



PROJECT NATIVE
GROWING NATURE'S GARDEN

One of the most common questions we are asked at Project Native is: “Which native plants would be good for me to plant near a...pond... lake...river?” This list was compiled to help answer that question.

Plants listed will thrive in sunny locations and can tolerate water fluctuations including standing water. All of these species are available at Project Native. Many have been grown in our seed bank from native stock. Major support for the collection and propagation of these varieties provided by Massachusetts Environmental Trust.

NATIVE SPECIES FOR RIVER & LAKESIDE PLANTINGS

TREES, SHRUBS & VINES		PERENNIALS	
American Cranberry	Virburnum trilobum	Andrew’s Bottle Gentian	Gentiana andrewsii
Arrowwood Viburnum	Virburnum dentatum	Aster, New England	Aster novae-angliae
Black Chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	Aster, Purple-stemmed	Aster puniceus
Button Bush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Blue Flag Iris	Iris versicolor
Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	Blue Vervain	Verbena hastata
Gray Dogwood	Cornus racemosa	Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum
Pussy Willow	Salix discolor	Canadian Burnet	Sanguisorba canadensis
Red Chokeberry	Aronia arbutifolia	Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis
Red Oiser Dogwood	Cornus sericea	Culver’s Root	Veronicastrum virginicum
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin	Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea
Stickybud Azalea	Rhododendron viscosum	Great Blue Lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica
Summer Sweet	Clethra alnifolia	Green-eyed Coneflower	Rudbeckia laciniata
Swamp Rose	Rosa palustris	Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris
Sweet Gale	Myrica gale	Monkey Flower	Mimulus ringens
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Narrow-leaf Cattail	Typha latifolia
Winterberry Holly	Ilex verticillata	Nodding Lady’s Tresses	Spiranthes cernua
Yellow Birch	Betula alleghaniensis	Purple Angelica	Angelica atropurpurea
		Purple Butterflyweed	Asclepias incarnata
SEDGES & GRASSES		Purple Joe-Pyes	Eupatorium purpurea
Three-square Bullrush	Scirpus pungens	Turtlehead	Chelone glabra
Wool Grass	Scirpus cyperinus		
FERNS			
Sensitive Fern	Onoclea sensibilis		

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