



## 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>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	June, July	Light pink
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> & 'Montana'	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, July	White to whitish
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	Scattered bloom sometimes in June & July (heaviest in spring)	Red & yellow
<i>Aralia racemosa</i> (herbaceous perennial)	Spikenard, American Spikenard	July, August	Greenish or white
<i>A. spinosa</i> (shrub)	Devil's Walking Stick		White
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i> ( <i>Isotrema macrophyllum</i> in the Flora of Virginia but not the accepted name)	Pipevine, Dutchman's Pipe	June	Green & brownish purple
<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>	Poke Milkweed	June	White
<i>A. purpurascens</i>	Purple Milkweed		Pinkish purple
<i>A. tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	June, July, August	Orange
Note: keep removing <i>A. syriaca</i> (Common Milkweed) - spreads too readily in the Native Mixed Border; enjoy in the Concentric Garden and the Entrance Garden.			
<i>Aster</i> (now reclassified into various genera – see under <i>Doellingeria</i> , <i>Eurybia</i> , & <i>Symphotrichum</i> )			

Baptisia alba	White Wild Indigo	June	White
B. australis	Blue Wild Indigo	(heavier bloom earlier for the first 2 species)	Blue
B. tinctoria	Yellow Wild Indigo (smallest flowers of the group. Likes sandy soils – amended here.)		Yellow
Bignonia capreolata	Cross Vine	Heaviest in spring but light rebloom in summer	Orange or red, depending on the selection
Callicarpa americana	American Beautyberry	June, July, August	Light pink (small)
Calycanthus floridus (‘Edith Wilder’ & ‘Big George’ are fragrant)	Sweetshrub, Carolina Allspice	June, early July	Maroon
Campanula americana (Campanulastrum americanum)	American Campanula, Tall Bellflower	Late June, July, August	Blue
Carex grayi  Other Carex species that bloom in this time period include C. crinita, C. intumescens, & C. shortiana.	Gray’s Sedge	June onward	Green
Centrosema virginianum	Spurred Butterfly Pea	July, August	Blue
Cephalanthus occidentalis Sugar Shack (‘SMCOSS’) – shorter cultivar than the species	Buttonbush	June, July (a few in August on species type plants in the past – no longer in the garden)	White
Chasmanthium latifolium	River Oats (excessive reseeding with irrigation so cutting back & removing most plants)	June onward	Green turning tawny
Chelone obliqua (C. alba will be replanted in 2017 – White Turtlehead)	Pink Turtlehead	August	Pink
Chrysogonum virginianum	Green and Gold	Mostly in the spring but a few throughout the summer	Yellow
Cimicifuga racemosa (preferred in Tropicos) or Actaea racemosa (in the Flora of Virginia & preferred in Encyclopedia of Life)	Common Black Cohosh, Bugbane, Fairy Candles, Black Baneberry	June, July, August	White
Cimicifuga rubifolia or Actaea rubifolia (same name information sources as above)	Appalachian Black Cohosh, Appalachian Bugbane	July, August	
Clematis glaucophylla (wiped out in the wild in Virginia so not in the Flora of Virginia)	Whiteleaf Leatherflower	Late June, July, August	Cherry red
C. viorna (hybridized with Clematis plants in the Vegetable Garden so many shoots removed in 2016)	Northern Leatherflower, Vase Vine	June, July, August	Reddish purple with some white

Clethra acuminata	Cinnamon Clethra, Mountain Pepperbush	July, August	White
C. alnifolia (‘Hummingbird’ & ‘Rosea’ as well)	Summersweet, Sweet Pepperbush		
Collinsonia canadensis	Northern Horse Balm, Richweed	August	Yellow
Coreopsis major C. verticillata ‘Grandiflora’ (‘Golden Showers’) & ‘Zagreb’ C. tripteris	Woodland Coreopsis Threadleaf Coreopsis  Tall Coreopsis	June, July, August  July, August	Golden yellow
Cornus amomum  C. sericea (C. stolonifera in the Flora of Virginia)	Silky Dogwood  Redosier Dogwood	June (possibly July for C. sericea). Both planted along Turkeycock Run so hard to see.	White
Cyrilla racemiflora	Swamp Cyrilla, Titi	June, July	White
Delphinium exaltatum	Tall Delphinium	July, August	Blue
Dicentra eximia	Wild Bleeding Heart	June, July, August (light bloom; heaviest bloom in the spring)	Pink
Diervilla lonicera	Northern Bush-Honeysuckle	June, July, August (heaviest bloom early in summer)	Yellow
Doellingeria umbellata (Aster umbellatus)	Flat-Top Aster, Tall Flat-Topped White Aster	August	White
Echinacea purpurea (naturalized in Virginia from further west & south) - The true native E. laevigata is endangered; it is even difficult to grow hybrids between the 2 species.	Purple Coneflower	June, July, August	Pink with purple center
Elephantopus carolinianus	Carolina Elephantsfoot	August	Lavender
Elymus hystrix (Hystrix patula)	Bottlebrush Grass	June onward	Green turning tawny
Erigeron annuus  E. pulchellus	Annual Fleabane, Eastern Daisy Fleabane (an annual that reseeds readily so only allow to remain in some areas)  Robin’s Plantain (herbaceous perennial; found on soils in nature with higher calcium levels - calcareous soils; harder to grow than the above)	June, July, August  Early June	White  White, blue, or purple
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master (subtle flower but good butterfly plant)	June, July, August	Whitish green
Euonymus atropurpureus	Wahoo	June	Dark purple
Eupatorium perfoliatum (a cultivar currently in the garden)	Boneset	July, August	White
Eutrochium fistulosum (Eupatorium fistulosum) – native to the stream valley; very tall plants Eutrochium maculatum ‘Gateway’ (Eupatorium maculatum) – in Native Perennial Border but declining since dry there	Joe Pye Weed	July, August	Pink to lighter purple
Euphorbia corollata	Flowering Spurge	June, July, August	White

Eurybia divaricata (Aster divaricatus; reseeds & spreads readily)	White Wood Aster	Late July, August	White
Eurybia macrophylla (Aster macrophyllus – slow growing in our region – found in the mountains & Piedmont of Virginia)	Bigleaf Aster (both species are shade-loving asters)		Lavender, blue, or rarely white
Filipendula rubra	Queen of the Prairie	June, July	Pink
Helianthus divaricatus	Spreading Sunflower, Woodland Sunflower	July, August (June also for H. divaricatus)	Yellow
H. occidentalis	Western Sunflower, Fewleaf Sunflower		
H. strumosus	Paleleaf Woodland Sunflower, Woodland Sunflower, Pale-Leaved Sunflower		
Heliopsis helianthoides	False Sunflower	June, July, August	Golden yellow
Heuchera americana	American Alumroot	June, July	Greenish, white or pink
H. villosa	Hairy Alumroot	Late June, July, August	White to pinkish
Hibiscus moscheutos	Rose Mallow	July, August	Pink forms in 2016; white with red-eyed forms may come back in the future
Hydrangea arborescens (flowers & foliage of the species type often eaten by deer) & 'Annabelle' (double flower; deer eat to a lesser extent than the species type)	Wild Hydrangea & Annabelle Hydrangea, respectively	June & July for the species. 'Annabelle' looks like it's in bloom into August & beyond (bracts, not true flowers)	White
Hylotelephium telephioides (Sedum telephioides)	Alleghany Stonecrop	August	White to light pink
Hypericum mutilum	Dwarf St. Johnswort (seeds here & there - not planted)	June, July, August	Golden yellow (occasional bloom in early fall – heavier bloom in summer)
Impatiens capensis	Orange Jewelweed, Orange Touch-Me-Not	June, July, August	Orange
Ipomoea pandurata	Wild Potato Vine, Man of the Earth	July, August	White with red eye
Iris prismatica	Slender Blue Iris, Slender Blue Flag	June	Light blue to lilac
Itea virginica cultivars	Virginia Sweetspire	June	White
Kalmia latifolia cultivars	Mountain Laurel	June	Many colors for cultivars - pink, white, & combinations (some banded with burgundy)

Leucothoe axillaris (L. fontanesiana does not bloom this late)	Coastal Leucothoe, Coastal Doghobble	A few blooms may last into early June	White
Liatris spicata	Blazing Star, Liatris	June, July, August	Lavender
Lilium superbum (deer eat the blooms some years; not easy to grow – specialized habitats)	Turk's Cap Lily	July, August	Orange
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	July, August	Red
L. siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia		Blue
Note: A species that is generally not planted by gardeners is L. inflata (Indian Tobacco) - an annual with tiny blue & white flowers that pops up here & there.			
Lonicera sempervirens 'Blanche Sandman'	Trumpet Honeysuckle  (other selections are grown in the Arbor Garden & the Vista Garden)	Heaviest bloom in spring but can have light bloom in the summer	Orange red for this cultivar
Lysimachia quadrifolia	Whorled Lysimachia	June, July	Yellow
Magnolia virginiana The more southern type 'Henry Hicks' is in the Native Mixed Border by the Townhouse Gardens fence - the leaves are more evergreen.  The local species type is across the Turkeycock Run bridge - it is native to the site. It is growing in the magnolia bog/ seepage swamp & the adjacent woods.	Sweetbay Magnolia	June, sometimes later in the summer	White (fragrant)
Manfreda virginica (Agave virginica)	Eastern False Aloe	June, July	Greenish white
Monarda didyma cultivars & seedlings	Bee Balm, Oswego Tea	June, July, August	Red
M. fistulosa  Note: Only a small amount of M. clinopodia (Basil Bee Balm) is alive – white blooms in June & July	Wild Bergamot, Bee Balm	June, July, sometimes early August	Lavender; hybrids of M. didyma & M. fistulosa also seen – sometimes pink flowered
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Pink Muhlygrass, Hair-Awn Muhly	August; some plants bloom sooner than others	Pinkish or purplish
Napaea dioica	Glade Mallow	June, July	White (subtle – grow for foliage)
Oenothera biennis (reseeds heavily so weed out of most places)	Common Evening Primrose	June, July, August	Yellow
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood	Late June, July, August	White
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	June, July, & onward	Green turning tawny or reddish
Passiflora lutea	Yellow Passionflower	June, July, August	Light yellow

Penstemon digitalis	White Penstemon	June	White or purplish
P. hirsutus (if no longer in the garden will replant in 2017; shorter plant than the above)	Hairy Penstemon	June & sometimes a few in July	White & lavender
Phacelia bipinnatifida (a biennial)	Fern-leaved Phacelia, Forest Phacelia	June (heavier bloom in spring)	Blue to lavender blue
Phlox glaberrima	Smooth Phlox	June (can have a few throughout the summer)	Pink
P. paniculata (only a few left) & 'Jeana'	Summer Phlox	July, August (sometimes fragrant)	
Physostegia virginiana 'Pink Manners' & 'Vivid'	False Dragonhead, Obedient Plant	August	Pink
Ptelea trifoliata	Hop Tree	June	Greenish white
Pycnanthemum muticum	Mountain Mint	June, July, August	White to light violet; whitish bracts
Note: P. incanum (Hoary Mountain Mint) was planted in 2016 – should bloom in about the same time period as the above			
Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea	Early June	Orange. Some selections are orange red or yellow.
R. periclymenoides hybrid (probably with R. atlanticum; a few azaleas in this pocket in major decline due to shade from Magnolia tripetela – so this plant may no longer bloom well)	Hybrid Azalea	Early June (heavier bloom earlier)	White
R. viscosum (The later blooming var. serrulatum is a more southern form, but the variety name is no longer valid. The flowers generally are less showy but they are welcome later in the summer, & like the local species type they are often fragrant.)	Swamp Azalea (often fragrant)	June, July, August (a few flowers into September some years)	White; yellow for 'Lemon Drop'
Rhododendron maximum	Rosebay Rhododendron	June, July; sometimes a few in August	Rose to white
Rhus copallinum	Shining Sumac, Winged Sumac	June, July	Greenish yellow
Rubus odoratus	Flowering Raspberry	June, July, August	Pink
Rudbeckia fulgida	Orange Coneflower	July, August	Golden yellow
R. laciniata	Cutleaf Coneflower, Green-Headed Coneflower		Yellow
R. triloba	Three-Lobed Coneflower, Browneyed Susan	Late June, July, August	Golden yellow

Saccharum brevibarbe var. contortum	Bent-Awn Plumegrass, Sortbeard Plumegrass	Late July, August	Green turning purplish or orangish
S. giganteum	Sugarcane Plumegrass, Giant Plumegrass	July, August	Green turning pinkish
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	July, August	Green or bluish then turning orangish
Scutellaria incana (sun-loving)	Downy Skullcap	July, August	Blue
S. serrata (shade-loving)	Showy Skullcap, Alleghany Skullcap	June	
Silene stellata	Starry Campion	Late June, July, August	White with a touch of green at base
Silphium asteriscus (S. dentatum) & S. asteriscus var. trifoliatum (formerly classified as S. trifoliatum)	Southern Rosinweed, Whorled Rosinweed	July, August	Yellow
S. perfoliatum	Cup Plant	(late June also for S. asteriscus)	
S. terebinthinaceum	Prairie Rosinweed, Prairie Dock		
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Narrowleaf Blue-Eyed Grass	June	Blue
<b>Shade Loving Goldenrods:</b> Solidago caesia	Wreath Goldenrod, Blue-Stemmed Goldenrod	August	Yellow
S. flexicaulis (both are fairly short)	Zigzag Goldenrod, Broad-Leaved Goldenrod		
<b>Sun Loving Goldenrods:</b> S. rugosa (tall)	Rough-Stemmed Goldenrod, Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod	2 new species planted in 2016 – S. odora (Sweet Goldenrod) & S. speciosa (Showy Goldenrod) - trying again.	
<b>Adaptable - Sun or Some Shade:</b> S. sphacelata 'Golden Fleece' (short; have not grown the species type)	Golden Fleece Goldenrod		
S. ulmifolia (taller than the above)	Elmleaf Goldenrod		
Spiraea alba	White Meadowsweet, Narrowleaf Meadowsweet, Spiraea (Spirea)	June, July, August	White
S. virginiana	Virginia Spiraea (Spirea)	June, July	
Stylophorum diphyllum	Yellow Wood Poppy	Heaviest bloom in spring but a few throughout the summer	Yellow
Symphotrichum laeve (Aster laevis) (deer often eat part of the species type plants so see little bloom. The showier 'Bluebird' was planted in 2016.)	Smooth Blue Aster	A few blooms in late July & August in moist, sunny sites - peak bloom in the fall.	Blue
S. novae-angliae (Aster novae-angliae)	New England Aster	New England Aster can have a few flowers as early as late June.	Purple or lavender
S. oblongifolium (Aster oblongifolius)	Shale Barren Aster	Late August	Blue

<i>Thalictrum pubescens</i>	Tall Meadow Rue	June, July	White
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i> & hybrids	Spiderwort	June, July (August in some years; heaviest bloom in the spring)	Species is blue or purple; hybrids are lavender here
<i>Vaccinium stamineum</i>	Deerberry	June	Greenish & white
<i>Verbesina alternifolia</i>	Wingstem	June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i> (the similar <i>V. noveboracensis</i> or New York Ironweed is not in the Virginia Native Plant Garden – it is in the Entrance Garden)	Tall Ironweed	July, August (a few flowers in late June some years)	Magenta
<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> )	Possumhaw Viburnum, Smooth Witherod Viburnum	Early June	
<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canada Violet, Tall White Violet	Heaviest bloom in spring but a few in the summer some years	White
<i>Zenobia pulverulenta</i>	Zenobia, Honeycup	June	White
<i>Zizia aurea</i> (basal leaves are compound)	Golden Zizia, Golden Alexanders	Mostly in spring but sometimes in August	Golden yellow

Scientific Name of Plants with Ornamental Summer Fruit	Common Name	Month of Fruiting (spring included)	Color of Fruit
<i>Amelanchier</i> species, hybrids, & cultivars	Juneberry, Serviceberry, Shadblow	May, June	Purple to purplish black
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard, American Spikenard	August in some years	Dark purple
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> (frequently dies off in old locations & reseeds – has not been easy to grow in the Virginia Native Plant Garden)	Jack-In-The-Pulpit	July, August	Red
<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Golden Seal	June, sometimes July	Red
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	August	Red (female plants)



Magnolia acuminata	Cucumbertree Magnolia	July, August	Black with visible red seeds
M. macrophylla (large leaves; further back so hard to see)	Bigleaf Magnolia		
M. tripetala (large leaves as well but plants are easy to see)	Umbrella Magnolia		
M. virginiana (the more southern type 'Henry Hicks' by Townhouse Gardens fence; local species type in magnolia bog/ seepage swamp across Turkeycock Run bridge is native to the site)	Sweet Bay Magnolia		
Maianthemum racemosum (Smilacina racemosa)	False Solomon's Seal	August	Red & white speckled, then turning red
M. stellatum (Smilacina stellata)	Star-Flowered False Solomon's Seal, Starry False Solomon's Seal	Late July, August	Green with black stripes, then turning blackish red or black
Morus rubra (possibly a hybrid with the non-native M. alba or White Mulberry)	Red Mulberry	June (possibly May in other parts of Virginia)	Dull red, dark purple, or black
Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low' (species type plant at Green Spring does not fruit – male)	Gro-Low Sumac	June	Red
R. copallinum	Shining Sumac, Winged Sumac	August	
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry	June (starts in late May some years)	Blue

**Note: Deer damage** has been extensive for several years (damage levels have been increasing since 2007). Some plants have died due feeding injury, while some woody plants have died due to bark injury during the rut (breeding season). In addition, some plant that used to bloom well have their blooms eaten off or are reduced in vigor enough that they don't bloom anymore. The number of plants of many species has significantly declined.

**Scientific Names Of Plants - Current Names Are From:**

- **Encyclopedia of Life** (<http://eol.org/>) – institutional partners include Harvard University, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Smithsonian Institution, and The Field Museum.
- **Tropicos** from the Missouri Botanical Garden (<http://tropicos.org/>)

If a second scientific name is given, it is usually an old name that is still seen in some references or used by some nurseries. However, the above databases do not always agree on names. -

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The **Kemper Center for Home Gardening Plantfinder** at the Missouri Botanical Garden is an excellent reference for plant names, gardening information, and photographs (<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>).

It features plants in their Kemper Center display gardens and is an excellent website about ornamental plants.

**Landscaping With Native Plants. Maryland Native Plant Society.**

(<http://www.mdflora.org/resources/Publications/GardenersGuidelines/Landscaping-Natives.pdf>). This booklet is also available in print form.

The Lady Bird Wildflower Center at the University of Texas in Austin has developed the **Native Plant Information Network** for native plants (<http://www.wildflower.org/explore/>).

**Native Plants for Northern Virginia** (<http://www.plantnovanatives.org/>). This booklet is also available in print form. It is a publication of the Plant NoVA Natives initiative, which includes the Virginia Native Plant Society.

**USDA PLANTS Database** (<http://plants.usda.gov/java/>) - this database focuses on plants native to the U.S. and to U.S. Territories and Protectorates, as well as naturalized non-natives and invasives. It is also used to determine distribution within Virginia by county.

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