



NATIVE SHRUBS FOR BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY

Favorite Shrubs for Home Landscapes

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

List originally prepared by SOCRRA Healthy Lawn & Garden Program in cooperation with Ecological Gardening Volunteers.

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)



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