



## NATIVE SHRUBS FOR BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY

### Favorite Shrubs for Home Landscapes

Available from Michigan nurseries—including retail nurseries and native plant nurseries

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#### **BLACK CHOKEBERRY** *Aronia prunifolia*

Soil preference: sand; loam; clay; needs acid soil

Shade tolerance: broad range

Bloom: white; purple pink; May–June

Moisture tolerance: wet; moist

Height: 3–8 feet

Fruit: September–October (pome)

#### **BUTTONBUSH** *Cephalanthus occidentalis*

Soil preference: sand; loam; clay

Shade tolerance: full sun; partial shade

Bloom: white; July–August

Moisture tolerance: wet; moist

Height: 3–10 feet

Fruit: September–October (seeds)

#### **CINQUEFOIL-SHRUBBY** *Potentilla fruticosa*

Soil preference: sand; loam

Shade tolerance: full sun; partial shade

Bloom: yellow; June–September

Moisture tolerance: wet; moist

Height: 8–12 feet

Fruit: June–September (achenes)

#### **DOGWOOD - RED OSIER** *Cornus stolonifera*

Soil preference: sand; loam; clay

Shade tolerance: broad range

Bloom: white; June–July

Moisture tolerance: wet; moist

Height: 3–10 feet

Fruit: August–October (berry)

#### **DOGWOOD-PAGODA** *Cornus alternifolia*

Soil preference: loam; clay

Shade tolerance: broad range

Bloom: white; May–July

Moisture tolerance: moist; moist-wet

Height: 6–20 feet

Fruit: September (berry-drupe)

#### **ELDERBERRY-COMMON** *Sambucus Canadensis*

Soil preference: sand; loam; clay

Shade tolerance: partial shade; full shade

Bloom: white; June–July

Moisture tolerance: wet; moist

Height: 5–12 feet

Fruit: September–October (berry)

#### **HAWTHORN** *Crataegus spp.*

Soil preference: well-drained, humus-rich

Shade tolerance: full sun; partial shade

Bloom: white; April–June

Moisture tolerance: moist

Height: 18–30 feet

Fruit: Winter (bright orange berries)

#### **MEADOWSWEET** *Spiraea alba*

Soil preference: sand; loam; clay

Shade tolerance: full sun

Bloom: white; July–August

Moisture tolerance: wet; moist

Height: 3–6 feet

Fruit: September (follicles)

#### **NANNYBERRY** *Viburnum lentago*

Soil preference: loam; clay

Shade tolerance: broad range

Bloom: white; June–July

Moisture tolerance: moist; dry

Height: 6–20 feet

Fruit: September (drupe)

#### **NEW JERSEY TEA** *Ceanothus americanus*

Soil preference: sand; loam

Shade tolerance: full sun; partial shade

Bloom: white flowers in July

Moisture tolerance: moist; dry

Height: 1–3 feet

Fruit: September & October (capsule)

**NINEBARK** *Physocarpus opulifolius*

**Soil preference:** loam  
**Shade tolerance:** broad range  
**Bloom:** white flowers; June  
**Moisture tolerance:** wide range  
**Height:** 3–10 feet  
**Fruit:** August–September (pod)

**PASTURE ROSE** *Rosa carolina*

**Soil preference:** sand; loam; clay  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun  
**Bloom:** pink; May–June  
**Moisture tolerance:** wet; moist; dry-moist  
**Height:** 3 feet  
**Fruit:** Fall (bright red rose hips)

**SERVICEBERRY** *Amelanchier spp.*

**Soil preference:** loam; tolerates sand and clay  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun to full shade  
**Bloom:** white; April–May  
**Moisture tolerance:** slightly moist to moist; well-drained soils  
**Height:** 15–25 feet  
**Fruit:** Fall (edible berries)

**SPICEBUSH** *Lindera benzoin*

**Soil preference:** sand; loam  
**Shade tolerance:** broad range  
**Bloom:** yellow; March–April  
**Moisture tolerance:** wet; moist  
**Height:** 3–10 feet  
**Fruit:** August–September (drupe)

**ST. JOHN’S-WORT-SHRUBBY**

*Hypericum prolificum*

**Soil preference:** sand; loam  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun  
**Bloom:** yellow; July–September  
**Moisture tolerance:** wet; moist  
**Height:** 5 feet  
**Fruit:** Fall (capsule)

**SUMAC-FRAGRANT** *Rhus aromatica*

**Soil preference:** sand; loam  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun; partial shade  
**Bloom:** yellow flowers; March–April  
**Moisture tolerance:** moist; dry  
**Height:** 3–10 feet  
**Fruit:** August (drupe)

**VIBURNUM-AMERICAN CRANBERRYBUSH**

*Viburnum trilobum*

Also called **HIGH-BUSH CRANBERRY**

**Soil preference:** sand; loam  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun; partial shade  
**Bloom:** white; May–June  
**Moisture tolerance:** wet; moist  
**Height:** 8–12 feet  
**Fruit:** September (drupe)

**VIBURNUM-MAPLELEAF** *Viburnum acerifolium*

**Soil preference:** loam; clay  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun; partial shade  
**Bloom:** white flowers; May–June  
**Moisture tolerance:** moist; dry  
**Height:** 3–5 feet  
**Fruit:** September (drupe)

**WINTERBERRY-COMMON**

(**MICHIGAN HOLLY**) *Ilex verticillata*

**Soil preference:** loam; likes acid pH  
**Shade tolerance:** full sun; partial shade  
**Bloom:** yellow or white; May–June  
**Moisture tolerance:** wet; moist  
**Height:** 3–16 feet  
**Fruit:** September–October (drupe)

**WITCH-HAZEL** *Hamamelis virginiana*

**Soil preference:** loam  
**Shade tolerance:** partial shade  
**Bloom:** yellow (in fall or late winter)  
**Moisture tolerance:** moist  
**Height:** 15–25 feet  
**Fruit:** Summer (capsule)