

Shrubs



Spicebush Swallowtail caterpillar on a Spicebush.
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Plant This:

- Chokeberry (*Aronia sp.*)
- Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
- Red-twigged Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)
- Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)
- Northern Bayberry (*Myrica pennsylvanica*)
- Viburnums (*Viburnum acerfolium*, *dentatum* or *prunifolium*)

Not That:

- Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergia*)
- Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*)
- Burning Bush (*Euonymus alata*)
- Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*)
- Privet species (*Ligustrum obtusifolium*, *japonicum*, *sinense* or *vulgare*)
- Bush Honeysuckles (*Lonicera mackii* or *tartarica*)
- Nandina (*Nandina domestica*)
- Bamboo (all genus and species)

Why Native Plants?

- Support pollinators and wildlife
- Better suited to local climate and growing conditions
- More disease resistant
- Deep and varied root systems to provide erosion control
- Provide biodiversity for the local ecosystem



Monarch butterfly enjoying Blue Mistflower.

For a list of local native plant vendors, go to our website

www.PotomacAudubon.org/Conservation/PlantThisNotThat



For more information on native and invasive plants:

- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
www.allianceforthebay.org/native-plant-center/
- Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health
www.invasive.org
- MD Native Plant Society
www.mdflora.org
- National Audubon Society
www.audubon.org/conservation/project/native-plants-birds
- Potomac Highlands CWP
www.phcwpma.org
- WV Division of Natural Resources
www.wvdnr.gov/native-plants-sources/
- WV Native Plant Society
www.wvnps.org

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Plant This, Not That!



Bob Schwartz in his native plant garden.
Photo courtesy of Ellen Kinzer.

A list to aid gardeners and landowners in planting native species while discouraging invasive plants.



For more information please visit our website:

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Plant This, Not That!

Trees



Plant This:

- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis* or *laevis*)
- River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
- Magnolia (*Magnolia acuminata* or *virginiana*)
- Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)

Not That:

- Norway Maple (*Acer plantanoides*)
- Mimosa (*Albizia julibrissin*)
- White Mulberry (*Morus alba*)
- Princess Tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*)
- Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
- Korean Evodia or BeeBee Tree (*Tetradium daniellii*)

Herbaceous Perennials



Plant This:

- Red Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Eastern Blue Star (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
- Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*, *tuberosa*, or *verticillata*)
- Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)
- Green and Gold (*Chrysogonum virginicum*)
- Blue Mistflower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)
- Coneflower (*Echinacea* sp.)
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium* sp.)
- Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
- Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Beebalm or Wild Bergamot (*Monarda didyma* or *fistulosa*)
- Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
- Creeping Phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*)
- Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum* sp.)
- Brown or Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba* or *fulgida*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago* sp.)
- Asters (*Symphyotrichum* sp.)
- New York Ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)

Not That:

- Common Daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*)
- Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)
- Liriope (*Liriope* sp.)
- Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
- Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)

Vines



Plant This:

- Clematis (*Clematis virginiana*)
- Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)

Not That:

- English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)
- Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
- Chinese or Japanese Wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis* or *floribunda*)

Grasses



Plant This:

- Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)
- Bottlebrush Grass (*Elymus hystrix*)
- Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)
- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

Not That:

- Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia selloana* or *jubata*)
- Maidengrass (*Miscanthus* sp.)
- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum* sp.)
- Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)