. AR. Master Naturalists	N.W. Ar. (Follow on FB - 3 to 4 plant sales / year)
*Prairie Moon Nursery	www.prairiemoon.com
*Pine Ridge Gardens	www.pineridgegardens.com
*North Creek Nurseries	www.northcreeknurseries.com
Missouri Botanical Garden	www.missouribotanicalgarden.org
*Missouri Dept.of Conservation	www.mdc.mo.gov >trees-plants>tree-seedlings>order.seedlings
Missouri Prairie Foundation	www.grownative.org
National Wildlife Federation	www.nwf.org /NativePlantFinder/
*Ozark Soul	www.ozarksoul.com
*Ozark Native Plants	www.ozarknativeplants.com
*Roundstone Native Seed (Ky.)	www.roundstoneseed.com
*White River Nursery	www.whiterivernursery.com
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