



GREEN SPRING GARDENS

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ORNAMENTAL PLANTS WITH SUMMER BLOOM AND FRUIT IN THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Scientific Name of Ornamental Plants with Summer Bloom (June, July, and/or August)	Common Name	Month of Bloom	Color of Bloom
<i>Actaea racemosa</i> (still sold under older name - <i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>)	Black Bugbane, Black Cohosh, Fairy Candles	June, July, early August	White
<i>Actaea rubifolia</i> (still sold under older name - <i>Cimicifuga rubifolia</i>)	Appalachian Bugbane	July, August	White
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	June, July	Light pink
<i>Allium oxyphilum</i> (USDA considers it to be a WV native – similar to the above but white-flowered)	Lillydale Onion	Late June, July, early August	White
<i>Allium tricoccum</i>	Ramps	Late June, early July	White
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Eastern Bluestar	June (heavier in May)	Light blue
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	August	Green turning coppery
<i>Anemone virginiana</i>	Tall Anemone, Thimbleweed	June, early July	Greenish white
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	Scattered bloom in June & July (heaviest bloom in spring)	Red & yellow
<i>Aralia racemosa</i> (herbaceous perennial)	Spikenard	July, August	Greenish white
<i>Aralia spinosa</i> (shrub)	Devil's Walking Stick	Late July, August	Whitish
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	Dutchman's Pipe	Early June	Green & brownish purple
<i>Arunco dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	June	White
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	June, July, August	Pink
<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	Purple Milkweed	June	Rose pink
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	June, July, August	Orange
Aster (now reclassified into various genera – see under <i>Doellingeria</i>, <i>Eurybia</i>, & <i>Symphotrichum</i>)			
<i>Astilbe biternata</i>	Appalachian False Goatsbeard	June	White
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Wild Blue Indigo	Early June (heavier bloom in spring)	Blue
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Cross Vine	Heaviest in spring but light rebloom in the summer	Brownish red, brownish orange, orange, or orange red
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry	Late June, July, August	Small pink flowers
<i>Callisia rosea</i> (older names <i>C. graminea</i> , <i>Tradescantia rosea</i> , & <i>Cuthbertia rosea</i>)	Piedmont Roseling	June, July, August	Rose pink
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Eastern Sweetshrub	June, early July	Maroon
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell, Bluebell	June, July, August	Blue
<i>Campanulastrum americanum</i> (<i>Campanula americana</i>)	Tall Bellflower, American Bellflower	Late June, July, August	Blue
<i>Carex grayi</i>	Gray's Sedge	June & showy for a short time after June	Green
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	June (a few scattered blooms later in the summer some years)	White
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	June, July, early August	White
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	River Oats	June & showy onward	Green turning tawny
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead	August	White

<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	Pink Turtlehead	August	Rose pink
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	Green and Gold	Mostly in the spring but a few throughout the summer	Yellow
<i>Clematis glaucophylla</i>	Whiteleaf Leatherflower	Late June, July, August	Cherry red
<i>Clematis viorna</i>	Northern Leatherflower	June, July, August	Reddish purple with some white
<i>Clethra acuminata</i> & <i>C. alnifolia</i>	Cinnamon Clethra & Summersweet, respectively	July, August	White
<i>Collinsonia canadensis</i>	Northern Horse Balm, Richweed	August	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis major</i>	Woodland Coreopsis	June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall Coreopsis	July, August	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Grandiflora' ('Golden Showers') & 'Zagreb'	Threadleaf Coreopsis	June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	Swamp Cyrilla, Swamp Titi	Late June, July	White
<i>Delphinium exaltatum</i>	Tall Delphinium	July, August	Blue
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	Wild Bleeding Heart	June, July, August (heaviest bloom in spring)	Pink
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Northern Bush-honeysuckle	June, July, August (heaviest bloom early in summer)	Yellow
<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i> (<i>Aster umbellatus</i>)	Flat-topped White Aster	July, August	White
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> & <i>E. laevigata</i> hybrid (<i>E. laevigata</i> is the true Virginia native – <i>E. purpurea</i> is naturalized in VA)	Purple Coneflower	June, July, August	Rose pink with purple center
<i>Elephantopus carolinianus</i>	Leafy Elephant's-foot	August	Lavender
<i>Elymus hystrix</i> (<i>Hystrix patula</i>)	Eastern Bottlebrush Grass	June & showy onward	Green turning tawny
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	Eastern Daisy Fleabane	June, July, August	White
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	Late June, July, August	Whitish green
<i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	Wahoo	June	Dark purple
<i>Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus</i> (<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>)	Joe-pye Weed, Trumpetweed	July, August	Pink to lavender
<i>Eupatoriadelphus maculatus</i> 'Gateway' (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>)	Gateway Joe-pye Weed	July, August	Pink to lavender
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i> 'Big Umbrella'	Joe-pye Weed	July, August	Pink to lavender
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge	June, July, August	White
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i> (<i>Aster divaricatus</i>) & <i>Eurybia macrophylla</i> (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>): both shade-loving asters	White Wood Aster & Bigleaf Aster, respectively	Late July, August	White & lilac, respectively
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen of the Prairie	June, July	Pink
<i>Gaylussacia frondosa</i>	Dangleberry	June	White or pinkish
<i>Gentiana saponaria</i>	Soapwort Gentian	Late August	Blue
<i>Glandularia canadensis</i> (<i>Verbena canadensis</i>)	Rose Verbena, Rose Mock Vervain	June, July, August	Rose pink
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i> & <i>H. strumosus</i>	Spreading Sunflower & Roughleaf Sunflower, respectively	July, August (June also for <i>H. divaricatus</i>)	Yellow
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	June, July, August	Golden yellow
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	American Alumroot	June, July	Greenish, white, or pink
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> & 'Purpurea'	Rock Alumroot, Crag-jangle	Late June, July, August	White or pink
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i> (<i>H. militaris</i>)	Smooth Rose Mallow, Halberdleaf Rose Mallow	July, August	Pink with a darker center
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose Mallow	July, August	Pink, or white with red eye
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> (the flowers of the species type often eaten by deer) & 'Annabelle' (double flower)	Wild Hydrangea & Annabelle Hydrangea, respectively	June, July, sometimes early August	White
<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	Eastern Waterleaf	June	White to pale lavender
<i>Hylotelephium telephioides</i> (<i>Sedum telephioides</i>)	Alleghany Stonecrop	August	White to light pink
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Orange Jewelweed, Orange Touch-me-not	Late June, July, August	Orange
<i>Iris prismatica</i> (more delicate-looking than the following)	Slender Blue Flag, Slender Blue Iris	June	Light blue to lilac
<i>Itea virginica</i> cultivars	Virginia Sweetspire	June	White

<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> cultivars	Mountain Laurel	Early June	Many colors for cultivars - pink, white, & combinations (some banded with burgundy)
<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	Swamp Leucothoe	Early June	White
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing Star, <i>Liatris</i>	June, July, early August	Lavender
<i>Lobelia inflata</i> (an annual - reseeds in different locations)	Indian Tobacco, Annual <i>Lobelia</i>	July, August	Blue to white
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Cedar Lane' & 'Sulphurea'	Trumpet Honeysuckle	Heaviest bloom in spring but light bloom throughout the summer	'Cedar Lane' is red (yellow inside); 'Sulphurea' is yellow
<i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	Seedbox	Late June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Lysimachia quadrifolia</i>	Whorled <i>Lysimachia</i>	June, July	Yellow
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> ('Henry Hicks' near Townhouse Gardens; the species itself in magnolia bog remnants across Turkeycock Run bridge)	Sweetbay <i>Magnolia</i>	June, sometimes later in the summer	White
<i>Manfreda virginica</i> (<i>Agave virginica</i>)	Eastern False Aloe	Late June, July	Greenish white
<i>Meehania cordata</i>	Meehan's Mint	June	Blue
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Alleghany Monkeyflower	Late June, July, August	Light blue
<i>Monarda clinopodia</i>	Basil Bee Balm	June, July	White
<i>Monarda didyma</i> & cultivars	Bee Balm, Oswego Tea	June, July, August	Red
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> & cultivars	Wild Bergamot	June, July, sometimes early August	Lavender; hybrids of <i>Monarda didyma</i> & <i>M. fistulosa</i> also seen – sometimes pink flowered
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Eastern Horse Mint	June, July, August	True flowers pale yellow spotted with purple; bracts whitish
<i>Napaea dioica</i>	Glade Mallow	June, July	White
<i>Oenothera argillicola</i> & <i>O. biennis</i>	Shale Barren <i>Oenothera</i> (called evening primrose but also blooms during the day) & Common Evening Primrose, respectively	July, August	Yellow
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Sundrops	June, July, & sometimes August (heaviest bloom early in summer)	Yellow
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood	Late June, July, August	White
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	Late June, July, & showy onward	Green turning tawny or reddish
<i>Passiflora lutea</i>	Yellow Passionflower	Late June, July, August	Light yellow
<i>Penstemon canescens</i>	Appalachian <i>Penstemon</i>	June	Lavender
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	White <i>Penstemon</i>	June	White or purplish
<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	Hairy <i>Penstemon</i> , Northeastern <i>Penstemon</i>	June & sometimes a few later	White & lavender
<i>Penstemon laevigatus</i>	Eastern Smooth <i>Penstemon</i>	June	Almost white to pale purple
<i>Phacelia bipinnatifida</i> – a biennial	Fern-leaved <i>Phacelia</i>	June (in sunny, moist areas) – normally a spring bloomer	Blue
<i>Phlox glaberrima</i>	Appalachian Smooth <i>Phlox</i>	June & a few throughout the summer	Rose pink
<i>Phlox latifolia</i>	Mountain <i>Phlox</i>	June	Pink
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Summer <i>Phlox</i>	June, July, August	Pink
<i>Phlox stolonifera</i> 'Fran's Purple'	Creeping <i>Phlox</i>	A few in June (heavier bloom in spring)	Lilac
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> 'Vivid'	Vivid False Dragonhead, Obedient Plant	August	Rose pink
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Hop Tree	Early June	Greenish white

Pycnanthemum incanum & P. muticum (both species have wider leaves than the following)	Mountain Mint	June, July, August	White to light violet; whitish bracts
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium (narrow leaves)	Mountain Mint	June, July, August	White
Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea	Early June	Orange & sometimes orange-red or yellow
Rhododendron cumberlandense 'Sunlight'	Sunlight Azalea	Late June, early July	Orange
Rhododendron maximum	Rosebay Rhododendron	June, July; sometimes a few in August	Rose to white
Rhododendron periclymenoides hybrid	Hybrid Azalea	Early June (heavier bloom earlier)	White
Rhododendron viscosum (form originally called R. viscosum var. serrulatum or R. serrulatum blooms later but is less showy)	Swamp Azalea	June, July, August	White; yellow for 'Lemon Drop'
Rhus copallinum (R. copallina)	Shining Sumac, Winged Sumac	August	Greenish yellow
Rubus odoratus	Flowering Raspberry	June, July, August	Rose pink
Ruellia caroliniensis	Wild-petunia	June, July, August	Blue
Rudbeckia fulgida var. speciosa	Orange Coneflower	July, August	Golden yellow with brown center
Rudbeckia laciniata	Cutleaf Coneflower, Green-headed Coneflower	July, August	Yellow
Rudbeckia triloba	Three-lobed Coneflower, Browneyed Susan	Sometimes in late June; July & August	Golden yellow with brown center
Saccharum brevibarbe var. contortum (Erianthus contortus)	Bent-awn Plumegrass, Sortbeard Plumegrass	Late July & showy onward	Green turning purplish or orangish
Saccharum giganteum (Erianthus giganteus)	Sugarcane Plumegrass, Giant Plumegrass	July & showy onward	Green turning pinkish
Sambucus nigra subsp. canadensis (S. canadensis)	American Elderberry, Common Elderberry	June	White
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	July & showy onward	Green or bluish then turning orangish
Scutellaria incana (sun-loving)	Downy Skullcap	July, August	Blue
Scutellaria serrata (shade-loving)	Showy Skullcap, Alleghany Skullcap	June	Blue
Sedum glaucophyllum	Cliff Stonecrop	June	White
Sedum telephioides – see under Hylotelephium			
Silene stellata	Starry Campion	Late June, July, August	White with a touch of green at base
Silphium asteriscus (S. dentatum), S. perfoliatum, & S. trifoliatum	Southern Rosinweed, Cup Plant, & Whorled Rosinweed, respectively	July, August (late June also for S. asteriscus)	Yellow
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Dock, Prairie Rosinweed	Late July, August	Yellow
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Narrowleaf Blue-eyed Grass	June	Blue
Solidago caesia, S. flexicaulis, & S. ulmifolia (shade-loving goldenrods)	Wreath Goldenrod, Zigzag Goldenrod, & Elmleaf Goldenrod, respectively	August	Yellow
Solidago roanensis & S. simplex var. racemosa (sun-loving, shorter goldenrods)	Roan Mountain Goldenrod & Sticky Goldenrod, respectively	August	Yellow
Solidago rugosa (tall, sun-loving) (S. speciosa, the showy goldenrod, is harder to grow)	Rough-stemmed Goldenrod	August	Yellow
Solidago sphacelata 'Golden Fleece' (sun or some shade; short)	Golden Fleece Goldenrod	August	Yellow
Spiraea alba var. latifolia (taller, more common species)	White Meadowsweet, Broadleaf Meadowsweet	Late June, July, August	White
Spiraea virginiana	Virginia Meadowsweet	June, July	White
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	August & showy onward	Green turning tan
Stylophorum diphyllum	Yellow Wood Poppy	Heaviest bloom in spring but some throughout the summer	Yellow
Symphotrichum novae-angliae (Aster novae-angliae)	New England Aster	Late June, July, August	Purple
Symphotrichum oblongifolium (Aster oblongifolius)	Shale Barren Aster	Late August	Blue
Tradescantia virginiana and hybrids	Spiderwort	June, July, August (heaviest bloom in the spring)	Species is blue or purple; hybrids are lavender here
Vaccinium stamineum	Deerberry	June	Greenish & white
Verbena canadensis – see under Glandularia			
Verbena hastata	Swamp Verbena	Late June, July	Lavender


<i>Verbesina alternifolia</i>	Common Wingstem	Late June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i> & <i>V. noveboracensis</i>	Tall Ironweed & New York Ironweed, respectively	Late June, July, August	Magenta purple
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	Late June, July, August	White or pale pink
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry Viburnum	Early June (heavier bloom in spring)	White
<i>Viburnum nudum</i> (var. <i>nudum</i>) & 'Winterthur'	Smooth Witherod Viburnum	June	White
<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canada Violet, Tall White Violet	Heaviest bloom in spring but some throughout the summer	White
<i>Zenobia pulverulenta</i>	Zenobia, Honey-cups	June	White
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders, Golden Zizia	Mostly in spring but sometimes in August	Golden yellow

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<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	White Baneberry	July, August	White
<i>Amelanchier</i> species, cultivars, & hybrids	Juneberry, Serviceberry, Shadblow	June	Purple to purplish black
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard	August	Dark purple
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit	July, August	Red
<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Golden Seal	June, July	Red
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	August	Red
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i> (<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>)	False Solomon's Seal	Late June, July, August	Start off green with reddish speckles; eventually red when fully ripe in fall
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i> (<i>Smilacina stellata</i>)	Star-flowered False Solomon's Seal	Late July, August	Black
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i> var. <i>commutatum</i>	Smooth Solomon's Seal	August	Black
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	June	Blue

Note: some shrubs with small flowers are not included on this list (*Ilex* is an example – genus for holly).

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