

**Pennsbury Land Trust**  
**Superior Native Plants for Southern Chester County and Northern Delaware**

Botanical Name	Common Name	Comments
<b>Trees and Shrubs:</b>		
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	Red spring flowers, red fall color, wet to medium soil
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> ( <i>Amelanchier laevis</i> )	Shadbush best for dryer, upland sites)	White flowers on small tree early spring; likes part shade and moist soil
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	Attractive exfoliating bark; moist area/stream bank
<i>Calcanthus floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice	Shrub; moist soil but drought tolerant; spicy-scented purple flowers in spring
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud	Pink flowers appear before leaves on small tree; edge of woods
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush	Fragrant white spikes attract butterflies in late summer; moist soil
<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>	Silverbell	Many small white bell-like flowers on small tree in spring; part shade
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry holly	Red berries in fall; need male and female plants to produce berries; moist soil; sun/part shade
<i>Ostrya Virginia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	Medium height; trouble-free; light Shade
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood	White flowers in June, blue berries in fall; drought resistant shrub sun, part shade; dry-moist; flowers
<i>Vaccinium pallidum</i>	Early Lowbush	

Blueberry Apr.-May; acid, loamy-sandy soil;  
sweet berries

**Wildflowers:**

* <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	Showy spurred flowers attract hummingbirds; shade
* <i>Asarum canadensis</i>	Wild Ginger	Excellent woodland groundcover; unusual purple flower; shade
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Var. interior	Butterfly Weed	Bright orange flowers attract butterflies; sun, drought tolerant
* <i>Chelone lyoni</i>	Pink Turtlehead	Snapdragon-like flowers bloom late summer in moist sun or part shade
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	Drought-resistant daisy-like flowers bloom summer in full sun
* <i>Heuchera americana</i>	Alumroot	Many cultivars with interesting foliage; good shady groundcover
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing Star	Purple spires bloom mid-summer on tall stems; full sun, drought resistant
* <i>Packera aurea</i>	Golden Ragwort	Woodland groundcover with yellow daisies in spring; can be aggressive
* <i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Creeping Phlox	Short, blue flowered plants form woodland groundcover
* <i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Greek Valerian	Blue flowers on fern-like foliage carpet moist shade; spring bloom
* <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot	White stars sparkle in early spring woods
* <i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Stonecrop	White-flowered succulent forms groundcover; full sun, part shade

*Tiarella cordifolia	Foamflower	Long-blooming white spikes in spring; part shade
Veronia noveboracensis	New York Ironweed	Purple haze of fall color in moist, sunny meadows in fall; a butterfly favorite

\* Shade-part shade

Note: There are many other good natives for this area but these are tried and true favorites.

**Partial Source List:**

Native plants available through seasonal sales:

Brandywine Conservancy	second weekend in May
Delaware Nature Society	first weekend in May
University of Delaware	fourth weekend in April
(native and non native)	
Check for current dates	

Local Nurseries:

Gateway Nursery, Hockessin, DE (native and non native)  
 Groffs Plant Farm, Kirkwood, PA (native and non native)  
 Redbud Native Plant Nursery, Media, PA

For information about planting, additional plant suggestions, and native plant programs see the Pennsbury Land Trust website or Pennsbury Township newsletter.

References:

Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy  
The Living Landscape by Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy  
Native Plants of the Southeast by Larry Mellichamp

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