

APPENDIX A

NATIVE PLANT LIST for New York, Pennsylvania, and Northern New Jersey			
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TREES			
Common Name	Scientific Name	Ht.	Comments
Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	30-50'	Migrating birds eat seeds; male and female plants
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	40-75'	Brilliant orange to crimson and scarlet in the fall
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	60-75'	Lacy-like leaves with a white bloom on the underside
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	80'	Fantastic orange fall color; classic maple syrup
Black or Sweet Birch	<i>Betula lenta</i>	60'	Deciduous tree; wintergreen aroma from leaves, twigs
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	40-70'	Modest yellow color; seeds attract birds
Gray Birch	<i>Betula populifolia</i>	30'	White bark; yellow fall color
Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	20-30'	Crisp, green summer foliage turns red-orange in fall
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	50-75'	Yellow fall color; interesting warts on trunk in winter
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	15-25'	Pea-like blooms in spring along twigs and branches
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	20'	Show-stopping creamy white flowers in April-May
Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus Florida</i>	25-30'	Large white flowers in spring; loved by wildlife
American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	50-75'	Dark green summer foliage turns to golden
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	60-80'	Yellow, maroon, purple fall color; butterfly larval plant
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	50-60'	Grows fast; tolerates salt; yellow fall color
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	30-40'	Good for screening; attracts birds
Sweet Gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	60-100'	Yellow, orange, scarlet, purple in fall; fruit litter prob.
Tulip Poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	40-100'	Attracts hummingbirds, squirrels; butterfly host plant
Sweetbay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	20-30'	3" creamy white lemon-scented flowers all summer
Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	40-60'	Yellow, orange, red, purple in fall; fruit attracts birds
American Sycamore	<i>Plantanus occidentalis</i>	70-100'	Leaves drop all summer; white mottled bark
Eastern Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	40-50'	Short-lived; messy tree; modest fall color
Wild Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	12-20'	Nice flowers in spring; 1" red-yellow fruit; low upkeep
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	50-80'	Prized wood; edible fruit; leaves, twigs, bark poison

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White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	60-100'	Brown, red, wine fall color; birds, squirrels eat acorns
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	50-60'	Yellow to red-purple fall color
Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	75'	Brilliant scarlet fall color; rapid growth
Pin Oak	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	60-80'	Russett, bronze, red fall color
Chestnut Oak	<i>Quercus prinus</i>	60-70'	Useful lumber; acorns feed much wildlife
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	60-75'	Russet red to bright red fall color; grows rapidly
Black Oak	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	50-60'	Reddish brown fall color
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>	50+'	Host plant for butterflies
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	30-60'	Yellow flwrs (Apr); yellow, orange, pink, scarlet in fall
Basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	60-80'	Wood used for carving; nectar makes honey; seeds attract wildlife

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Speckled Alder	<i>Alnus rugosa</i>	15-25'	Provides wildlife habitat
Smooth Alder	<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	15-20'	Yellow and orange fall colors; fruit eaten by birds
Shadbush Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	1-20'	White flowers bloom in early spring; edible fruit
Allegheny Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	40'	Showy white flowers (Mar-June); edible fruit (Jun-Jul)
Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	5-10'	Bright red fruit and scarlet to pinkish-orange fall color
Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	3-5'	Dependable showy orange, burgandy, purple fall color
Sea Myrtle	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	3-10'	White flower heads; attractive fall foliage
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	3-8'	Blooms attract butterflies; emergent in shallow water
Sweet Pepperbush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	2-4'	Ivory white fragrant blooms in summer
Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	6-15'	Flat white flower head mid-spring -- not fragrant

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Gray Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	8-15'	2" dia. hemispherical inflorescences for 1 wk, May-Jun
Red-osier Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	3-10'	White flowers in spring; twigs, berries turn red in fall
Witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	8-20'	Golden yellow flowers in fall
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	6-10'	Greenish white flowers bloom in spring
Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>	3-6'	White blooms in early summer; red, orange in fall
Marsh Elder	<i>Iva frutescens</i>	8'	Evergreen; inconspicuous flowers
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	8-15'	Yellow blooms in early spring
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	15-20'	Olive-green leaves, fragrant when crushed
Northern Bayberry	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	5-8'	Semi-evergreen; transplants well
Common Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	6'	Thicket-forming; responds to pruning; purple foliage
Beach Plum	<i>Prunus maritima</i>	10'	White spring blossoms; fruit used to make preserves
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	2-6'	Showy orange to reddish-purple fall color
Dwarf-winged Sumac	<i>Rhus copalina</i>	20-30'	Red fall color; winter food for birds and wildlife
Smooth Sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	9-15'	Velvety red fruit on female plants lasts into winter
Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	9-15'	Vibrant red and gold autumn foliage
Swamp Rose	<i>Rosa palustris</i>	4-6'	Frag. flowers (summer); red hips (winter); fall color
Silky Willow	<i>Salix sericea</i>	12'	Provides good wildlife habitat
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	5-10'	Pinnate leaves; blooms in early summer
Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	6-12'	Creamy-white blooms in spring
Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	18'	White flat-topped inflorescences 5" diameter in May
Black Haw	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	8-15'	Creamy-white flowers in spring
Cranberry Bush	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	8-12'	White flowers; bright red edible bird-attracting fruit

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