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September, October, and November in the Virginia Native Plant Garden: Bloom, Fruit, and Fall Color of Foliage

Scientific Name	Common Name	Bloom Color (mostly September &/or October)	Fruit Color & Fall Color of Foliage
<i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>	Striped Maple		Foliage: yellow
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple		Foliage: yellow to red
<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	Doll's Eyes		Fruit: white
<i>Actaea rubifolia</i> (<i>Cimicifuga rubifolia</i>)	Appalachian Bugbane	White	
<i>Aesculus flava</i> (<i>A. octandra</i>)	Yellow Buckeye		Foliage: orange or yellow (better in sunny areas like the Entrance Garden)
<i>Amelanchier</i> species, hybrids, & cultivars	Serviceberry, Juneberry, or Shadblow		Foliage: yellow, orange, or red (best fall color on 'Autumn Brilliance' - red)
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> & cultivars	Eastern Bluestar		Foliage: yellow
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> <i>A. glomeratus</i> <i>A. virginicus</i>	Big Bluestem Bushy Bluestem Broom-sedge	Flower clusters: reddish brown or purplish red, depending on the species	Foliage: reddish brown; purplish sometimes for big bluestem
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard		Fruit: red then purple
<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	Devil's Walking Stick		Fruit: purple Foliage: yellowish to purplish
<i>Aronia pyrifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima' – some botanists classify as <i>Photinia pyrifolia</i> (<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> is an older name still used in nursery trade)	Red Chokeberry		Fruit & Foliage: red
<i>Asimina triloba</i> (<i>Asimina parviflora</i> , the smallflower pawpaw, is another species growing in the Virginia Native Plant Garden – found in a few counties in southeastern Virginia)	Common Pawpaw, Indian-banana		Fruit: brownish black (not showy) Foliage: yellow
Aster (now reclassified into various genera – see under <i>Eurybia</i> , <i>Doellingeria</i> , & <i>Symphytotrichum</i>)			
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Cross Vine	Orange or red (light bloom - heavier bloom in May)	Foliage: reddish purple in late fall & winter
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry		Fruit: violet
<i>Callisia rosea</i>	Piedmont Roseling	Rose pink (end of bloom period – heavier bloom in summer)	
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Eastern Sweetshrub, Carolina Allspice		Foliage: yellow
<i>Campanulastrum americanum</i>	Tall Bellflower, American Bellflower	Blue (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in summer)	
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam		Foliage: yellow to orange to red to reddish purple
<i>Carya</i> species	Hickory		Foliage: golden yellow
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Northern Hackberry		Foliage: yellow in some years
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud		Foliage: yellow green to yellow

Chasmanthium latifolium	River Oats, Fish-on-a-pole	Flower clusters: green to bronze & tawny brown later	Foliage: tawny brown
Chelone glabra	White Turtlehead	White	
Chelone obliqua	Pink Turtlehead	Rose pink	
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe Tree		Fruit: dark blue on plants w/ fertile flowers (some plants do not fruit) Foliage: golden yellow
Chrysogonum virginianum	Green-and-Gold	Golden yellow (occasional bloom in the fall - heavier bloom in spring)	
Clematis glaucophylla (C. ochroleuca sometimes blooms in September – a perennial w/ whitish flowers)	Whiteleaf Leatherflower	Cherry red (occasional bloom in the fall - heavier bloom in summer)	
Clethra acuminata C. alnifolia & cultivars	Cinnamon Clethra Summersweet		Foliage: yellow to golden brown
Collinsonia canadensis	Northern Horse Balm	Yellow	
Conoclinium coelestinum (Eupatorium coelestinum)	Blue Mistflower	Blue	
Coreopsis tripteris C. verticillata cultivars (C. major eaten too much by deer & rabbits to bloom)	Tall Coreopsis Threadleaf Coreopsis	Gold (heavier bloom in summer)	
Cornus florida Other Cornus (less showy than the above): C. alternifolia (develops nice fall color in some years) & C. racemosa	Flowering Dogwood Alternaleaf Dogwood Northern Swamp Dogwood		Fruit: red Foliage: reddish purple (C. florida can also be red)
Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'	Winter King Hawthorn		Fruit: red Foliage: bronze purple
Cyrilla racemiflora	Swamp Cyrilla, Swamp Titi		Foliage: red or orange
Dennstaedtia punctilobula	Hay-scented Fern		Foliage: yellowish
Dicentra eximia	Wild Bleeding Heart	Pink (occasional bloom in the fall - heavier bloom in spring)	
Diospyros virginiana	Common Persimmon		Fruit: pale orange Foliage: reddish purple
Dirca palustris	Eastern Leatherwood, Wicopy		Foliage: yellow
Doellingeria umbellata (Aster umbellatus)	Tall Flat-topped White Aster, Parasol Aster	White	
Echinacea purpurea (naturalized in VA – native to other states; the true VA native is E. laevigata – an endangered species & difficult to grow)	Purple Coneflower	Pink w/ purple center (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in summer)	
Elephantopus carolinianus	Leafy Elephant's-foot	Lavender	
Elymus hystrix (Hystrix patula)	Bottlebrush Grass	Flower clusters: light brown	Foliage: brown
Erigeron pulchellus	Robin's-plantain	Violet blue (sometimes a few blooms at this time of year – heavier bloom in spring)	
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	White (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in spring)	Fruit: interesting rounded fruit – green then turns brown
Eubotrys racemosa (Leucothoe racemosa)	Sweetbells, Swamp Doghobble		Foliage: red
Euonymus americanus	American Euonymus		Fruit: red
E. atropurpureus	American Wahoo		Foliage: reddish purple
Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus (Eupatorium fistulosum)	Joe Pye Weed	Pink purple	
Eupatoriadelphus maculatus 'Gateway' (Eupatorium maculatum)			
Eupatorium purpureum 'Big Umbrella' (this species is similar to the above species but has retained the older name)	Joe Pye Weed	Pink purple	
Eupatorium perfoliatum (some Eupatorium reclassified as Conoclinium & Eupatoriadelphus - see under new names)	Common Boneset	White	
Euphorbia corollata	Flowering Spurge	White	

<i>Eurybia divaricata</i> (<i>Aster divaricatus</i>)	White Wood Aster	White	
<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i> (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)	Large-leaved Aster, Bigleaf Aster	Lilac	
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash		Foliage: yellow
<i>Gentiana saponaria</i>	Soapwort Gentian, Harvestbells	Blue	
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium		Foliage: purplish red
<i>Glandularia canadensis</i> (<i>Verbena canadensis</i>)	Rose Verbena	Rose pink	
<i>Halesia tetraptera</i> (was <i>H. carolina</i> – another species is now named this)	Common Silverbell		Foliage: yellow or yellow green
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> & cultivars	Common Witch Hazel	Yellow for the species; some cultivars are red yellow or reddish	Foliage: yellow
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Common Sneezeweed	Yellow	
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> <i>H. divaricatus</i> <i>H. strumosus</i> (<i>H. strumosus</i> stops blooming the soonest & <i>H. angustifolius</i> blooms the latest) – deer damage in 2008 reduced the flowering of <i>H. strumosus</i>)	Swamp Sunflower Spreading Sunflower Roughleaf Sunflower	Golden yellow	
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	Golden yellow	
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> & 'Purpurea'	Rock Alumroot	White or pink (the showiest form in the fall is 'Autumn Bride' or what is sold as var. <i>macrorhiza</i> - botanists no longer use this variety name)	Foliage: <i>H. villosa</i> 'Purpurea' has purple leaves throughout the growing season
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i> (<i>H. militaris</i>)	Smooth Rose Mallow, Halberdleaf Rose Mallow	Pink w/ purple centers	
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose Mallow	White w/ red centers, or pink	
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle' (double flower; the flower buds of the species type were mostly eaten by deer this year)	Annabelle Hydrangea	Bracts, not true flowers, in the fall	Foliage: yellow
<i>Hylotelephium telephioides</i> (<i>Sedum telephioides</i>)	Alleghany Stonecrop	White to light pink	
<i>Hypericum mutilum</i>	Dwarf St. Johnswort	Golden yellow (occasional bloom in early fall – heavier bloom in summer)	
<i>Ilex decidua</i> 'Warren's Red' <i>I. opaca</i> <i>I. verticillata</i>	Warren's Red Possumhaw Holly American Holly Winterberry Holly		Fruit: red (on female plants if male plant is nearby for pollination)
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Orange Jewelweed, Orange Touch-me-not	Orange	
<i>Ipomoea pandutata</i>	Wild Potato Vine, Man of the Earth	White w/ red eye	
<i>Itea virginica</i> cultivars	Virginia Sweetspire		Foliage (many possibilities): purplish red ('Henry's Garnet' & Little Henry ['Sprich']) yellow, orange, & red ('Longspire' & 'Saturnalia') yellow (some species-type plants)
<i>Leucothoe</i> - see under <i>Eubotrys racemosa</i>			
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Northern Spicebush		Fruit: red (on female plants w/ male plants nearby) Foliage: golden yellow Foliage: golden yellow
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree		
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	Red	
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	Blue	
Another species that is usually not planted by gardeners - <i>Lobelia inflata</i> (Indian tobacco; an annual w/ tiny blue & white flowers)			
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Sulphurea'	Yellow-flowered Trumpet Honeysuckle	Yellow (occasional bloom in fall – heavier bloom in spring)	Fruit: red if any are present
<i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	Alternate-leaf Seedbox, Square-pod Water-primrose	Yellow (heavier bloom in summer)	Fruit: brown (interesting fruit - somewhat square shaped) Foliage: reddish

Magnolia tripetala	Umbrella Magnolia		Fruit: red
M. macrophylla - plants are less visible	Bigleaf Magnolia		Foliage: yellow brown
Magnolia virginiana & 'Henry Hicks'	Sweetbay Magnolia		Fruit: red
Maianthemum racemosum (Smilacina racemosa)	False Solomon's Seal, Eastern Solomon's Plume		Fruit: red & white speckled, then turning red
Maianthemum stellatum (Smilacina stellata)	Star-flowered False Solomon's Seal, Starry Solomon's Plume		Fruit: green with black stripes becoming red
Mimulus ringens	Alleghany Monkeyflower	Light blue (occasional bloom in early fall – heavier bloom in summer)	
Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'	Jacob Cline Bee Balm	Red (occasional bloom in early fall – heavier bloom in summer)	
Monarda punctata	Eastern Horse Mint	White, pink, or green bracts (bracts are the showy part of the blooms – heavier bloom in summer); true flowers tiny (pale yellow & spotted)	
Morus rubra (possibly a hybrid with the non-native M. alba, white mulberry)	Red Mulberry		Foliage: golden yellow
Morella pensylvanica (Myrica pensylvanica)	Northern Bayberry		Fruit: gray & waxy
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Pink Muhly, Pink Hair Grass	Flower clusters: pinkish or purplish early on to tan later	Foliage: tan
Oenothera argillicola O. biennis	Shale Barren Evening Primrose Common Evening Primrose	Yellow	
Oenothera fruticosa	Sundrops		Foliage: purplish red
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern		Foliage: golden brown
Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern		Foliage: russet to golden yellow
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood		Fruit: pendulous & yellow then brown Foliage: yellow to purple to red
Panicum virgatum & cultivars	Switchgrass	Flower clusters: brown to purplish	Foliage: tawny brown; some cultivars are reddish before turning brown
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper		Fruit: bluish black Foliage: purple to red
Passiflora lutea	Yellow Passionflower	Yellow	Fruit: purple (small)
Phlox paniculata	Garden Phlox	Pink	
Photinia pyrifolia 'Brilliantissima' – see under Aronia			
Physostegia virginiana 'Vivid'	Vivid False Dragonhead, Obedient Plant	Pink	
Polygonatum biflorum var. commutatum	Smooth Solomon's Seal		Fruit: blue black Foliage: yellow
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry		Foliage: yellow to red
Ptelea trifoliata	Hop Tree		Foliage: yellow
Pycnanthemum incanum P. muticum	Mountain Mint	White bracts; true flowers lavender & small	
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium	Narrowleaf Mountain Mint	White (heavier bloom in summer)	
Quercus alba	White Oak		Foliage: brown to red to purple
Quercus coccinea (oak w/ most reliable red fall color)	Scarlet Oak		Foliage: red
Quercus palustris Q. rubra	Pin Oak Northern Red Oak		Foliage: russet, bronze, red, or yellow brown
Quercus prinus (Other species in the garden are hard to see & fall color isn't as showy, especially in shady areas – Q. laurifolia, Q. muehlenbergii, Q. stellata, & Q. velutina)	Chestnut Oak		Foliage: orange yellow to yellow brown
Rhododendron arborescens R. atlanticum R. calendulaceum R. periclymenoides & a hybrid R. prinophyllum R. viscosum (including form sold as var. serrulatum)	Native Deciduous Azaleas		Foliage: can be yellow, reddish, bronze, or green

Rhus aromatica & 'Gro-low'	Fragrant Sumac		Fruit: red (on plants w/ female flowers & male pollinator nearby – many plants do not fruit) Foliage: orange to red to purple
Rhus copallinum (also called R. copallina)	Shining Sumac, Winged Sumac		Fruit: red (on plants w/ female flowers & male pollinator nearby) Foliage: red
Rhus typhina 'Laciniata'	Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac		Fruit: red (a female cultivar) Foliage: yellow, orange, & red
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust		Foliage: yellow
Rubus odoratus	Flowering Raspberry	Pink flowers (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in summer)	
Rudbeckia fulgida var. speciosa R. triloba	Orange Coneflower Browneyed Susan	Golden yellow	
Rudbeckia laciniata	Cutleaf Coneflower, Green-headed Coneflower	Yellow	
Ruellia caroliniensis	Carolina Wild Petunia	Blue	
Saccharum brevibarbe var. contortum (Erianthus contortus)	Sortbeard Plume Grass, Bent-awn Plume Grass	Flower clusters: reddish brown	Foliage: brown w/ shades of purple or red
Saccharum giganteum (Erianthus giganteus)	Sugarcane Plume Grass, Giant Plume Grass	Flower clusters: pinkish at first then silvery	Foliage: brown w/ shades of purple or red
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras		Foliage: yellow to orange to red to purple
Schizachyrium scoparium & 'The Blues'	Little Bluestem	Flower clusters: reddish brown for the species & bluish for 'The Blues'	Foliage: fall color is reddish brown
Scutellaria incana	Downy Skullcap	Blue	
Sedum – see under Hylotelephium			
Silene stellata	Starry Campion	A few white blooms in early fall some years – heavier bloom in summer	
Silphium asteriscus S. perfoliatum S. terebinthinaceum S. trifoliatum	Starry Rosinweed Cup Plant Prairie Rosinweed Whorled Rosinweed	Yellow (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in summer)	
Solidago caesia S. flexicaulis S. roanensis S. rugosa S. simplex var. racemosa S. speciosa S. sphacelata 'Golden Fleece' S. ulmifolia	Goldenrod	Yellow	
Spiraea alba var. latifolia	White Meadowsweet	White (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in summer)	
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	Flower clusters: light brown	Foliage: orange brown to light brown
Staphylea trifolia (most plants removed for streambank stabilization in 2008 – will replant in 2009)	American Bladdernut		Fruit: pale green to light brown Foliage: yellow
Stylophorum diphylllum	Yellow Wood Poppy	Yellow (occasional bloom - heavier bloom in spring)	
Symphotrichum cordifolium (Aster cordifolius) Symphyotrichum laeve (Aster laevis) Symphyotrichum oblongifolium (Aster oblongifolius)	Blue Wood Aster Smooth Blue Aster Shale Barren Aster	Blue (shale barren aster can sometimes be lavender)	
Symphotrichum novae-angliae (Aster novae-angliae)	New England Aster	Purple or lavender for the wild type; some cultivars are pink	
Symphotrichum pilosum (Aster pilosus)	Frost Aster, Hairy White Oldfield Aster	White	
Tilia americana	American Basswood		Foliage: yellow

Tradescantia virginiana & hybrids	Spiderwort	Lavender to purple to blue (heavier bloom in spring)	
Tripsicum dactyloides (plants floppy in our lightly shaded location - flowers persist longer in sunny areas)	Eastern Gamagrass	Flower clusters: finger-like & green	Foliage: bronze or brown
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry		Foliage: yellow, bronze, orange, or red
Verbena – see under Glandularia			
Verbesina alternifolia	Common Wingstem	Yellow	
Vernonia gigantea V. noveboracensis	Tall Ironweed New York Ironweed	Reddish purple	
Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's Root	White (end of bloom period - heavier bloom in summer)	
Viburnum acerifolium (Viburnum in general: need at least 2 plants of the same species w/ different genetic backgrounds to produce fruit)	Mapleleaf Viburnum		Fruit: black Foliage: yellowish pink to rose to red to purple
Viburnum dentatum V. rafinesquianum (also called V. dentatum var. lucidum)	Arrowwood Viburnum Rafinesque Viburnum		Fruit: bluish black Foliage: yellow to red to purple
Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry Viburnum		Fruit: bluish black Foliage: purplish red
Viburnum nudum (var. nudum) & 'Winterthur'	Smooth Witherod Viburnum, Possumhaw Viburnum		Fruit: pink 1 st then blue then black Foliage: red to reddish purple
Viburnum prunifolium V. rufidulum	Blackhaw Viburnum Southern Blackhaw Viburnum		Fruit: bluish black Foliage: purple to reddish purple
Viola canadensis	Canada Violet, Tall White Violet	White (heavier bloom in spring)	
Vitis vulpina	Frost Grape		Fruit: black (usually not very visible – high up in trees)
Xanthorhiza simplicissima	Yellowroot, Brookfeather		Foliage: golden yellow & orange, sometimes purple
Zenobia pulverulenta	Zenobia, Honey-cups		Foliage: yellow w/ a tinge of red, or purple
Zizia aptera Z. aurea	Golden Alexanders	Yellow (Z. aurea has occasional bloom – heavier bloom in spring)	Foliage: wine colored

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