

Examples of Natives Plants to use When Gardening in Eastern Ontario

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Shrubs

DRY	MESIC	WET
Fragrant Sumac (<i>Rhus aromatica</i>)	Alternate-leaved Dogwood (<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>)	Wild Raisin (<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>)
Eastern Redcedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)	Smooth Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>)	Hobble-bush (<i>Viburnum alnifolium</i>)
New Jersey Tea (<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>)	Staghorn Sumac (<i>Rhus typhina</i>)	C. Elderberry (<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>)
Narrow-leaved New Jersey Tea (<i>Ceanothus herbaceus</i>)	Witch Hazel (<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>)	Witch Hazel (<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>)
Ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)	Downy Arrow-wood (<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>)	Nannyberry (<i>Viburnum lentago</i>)
Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier humilis</i>)	Gray Dogwood (<i>Cornus racemosa</i>)	Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)
Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>)	Red Osier Dogwood (<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>)	Red Osier Dogwood (<i>C. stolonifera</i>)
Shadbush Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier sanguinea</i>)	American Mountain-ash (<i>Sorbus americana</i>)	Narrow-leaved Meadowsweet (<i>Spiraea alba</i>)
Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier stolonifera</i>)	Mapleleaf Viburnum (<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>)	Broad-leaved Meadowsweet (<i>Spiraea latifolia</i>)
Bearberry (<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>)	Wild Plum (<i>Prunus americana</i>)	Chokeberry (<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>)
Chokeberry (<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>)	Choke Cherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)	High-bush Cranberry (<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>)
Sand Cherry (<i>Prunus pumilla</i>)	Bunchberry (<i>Cornus canadensis</i>)	Buttonbush ^{TSEP} (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)
Bayberry (<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>)		Bayberry (<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>)
Pin Cherry (<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>)		
Sweet Fern (<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>)		
Pipsissewa (<i>Chimaphila umbellata</i>)		
Bristly Sarsaparilla (<i>Aralia hispida</i>)		

Trees

DRY	MESIC	WET
Red Pine (<i>Pinus resinosa</i>)	Shagbark Hickory (<i>Carya ovata</i>)	Bitternut Hickory (<i>Carya cordiformis</i>)
Red Oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>)	Red Oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>)	Tamarack (<i>Larix laricina</i>)
Bur Oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>)	Bur Oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>)	
White Birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)	White Birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)	White Birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)
Jack Pine (<i>Pinus banksiana</i>)	Trembling Aspen ^{TSEP} (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>)	
Red Maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	Red Maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	Red Maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)
	Eastern White Pine ^{TSEP} (<i>Pinus strobus</i>)	Silver Maple ^{TSEP} (<i>Acer saccharinum</i>)
	Eastern White Cedar (<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>)	Eastern White Cedar (<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>)
	Yellow Birch ^{TSEP} (<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>)	
	Eastern Hemlock (<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>)	Eastern Hemlock (<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>)
	American Basswood (<i>Tilia americana</i>)	
	Black Cherry ^{TSEP} (<i>Prunus serotina</i>)	
	Sugar Maple ^{TSEP} (<i>Acer saccharum</i>)	
	Red Spruce (<i>Picea rubens</i>)	
	Balsam Fir (<i>Abies balsamea</i>)	Balsam Fir (<i>Abies balsamea</i>)
	White Spruce (<i>Picea glauca</i>)	

Vines

DRY	MESIC	WET
Riverbank Grape (<i>Vitis riparia</i>)	Riverbank Grape (<i>Vitis riparia</i>)	Riverbank Grape (<i>Vitis riparia</i>)
American Bittersweet (<i>Celastrus scandens</i>)	American Bittersweet (<i>Celastrus scandens</i>)	
	Purple Clematis (<i>Clematis occidentalis</i>)	
	Virgin's Bower (<i>Clematis virginiana</i>)	
	Virginia Creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>)	

Ferns

DRY	MESIC	WET
	Maidenhair Fern (<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>)	Royal Fern (<i>Osmunda regalis</i>)
	Christmas Fern (<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>)	Ostrich Fern (<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>)
	Marginal Shield Fern (<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>)	Cinnamon Fern (<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>)
	Interrupted Fern (<i>Osmunda claytonniana</i>)	Interrupted Fern (<i>Osmunda claytonniana</i>)
	Lady Fern (<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>)	
Sensitive Fern (<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>)	Sensitive Fern (<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>)	Sensitive Fern (<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>)

Grasses

DRY	MESIC	WET
Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	Cotton Grass (<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>)
Indian Grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	Indian Grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	Wild Rice (<i>Zizania aquatica</i>)
Big Bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	Big Bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	
Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	
Canada Wild Rye ^{SEP} (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>)	Canada Wild Rye ^{SEP} (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>)	

Herbs

DRY	MESIC	WET
Virginia Mountain Mint (<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>)	Virginia Mountain Mint (<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>)	Cardinal Flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>)
Hairy Mountain Mint (<i>Pycnanthemum pilosum</i>)	New England Aster (<i>Aster novaeangliae</i>)	Spotted Joe-Pye-weed (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>)
Butterfly Milkweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	Butterfly Milkweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	Dense Blazing-star ^{SEP} (<i>Liatris spicata</i>)
Rough Blazing Star (<i>Liatris aspera</i>)	Scarlet Beebalm (<i>Monarda didyma</i>)	Boneset (<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>)
Ohio Spiderwort (<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>)	Swamp Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	Swamp Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)
Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)	Wingstem (<i>Verbena alternifolia</i>)	Turtlehead ^{SEP} (<i>Chelon glabra</i>)
Yellow Ragwort (<i>Senecio aureus</i>)	Green-headed Coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>)	Blue Flag Iris (<i>Iris versicolor</i>)
Common Milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	Common Milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	Fringed Gentian (<i>Gentianopsis crinita</i>)
Gray Goldenrod (<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>)	Michigan Lily ^{SEP} (<i>Lilium michiganense</i>)	Bottle Gentian (<i>Gentiana clausa</i>)
New York Ironweed (<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>)	New York Ironweed (<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>)	Great Blue Lobelia (<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>)
Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	Blue-eyed Grass (<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>)
Balsam Ragwort (<i>Packera paupercula</i>)	Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	Bebb's Sedge ^{SEP} (<i>Carex bebbii</i>)
Wild Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)	Wild Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)	Wood Rush ^{SEP} (<i>Luzula multiflora</i>)
Smooth Aster (<i>Aster laevis</i>)	White Trillium (<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>)	Great St. Johnswort (<i>Hypericum ascyron</i>)
Cylindric Blazing Star (<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>)	Mayapple (<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>)	Marsh Marigold (<i>Caltha palustris</i>)
Stiff Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>)	White Baneberry (<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>)	Fringed Loosestrife (<i>Lysimachia ciliata</i>)

Smooth Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>)	Smooth Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>)	
Pale Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea pallida</i>)	Compass Plant (<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>)	
Lance-leaved Tickseed (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>)	Woodland Phlox (<i>Phlox divaricatus</i>)	
Smooth Aster ^{SEP} (<i>Aster laevis</i>)	Red Baneberry ^{SEP} (<i>Actaea rubra</i>)	
Hoary Vervain ^{SEP} (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)	Hoary Vervain ^{SEP} (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)	
Harebell ^{SEP} (<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>)	Blue Vervain (<i>Verbena hastate</i>)	
Foamflower (<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>)	Foamflower (<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>)	
Showy Tick Trefoil (<i>Desmodium canadense</i>)	Wild Ginger (<i>Asarum canadense</i>)	
Rough-stemmed Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rugosa</i>)	Rough-stemmed Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rugosa</i>)	
Culver's Root (<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>)	Canada Anemone (<i>Anemone canadensis</i>)	
Cutleaf Coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>)	Bellwort (<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>)	
False Sunflower (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)	Large-leaved Aster (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)	
Giant Sunflower (<i>Helianthus giganteus</i>)	Zig-zag Goldenrod (<i>Solidago flexicaulus</i>)	
Maximillian's Sunflower (<i>Helianthus maximilliani</i>)	Woodland Aster (<i>Eurybia divaricatus</i>)	
Grey-headed Coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	Spring Beauty (<i>Claytonia virginica</i>)	
Upright Prairie Coneflower (<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>)	Gaywings (<i>Polygala paucifolia</i>)	
Wood Lily (<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i>)	Woodland Sunflower (<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>)	
Hairy Bush-clover (<i>Lespedeza hirta</i>)	Soloman's Seal (<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>)	
Hoary Puccoon (<i>Lithospermum carolinense</i>)	Snowberry (<i>Symphoricarpos alba</i>)	
Starry False Solomon's Seal (<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>)	Poke Milkweed (<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>)	
Sneezeweed (<i>Helenium autumnale</i>)	Wild Geranium ^{SEP} (<i>Geranium maculatum</i>)	
Ironweed (<i>Veronia altissima</i>)	Thimbleweed ^{SEP} (<i>Anemone virginiana</i>)	
Purple Prairie-Clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	Alumroot (<i>Heuchera villosa</i>)	
Wild Strawberry (<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>)	Wild Strawberry (<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>)	
Orange/Sullivan's Coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>)	Bloodroot (<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>)	
Tall Tickseed (<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>)	Sharp-leaved Hepatica (<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>)	
Marten's Sawtooth Sunflower (<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>)	Jack-in-the-Pulpit (<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>)	
Great Coneflower (<i>Rudbeckia maxima</i>)	Indian Cucumber (<i>Medeola virginiana</i>)	
Prairie Smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>)	Wild Leek (<i>Allium tricocum</i>)	
Green Milkweed (<i>Asclepias viridis</i>)	Early Meadow-rue (<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>)	
Whorled Milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>)	Toothwort (<i>Dentaria diphylla</i>)	
Field Pussy Toes (<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>)	Red Trillium (<i>Trillium erectum</i>)	
Plantain-leaved Pussy Toes (<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>)	Canada Violet (<i>Viola canadensis</i>)	
Canada Lousewort (<i>Pedicularis canadensis</i>)	Sweet White Violet (<i>Viola blanda</i>)	
Rock Sandwort (<i>Arenaria stricta</i>)	Yellow Violet (<i>Viola pensylvanica</i>)	
Tower Mustard (<i>Arabis glabra</i>)	Wintergreen (<i>Gualtheria procumbens</i>)	
Woodland Sunflower (<i>Helianthus</i>)	Woodland Sunflower (<i>Helianthus</i>)	

<i>divaricatus</i>)	<i>divaricatus</i>)	
Wood Lily (<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i>)		
Tickseed (<i>Bidens canadensis</i>)		
Big-leaved Aster ^{SEP} (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)		
Evening Primrose ^{SEP} (<i>Oenothera biennis</i>)		

Native Plant Sources

Beaux Arbres Native Plants (www.beauxarbres.ca)

Ferguson Tree Nursery (Kemptonville – www.fergusontreenursery.com)

Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club annual plant sale (<http://www.ofnc.ca>)

Fuller Native and Rare Plants (Belleville - info@fullerplants.com)

Ritchie Seed and Feed (www.ritchiefeed.com)

Information

Ottawa native plants (<https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/lawn-and-garden/garden-care#native-plants>)

Fletcher Wildlife Garden (<https://ofnc.ca/programs/fletcher-wildlife-garden>)

Ottawa Native Trees and Shrubs Database (<https://ottawa.ca/calendar/ottawa/citycouncil/a-ofac/2003/08-25/Native%20Trees.htm>)