

Town of Leicester Recommended Native Plant List

The following list was created to provide residents with readily available list of native plants. Please enter these plants into a Google search for photos.

TREES

Acer rubrum - Red Maple
Acer saccharum - Sugar Maple
Betula nigra - River Birch
Benthamedia florida - Flowering Dogwood
Cercis canadensis - Canada Redbud
Fagus grandifolia - American Beech
Fraxinus pennsylvanica - Green Ash
Juniperus virginiana - Eastern Red Cedar
Liquidambar styraciflua – Sweetgum
Magnolia virginiana - Sweetbay Magnolia
Nyssa sylvatica - Black Gum
Picea glauca - White Spruce
Pinus resinosa - Red Pine
Pinus rigida - Pitch Pine
Pinus strobus - White Pine
Platanus occidentalis - American Sycamore
Quercus alba - White Oak
Quercus palustris - Pin Oak
Quercus rubra - Northern Red Oak
Salix nigra - Black Willow
Sassafras albidum - Sassafras
Taxus canadensis - American or Canadian Yew
Tilia americana - American Linden
Tsuga canadensis - Hemlock
Ulmus americana – American Elm, “Valley Forge”, “New Harmony”, “Princeton”

SHRUBS

Amelanchier canadensis – Shadbush
Aronia melanocarpa - Black Chokeberry
Clethra alnifolia - Summersweet
Comptonia peregrina - Sweet Fern
Hamamelis virginiana - Witch-hazel
Hypericum prolificum - Shrubby St Johnswort
Ilex glabra - Inkberry
Ilex verticillata – Winterberry
Kalmia latifolia - Mountain Laurel

Lindera benzoin - Spicebush
Myrica pensylvanica – Bayberry
Photinia pyrifolia - Red Chokeberry
*Rhododendron maximum** - Rosebay Rhododendron
Rhododendron viscosum - Swamp Azalea
Rhus aromatica “Gro-Low” - Gro-low Sumac
Salix discolor - Pussy Willow
Sambucus canadensis - American Elder
Swida alternifolia - Pagoda Dogwood
Swida sericea - Red-osier (or Red Twig) Dogwood
Vaccinium angustifolium - Lowbush Blueberry
Vaccinium corymbosum - Highbush Blueberry
Viburnum dentatum – Arrowwood Viburnum
Viburnum trilobum - Cranberry Bush

HERBACEOUS

Aquilegia canadensis - American Columbine
Asarum canadense - Canadian Ginger
Asclepias incarnata - Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa - Orange Butterfly Weed
Aster laevis - Smooth Aster
Aster novae-angliae - New England Aster
Baptisia australis - False Blue Indigo
Actaea racemosa – Snakeroot
Coreopsis rosea - Pink Coreopsis
Coreopsis verticillata - Thread-leaf Coreopsis
Dicentra exima - Bleeding Heart
Echinacea - Coneflower
Eupatorium maculatum – Joe Pye Weed
Helianthus - Perennial Sunflower
Iris cristata - Dwarf Crested Iris
Liatris spicata - Gayfeather
Lobelia cardinalis - Cardinal Flower
Lobelia siphilitica - Big Blue Lobelia
Monarda didyma – Beebalm
Monarda fistulosa - Wild Bergamot
Oenothera fruticosa - Sundrops
Penstemon digitalis - Beard Tongue
Phlox divaricata -Woodland Phlox
Phlox subulata - Moss Phlox
Rudbeckia - Coneflower
Sanguinaria canadensis - Bloodroot
Tiarella cordifolia – Heartleaf Foamflower
Tiarella wherryi – Wherry’s Foam Flower

Zizia aptera - Golden Alexanders
Zizia aurea - Golden Alexanders

FERNS

Adiantum pedatum - Maidenhair Fern
Athyrium filix-femina - Lady Fern
Matteuccia struthiopteris - Ostrich Fern
Osmunda cinnamomea - Cinnamon Fern
Polystichum acrostichoides - Christmas Fern

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Carex pensylvanica - Pennsylvania Sedge
Chasmanthium latifolium - Wild Oats/Northern Sea Oats
Eragrostis spectabilis - Purple Lovegrass
Panicum virgatum - Switch Grass

SEED MIXES

Please refer to the following site for more information on seeds:
Wild Seed Project in Maine: <https://wildseedproject.net/>

INVASIVE PLANTS SPECIES

Please go to the following link for the most current list of prohibited plants in Massachusetts:

<https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-prohibited-plant-list>

SOURCES FOR PURCHASING NATIVE PLANT MATERIALS

Massachusetts

Bigelow Nurseries, Inc.
455 W. Main St.
Northboro, MA 01532
(508) 845-2143
www.bigelownurseries.com

Garden in the Woods (Native Plant Trust)
180 Hemenway Road
Framingham, MA 01701
(508) 877-7630
www.nativeplanttrust.org

Mahoney's Garden Center

Multiple Locations in MA
www.mahoneysgarden.com

Nasami Farm Nursery (Native Plant Trust)
128 North Street
Whately, MA
(413) 397-9922
www.nativeplanttrust.org/for-your-garden-2/nasami-farm/

New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
14 Pearl Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
(413) 548-8000
www.newp.com

Pierson Nurseries, Inc.
24 Buzzell Road
Biddeford, Maine 04005
(207) 499-2994
www.piersonnurseries.com

Russell's Garden Center
379 Boston Post Road (Route 20)
Wayland, MA 01778
(508) 358-2283
www.russellsgardencenter.com

Sylvan Nursery, Inc.
1028 Horseneck Road
Westport, MA 02790
(508) 636-4573
www.sylvannursery.com

Weston Nurseries
Multiple Locations in MA
www.westonnurseries.com

Other

Ernst Conservation Seeds
9006 Mercer Pike
Meadville PA 16335
(800) 873-3321
www.ernstseed.com

Millican Nursery

187 Pleasant St.
Chichester, NH 03258
(603) 435-6660
www.millicannurseriesinc.com

Pinelands Nursery, Inc.
323 Island Road
Columbus, NJ 08022
(609) 291-9486
www.pinelandsnursery.com

Vermont Wetland Plant Supply, LLC
29 Old Foundry Rd.
Orwell, VT 05760
(802) 989-4629
www.vermontwetlandplants.com