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Plants Native to New England

Native plants are an important part of creating a healthy garden and contributing to a healthy local environment. They support indigenous wildlife, including pollinators, often hosting hundreds of species per plants (as do oaks, for instance).

The following plants are native to the New England area:

Groundcover

Andromeda polifolia (Bog rosemary)
Actrostaphylos uva-ursi (Bearberry)
Cornus Canadensis (bunchberry)
Gaultheria procumbens (Wintergreen checkerberry)
Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper)
Vaccinium angustifolium (Lowbush blueberry)
Vaccinium macrocarpon (American cranberry)

Shrubs

Alnus rugosa (Speckled alder)
Amelanchier canadensis (Shadblow service berry)
Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima' (Red chokeberry)
Aronia melanocarpa (Black chokeberry)
Azalea periclymendoies nudiflora (Pinxterbloom azalea)
Azelea prinophyllum 'Marie Hoffman' (Marie Hoffman roshell azalea)
Azalea viscosum (Swamp azalea)
Baccharis halimifolia (Groundsel bush)
Cephalanthus occidentalis (Button bush)
Clethra alnifolia (White summersweet)
Comptonia peregrina (Sweet fern)

Cornus amomum (Silky dogwood)
Cornus paniculata racemosa (Gray dogwood)
Cornus sericea (Red twig dogwood)
Corylus Americana (American filbert/hazelnut)
Hamamelis virginiana (Witch hazel)
Ilex glabra (Inkberry)
Ilex verticillate (Winterberry)
Kalmia angustifolia (Sheep laurel)
Kalmia latifolia (Mountain laurel)
Lindera benzoin (Spice bush)
Myrica pensylvanica (Bayberry)
Prunus maritima (Beach plum)
Quercus illicifolia (Scrub/Bear oak)
Rhododendron maximum (Rosebay rhododendron)
Rhus aromatica (ragrant sumac)
Rhus copallina (Flameleaf sumac)
Rhus glabra (Smooth sumac)
Rhus typhina (Staghorn sumac)
Sambucus canadensis (American elder)
Symphoricarpos albus (White snowberry)
Vaccinium corymbosum (Highbush blueberry)
Viburnum cassinoides (Witherod viburnum)
Viburnum dentatum (Arrowwood viburnum)
Viburnum lentao (Nannyberry viburnum)
Viburnum trilobum (Highbush cranberry)

Trees – Deciduous

Acer pensylvanicum (Snake bark maple)
Acer rubrum (Red swamp maple)
Acer saccharinum (Silver maple)
Acer saccharum (Sugar maple)
Betula alleghaniensis (Yellow birch)
Betula nigra (River birch)
Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)
Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood)
Cornus florida (White flowering dogwood)
Fagus grandifolia (American beech)
Juglans nigra (Eastern black walnut)
Magnolia virginiana (Sweet bay magnolia)
Nyssa sylvatica (Tupelo sour gum)
Ostrya virginiana (American hophornbeam)
Populus tremuloides (Quaking aspen)
Quercus alba (White oak)
Quercus bicolor (White swamp oak)
Quercus palustris (Pin oak)
Quercus rubra (Red oak)
Ulmus americana (American elm)

Trees – Evergreen

Abies balsamea (Balsam fir)
Chamaecyparis thyoides (White cypress)
Ilex opaca (American holly female)
Juniperus virginiana (Eastern red cedar)
Picea glauca (White spruce)
Pinus resinosa (Red pine)
Pinus rigida (Pitch pine)
Pinus strobus (White pine)
Tsuga canadensis (Canadian hemlock)