

Native Shrubs: Guide to Landscape Uses

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Native shrubs can be used to create attractive, sustainable landscapes that blend naturally with the surrounding flora. Landscapes composed of native plants are considered sustainable since native shrubs do not pose the threat of introducing new species to an area. When established in landscape sites similar to their natural habitat, native shrubs require little maintenance, are well adapted to local soils and climates and attract beneficial wildlife to the garden. The information in this guide describes landscape adaptability which may extend beyond what is expected for a species based on its natural habitat. However, these recommendations are based on findings from applied research. For more information contact Jessica.Lubell@uconn.edu

Hedge, screen or border

- *Aronia arbutifolia* (red chokeberry)
- *Aronia melanocarpa* (black chokeberry)
- *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (buttonbush)
- *Cornus amomum* (silky dogwood)
- *Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood)
- *Cornus rugosa* (round leaf dogwood)
- *Morella pensylvanica* (northern bayberry)
- *Physocarpus opulifolius* (eastern ninebark) Cultivars: Diablo®; 'Luteus'; Summer Wine™
- *Rhododendron maximum* (rosebay)
- *Rhus copallina* (shining sumac)
- *Rhus typhina* (staghorn sumac) Cultivars: 'Laciniata'; Tiger Eyes®
- *Sambucus canadensis* (elderberry)
- *Vaccinium corymbosum* (highbush blueberry)
- *Viburnum dentatum* (arrowwood viburnum)
- *Viburnum trilobum* (American cranberrybush)

Low groundcovers

- *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* (bearberry)
- *Juniperus horizontalis* (creeping juniper) Cultivars: 'Blue Chip'; 'Mother Lode'; 'Wiltonii'
- *Prunus pumila* var. *depressa* (creeping sand cherry)
- *Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-low' (fragrant sumac)

Foundation or low, mass plantings

- *Clethra alnifolia* (summersweet)
- *Comptonia peregrina* (sweet fern)
- *Cornus sericea* (redtwig dogwood)
- *Corylus americana* (American filbert)
- *Corylus cornuta* (beaked filbert)
- *Diervilla lonicera* (northern bush honeysuckle)
- *Eubotrys racemosa* (sweetbells)
- *Ilex glabra* (inkberry holly)
- *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry holly)
- *Itea virginica* (sweetspire) Cultivar: 'Little Henry'
- *Juniperus communis* (common juniper)
- *Kalmia latifolia* (mountain laurel)
- *Morella pensylvanica* (northern bayberry)
- *Myrica gale* (sweet gale)
- *Physocarpus opulifolius* (eastern ninebark) Cultivars: 'Dart's Gold'; 'Donna May'; 'Nugget'; Summer Wine™
- *Potentilla fruticosa* (bush cinquefoil)
- *Spiraea latifolia* (meadowsweet)
- *Spiraea tomentosum* (steeplebush)
- *Vaccinium angustifolium* (lowbush blueberry)

Evergreen

- *Ilex glabra* (inkberry holly)
- *Juniperus communis* (common juniper)
- *Juniperus horizontalis* (creeping juniper)
- *Kalmia latifolia* (mountain laurel)
- *Rhododendron maximum* (rosebay)

Shady slope

- *Diervilla lonicera* (northern bush honeysuckle)
- *Kalmia latifolia* (mountain laurel)
- *Rhododendron maximum* (rosebay)
- *Viburnum acerifolium* (maple leaf viburnum)

Sunny slope (tall plants)

- *Rhus copallina* (shining sumac)
- *Rhus typhina* (staghorn sumac)
- *Rhus aromatica* (fragrant sumac)

Sunny slope (low plants)

- *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* (bearberry)
- *Ceanothus americanus* (New Jersey tea)
- *Comptonia peregrina* (sweet fern)
- *Diervilla lonicera* (northern bush honeysuckle)
- *Juniperus communis* (common juniper)
- *Prunus pumila* var. *depressa* (creeping sand cherry)
- *Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-low' (fragrant sumac)
- *Spiraea tomentosum* (steeplebush)

Dry, full sun

- *Aronia arbutifolia* (red chokeberry)
- *Aronia melanocarpa* (black chokeberry)
- *Comptonia peregrina* (sweet fern)
- *Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood)
- *Corylus americana* (American filbert)
- *Corylus cornuta* (beaked filbert)
- *Diervilla lonicera* (northern bush honeysuckle)
- *Juniperus communis* (common juniper)
- *Juniperus horizontalis* (creeping juniper)
- *Morella pensylvanica* (northern bayberry)
- *Potentilla fruticosa* (bush cinquefoil)
- *Prunus pumila* var. *depressa* (creeping sand cherry)
- *Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-low' (fragrant sumac)
- *Rhus copallina* (shining sumac)

Dry, part shade

- *Amelanchier stolonifera* (running serviceberry)
- *Aronia arbutifolia* (red chokeberry)
- *Aronia melanocarpa* (black chokeberry)
- *Comptonia peregrina* (sweet fern)
- *Corylus americana* (American filbert)
- *Corylus cornuta* (beaked filbert)
- *Diervilla lonicera* (northern bush honeysuckle)
- *Kalmia latifolia* (*mountain laurel*)
- *Viburnum acerifolium* (maple leaf viburnum)

Well-drained, full sun

- *Aronia arbutifolia* (red chokeberry)
- *Aronia melanocarpa* (black chokeberry)
- *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (buttonbush)
- *Comptonia peregrina* (sweet fern)
- *Cornus amomum* (silky dogwood)
- *Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood)
- *Cornus sericea* (redtwig dogwood)
- *Corylus americana* (American filbert)
- *Corylus cornuta* (beaked filbert)
- *Diervilla lonicera* (northern bush honeysuckle)
- *Ilex glabra* (inkberry holly)
- *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry holly)
- *Itea virginica* (sweetspire)
- *Juniperus communis* (common juniper)
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- *Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-low' (fragrant sumac)
- *Rhus copallina* (shining sumac)
- *Sambucus canadensis* (elderberry)
- *Spiraea latifolia* (meadowsweet)
- *Spiraea tomentosum* (steeplebush)
- *Vaccinium angustifolium* (lowbush blueberry)
- *Vaccinium corymbosum* (highbush blueberry)
- *Viburnum dentatum* (arrowwood viburnum)
- *Viburnum cassinoides* (withrod viburnum)
- *Viburnum nudum* (smooth viburnum)

Moist, full sun

- *Aronia arbutifolia* (red chokeberry)
- *Aronia melanocarpa* (black chokeberry)
- *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (buttonbush)
- *Cornus amomum* (silky dogwood)
- *Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood)
- *Cornus sericea* (redtwig dogwood)
- *Eubotrys racemosa* (sweetbells)
- *Ilex glabra* (inkberry holly)
- *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry holly)
- *Morella pensylvanica* (northern bayberry)
- *Myrica gale* (sweet gale)
- *Sambucus canadensis* (elderberry)
- *Spiraea latifolia* (meadowsweet)
- *Spiraea tomentosum* (steeplebush)

Moist, part shade

- *Clethra alnifolia* (summersweet)
- *Cornus amomum* (silky dogwood)
- *Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood)

See next page for Native Shrub combinations....

Native shrub combinations

Cornus rugosa (round leaf dogwood)

Comptonia peregrina (sweet fern)

Juniperus horizontalis (creeping juniper)

Physocarpus opulifolius Diablo® (eastern ninebark)

Rhus typhina 'Tiger Eyes' (staghorn sumac)

Rhus aromatica 'Gro-low' (fragrant sumac)

Rhus copallina (shining sumac)

Ilex glabra (inkberry holly)

Prunus pumila var. *depressa* (creeping sand cherry)

Viburnum trilobum (American cranberrybush)

Potentilla fruticosa (bush cinquefoil)

Prunus pumila var. *depressa* (creeping sand cherry)

Cornus sericea (red twig dogwood)

Itea virginica 'Little Henry' (sweetspire)

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