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PLANTS THAT GO THE DISTANCE

SUNTORY
FLOWERS

Extreme heat, drought, fluctuating temperatures and wind add challenges to the way we garden. Melinda will discuss plants that tolerate these extremes yet continue to look their best. She'll include some traditional favorites and new cultivars of plants you will want to add to your gardens and containers. Plus, tips for keeping them healthy and looking their best.

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- **Signet Marigolds** (*Tagetes tenuifolia*) has lemon-citrus fragrance when crushed, rated the most heat and drought tolerant of the marigolds
- **Zinnias** have pollinator appeal, look for disease resistance, from seed to flower in about 8 weeks
 - **Profusion** (shown) & **Zahara** are compact plants with good disease resistance
 - **Profusion Double White Improved** is a 2026 introduction with good white color that doesn't fade, **Fleuroselect** award winner
 - **Crestar Mix** is a 2025 AAS winner, 18 to 23" tall, semi-double blooms with pronounced disc, various colors
- **Suntory BeeDance® Bidens** (*Bidens*) is sturdy and compact with large flowers, frost and cold tolerant
 - **Painted Red Improved**, **Painted Orange** and **Yellow Improved** are new for 2026
- **Fan Flower** (*Scaevola aemula*) is a trailer, good for containers, edging plant
 - **Bombay Compact Blue**
 - **Surdiva® White Improved**, **Surdiva® Blue Violet Improved**, **Surdiva® Fashion Pink Improved**
 - **Stardiva® White** is even more compact and low growing
- **Portulaca Mojave® Tangerine Improved** - low growing, large, self-cleaning flowers close during cloudy days and late afternoon and evenings
- **Mercardonia** - small, compact plant (2-5" x 12"), annual groundcover, edger, container plant, tolerates temperatures to 20°F, Zones 9 to 11
- **Lantana** - perennial / shrub in Zones 7 to 11, great pollinator plant, fairly free flowering, remove any fruit that forms to keep it blooming, can be overwintered indoors, **invasive in some areas**, so look for sterile cultivars or non-invasive alternative
- **Cupheas** - a hummingbird favorite, many new varieties, different colors and sizes available, grow in containers or mixed borders
 - **Cherry Bells** is a compact cultivar
 - **C. llavea Flamenco Samba**, **C. cyanea**, **C. procumbens Totally Tempted® Frosted Violet™**
- **Suntory Annual Vincas** (*Catharanthus*) **Soiree® Series** has excellent heat and drought tolerance, no need to deadhead, unique flowers and more compact growth habit
 - **Soiree® Kawaii Series** offer an abundance of dainty flowers on a compact plant, **Lilac Dream** is new for 2026
 - **Soiree® Kawaii Hot Pink** shown with **Frosted Curls** sedge and **Sundenia® Suprema Vivid Pink Mandevilla**

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- Also in the Soiree® Kawaii Series: Blueberry Kiss, Coral, Coral Reef, Red Shades, White Peppermint
- Soiree® Flamenco Series with ruffled flowers - Electric Salmon Eye, Plum Velvet & Strawberry Picotee are new for 2026; Salsa Red, Señorita Pink, Pink Twist
- Soiree® Double Series includes: Orchid Improved, Pink Improved, Pure White
- **Angelonias** - various heights and colors, free-flowering and low maintenance - making them easy to use in containers and garden beds
 - Sungelonia® White is compact with excellent branching, 12-15"
 - Guardian Angel™ Berry Sparkler has large flowers, 16-18" tall
- **Globe Amaranth**
 - Truffula™ Pink (*Gomphrena pulchella*) is up to 24" tall, free flowering; shown with Soiree® Kawaii Lilac Dream and Papyrus
 - *Gomphrena globosa* 'Ping Pong Purple' is free flowering; shown with white *Lantana*, *Verbena bonariensis*, *Salvia guaranitica* and *Tradescantia pallida*
 - *Gomphrena haageana* 'Strawberry Fields' and *Gomphrena* 'Fireworks'
- **Mexican Giant Hyssop** (*Agastache mexicana*) Summerlong™ Series (Lemon, Coral, Lilac, Peach and Magenta) is earlier to bloom and longer flowering; grow in containers or garden beds, 15-24", Zones 7 to 10
- **Cockscomb** (*Celosia* spp.) - various sizes and colors, free flowering, great cut and dried flower
 - **Wheat Type** (*Celosia spicata*) - Asian Garden shown with Lacinato Kale
 - ❖ Intenz Classic, Kelos® Candela Pink, Flamingo Feather
 - **Plume Type** (*Celosia argentea plumosa*) - Fresh Look Gold 12", Dragon's Breath 24", Flamma Pink 14-18"
 - **Crested Type** - *Celosia cristata* 'Dracula' shown, 16" tall, fun kid plant
- **Mealycup Sage** (*Salvia farinacea*) - short to tall, free flowering, dried reminds me of lavender without the fragrance, native species, Zones 8 to 10
 - Mystic Spires Blue - 18 to 24" tall, Texas A&M rated most heat and drought tolerant, perennial Zone 7 and warmer
 - Mystical Blue - 12 to 18", abundant bloom, National Garden Bureau 2026 Green Thumb Award
- **Granvia Strawflowers** (*Bracteantha*) - 18 to 30", Zones 8 or 9 to 10; large, abundant, long lasting flowers on sturdy stems, great as fresh cut and dried flowers (Harvest flowers when two to three layers of the petal-like bracts have unfolded but the center is still tightly closed. The flower will continue to open as it dries so waiting too long results in a more open bloom. Regularly harvesting will encourage even more flowers)
 - **Granvia Series** includes: Crimson Sun, Gold, Harvest Orange, Orange Flame (new for 2026), Peachy Keen, Pink, White



About Melinda

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening, the recently revised Midwest Gardener's Handbook, and Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" program airing on radio stations throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" Instant Video series, including Food Gardening for Everyone. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine, and writes a nationally-distributed gardening column. She appears regularly as a guest expert on national and local television and radio shows.

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- **Mandevillas** - Zones 10 to 11

- Sun Parasol® FiredUp™ Series is multi-tonal, upright, with narrower leaves: Coral (new 2026) and Orange
- Sun Parasol® XP Series exhibits better branching, earlier bloom and abundant flowers: Bluephoria®, Double Pink Blush, Pink, Sunbeam (yellow), Mauvelous
- Sun Parasol® Pretty Series has superior branching, thinner leaves and is more cold tolerant: Crimson & Pink
- Sun Parasol® Garden Series is compact, good for containers and the garden: Crimson & White
- Sun Parasol® Apricot is a fast and vigorous grower; good for hanging baskets, containers or garden beds
- Sun Parasol® Giant Series plants have the largest flowers and are vigorously growing climbers: White, Dark Pink, Peach Sunrise, Crimson, Pink

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PERENNIAL PLANT TRIALS & EVALUATIONS

- * Chicago Botanic Garden Plant Evaluations
- * Mt. Cuba Center Plant Trials
- * Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

- **Prairie Smoke** (*Geum triflorum*) - late spring flowers, attractive seed heads, foliage lasts all season, 6 to 14" in bloom, great edger and groundcover zones, native, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 6
- **Fern Leaved Bleeding Heart** (*Dicentra 'Pink Diamonds'*) - summer long blooms, grow in full sun, 16 to 18" tall, Zones 3 to 9, also White Diamonds
- **Blue False Indigo** (*Baptisia australis*) - 3 to 4', spring to summer blooms, black seed pods, attractive blue-green foliage; pollinators, hummingbirds, host plant, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 10
- **Blanket Flower** (*Gaillardia*) - short lived perennial that tends to bloom itself to death, especially in the North, often grown as an annual, Zones 3 to 9
- **Threadleaf Coreopsis** (*Anacis verticillata*, formerly *Coreopsis verticillata*) - long blooming, divide if repeat flowering is limited, attractive foliage; pollinator and bird friendly, Zones 3 to 9
- **Catmint** (*Nepeta* spp.) - long blooming, low maintenance, some cultivars reseed readily, flop open and need a trim once or twice during the growing season: Walker's Low, Cat Walk Queen is 10-12" tall, long flowers, Zones 3 to 8
- **Calamint** (*Calamintha nepeta nepeta*, now *Clinopodium nepeta*) - bee favorite, long blooming, 18" tall mound, Zones 5 to 7
- **Flowering Onion** (*Allium*) - summer blooming, clumping upright attractive foliage, round flowers with pollinator appeal: Windy City and Millenium shown
- **English Lavender** (*Lavandula angustifolia*) - Hidcote and Munstead hardiest cultivars, good drainage and full sun critical to success, fragrant, Zones (4) 5 to 9

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- **Rattlesnake Master** (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) - 3 to 6' tall, yucca-like foliage, long blooming, round summer flowers; great pollinator plant, deer resistant, Zones 4 to 9
- **Wild Quinine** (*Parthenium*) - 3 to 5', I have had success in hot, dry sunny locations, long blooming, summer flowers; pollinators, deer resistant, Zones 4 to 8
- **Lavender Hyssop** (*Agastache foeniculum*) - long blooming, long lasting lavender flowers, fragrant leaves when crushed; prefers moist, well-drained soil, I have had success in hot, dry locations; pollinators, hummingbirds, deer resistant, Zones 2 to 6
- **Butterfly Weed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*) - Monarch host plant, hummingbirds, butterflies and bees nectar on flowers; clumping species not aggressive like Common Milkweed, late to emerge, 2 to 3' tall, Zones 3 or 4 to 9 or 10
- **Blazing Star** (*Liatris spicata*) - 3 to 5' tall, lavender-pink-purple flowers in August to September, cut flower; pollinators, hummingbirds, songbirds, host plant
- **Dotted Blazing Star** (*Liatris punctata*) - 2' tall, purple flowers in July to September, good cut and dried flower (holds color), one of the most drought tolerant, Zones 3 to 9
- **Rough Blazing Star** (*Liatris aspera*) - 2 to 3' tall, lavender-pink flowers in August to September, cut flower; pollinators, hummingbirds, songbirds, host plant, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 8
- **Russian Sage** (*Salvia yangii*, formerly *Perovskia atriplicifolia*) - subshrub, long blooming, lavender flowers and silvery foliage, **Denim 'n Lace** and **Blue Jean Baby** top rated in [Chicago Botanic Garden trials](#)
- **Sedums** (*Hylotelephium*, *Petrosedum*, *Phedimus* & *Sedum* genera) - heat and drought tolerant, groundcover and upright plants with green, variegated, colorful foliage and flowers, hardiness varies with species
 - **Spellbound** and **Night Embers** shown
 - **Strawberry Milkshake Sedum**, *Pennisetum* 'Lemon Squeeze' and **Edge of Night Hibiscus**
 - **Groundcover Sedums** on green roof, *Petrosedum rupestre* 'Angelina' shown
- **Goldenrods** (*Solidago* spp.) - yellow flowers in August to September; birds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant, deer resistant
 - **Showy Goldenrod** (*Solidago speciosa*) - 2 to 4' tall, Zones 3 to 8
 - **Stiff Goldenrod** (*Solidago rigida*) - 3 to 5' tall, deadhead to prevent reseeding, Zones 3 to 9
 - **Anise Scented Goldenrod** (*Solidago odorata*) - 2 to 4' tall, leaves are fragrant when crushed, Zones 4 to 10
 - **Zig Zag Goldenrod** (*Solidago flexicaulis*) - 1 to 4' tall, forms an "attractive patch", Zones 3 to 8
 - *Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks' - top spot in [Mt. Cuba Center Solidago for the Mid-Atlantic Region trials](#)
 - [Chicago Botanic Garden Solidago Plant Evaluation](#)
- **Aromatic Aster** (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*) - 2' tall, purple flowers mature to reddish-purple, upright plants, flowers August to October (November); pollinators, birds, Zones 3 to 8
- **Hens 'n Chicks** (*Sempervivum*) - "flourish where other plants would die"; yellow, pink, red, burgundy, white flowers in summer, Zones 4 to 8
 - **Gold Nugget** cultivar and mixed planting shown

- **Prickly Pear Cactus** (*Opuntia*) - native species in the lower 48 states, SW Ontario and part of Western Canada; flowers, pads and fruit edible when peeled; bees, butterflies, songbirds, deer resistant, salt tolerant, Zones 3 to 9; **invasive in some parts of the world**
- **Adam's Needle** (*Yucca filamentosa*) - 2 to 3' tall, evergreen foliage, biennial bloomer, white flowers in summer; hummingbirds, moths, butterflies, songbirds, small mammals, deer resistant, Zones 4 to 11
 - **Color Guard** - green and yellow variegated foliage, Zones 4 to 10
 - **Yucca glauca** - native to Great Plains from Canada to Texas, roots contain saponins used to make soap, Zones 4 to 8
 - **Yucca 'Dragon Slayer'** - powdery blue foliage, Zones 5 to 10
- **Glow Sticks Fescue** (*Festuca arundinacea* 'Glow Sticks') - 2 to 3' tall, bright yellow flowers, sun or shade; prefers moist, well-drained soil, but tolerates drought, Zones 3 to 8
- **Prairie Dropseed** (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) - 2 to 4' tall, fragrant cream / green flowers, golden fall color; host plant birds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 8
- **Blue Grama Grass** (*Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition') - 3' tall, full sun, blue-green foliage; horizontal, white feathery flowers turn into yellow seedheads
- **Switchgrass** (*Panicum virgatum*) - green / cream flowers August to September, adaptable, species reseeds readily; birds, host plant, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 10
 - **Shenandoah** - 4 to 5' tall, new growth blue-green with red tips, turning burgundy in fall
 - **Northwind** - 4 to 6' tall, strongly upright clump, Zones 3 to 9
- **Little Bluestem** (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) - ever-changing, attractive foliage of grey-green, pink, purple, copper, mahogany, red and orange, wispy white flowers; host plant, pollinators, Zones 3 to 9
 - **Blue Heaven** - more upright, brighter steel blue foliage, good fall color, Zones 3 to 9
 - **Little Red Fox** - 24 to 30" tall, grey-green leaves turn reddish mid-summer, Zones 5 to 8
- **Blackhawks Big Bluestem** (*Andropogon gerardii* 'Blackhawks') - 5' tall, foliage emerges green to dark purple and becomes nearly black in fall, Zones 3 to 9

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- **Texas Scarlet Quince** (*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Texas Scarlet') - 3 to 4' tall, early spring bright red flowers, thorns, lumpy apple-like fruit; butterflies, hummingbirds, deer and salt resistant, Zones 5 to 9
- **Lilac** (*Syringa* spp.) - look for species and cultivars resistant to powdery mildew, have desired mature size; spring flowers of white, purples and pinks; pollinators, hummingbirds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 7
 - **Bloomerang Series** - repeat blooming, Zones 3 to 7
- **Ninebark** (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) - 5 to 8' tall, pink-white flowers, reddish fruit, cultivars with various colorful foliage; bees, pollinators, small mammals, songbirds, Zones 2 to 8
 - **Amber Jubilee** shown - 5 to 7' tall; orange, yellow and gold foliage turns purple in fall, Zones 2 to 7
- **Weigela** (*Weigela florida*) - wide range of sizes, foliage color and bloom; flowers in late spring / summer and may flower sporadically throughout the season or again in fall; butterflies and hummingbirds, deer and salt resistant, Zones 4 to 8

- **Shrub Rose** (*Rosa* spp.) - hardy, repeat bloomers; deer, rabbits and Japanese beetles are an issue
- **Kodiak Series Bush Honeysuckle** (*Diervilla*) - 3 to 4' tall, fast grower; new growth red, orange, black turning burgundy or red in fall; yellow summer flowers, pollinators, Zones 4 to 7
- **Kalm's St. John's Wort** (*Hypericum kalmianum*) - native, 2 to 4' tall, full sun to part shade, blue-green foliage, yellow summer flowers, also wet to moist soil tolerant; bees, butterflies, deer resistant, Zones 4 to 7
- **Rose of Sharon** (*Hibiscus syriacus*) - 8 to 12', late summer flowers of white, purple, pink or gold; some varieties reseed readily; butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators, bees, deer, wet and salt resistant, Zones 5 to 9
 - **Magenta Chiffon** shown - double ruffled flowers, 8 to 10' tall, Zones 5 to 9
- **Blue Mist Spirea** (*Caryopteris x clandonensis*) - 2 to 3' tall, late summer fragrant blue flowers, silver-grey foliage; bees and butterflies, deer resistant, usually listed as only hardy to Zone 6 - I grow it in Zone 5 and have seen in Zone 4, Zones 4 to 9
- **Juniper** (*Juniperus* spp.) - variety of habits from groundcover to large, upright plants, hardiness varies with species

PLANTS FOR MOIST TO WET & FLOODED AREAS

- Look to rain garden plants for your area

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- Managing mosquitoes in areas with regular temporary flooding - set Mosquito Dunk on rebar in those areas where needed
- **Impatiens** (*Impatiens*) - sun or shade tolerance varies, look for those resistant to downy mildew, like **Beacon**, **Glimmer**, **Imara XDR** or **Bounce**
- **Monkey Flower** (*Mimulus*) - annual and perennial species of various heights, summer bloom, pollinators
- **Spider Flower** (*Cleome houtteana*, formerly *Cleome hassleriana*) - full sun to light shade; pink, purple and white flowers; species reseeds readily; bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, deer and rabbit resistant, Zones 8 to 11
 - **Sparkler Blush** shown
- **Calla Lily** (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) - 2 to 3' tall, full sun to part shade, fragrant flowers; bees, deer resistant, Zones 8 to 10
- **Canna** (*Canna*) - drought and wet soil tolerant, full to part sun, overwinter rhizomes where not hardy, Zones 8 to 10
- **Elephant Ears** (*Colocasia*) - 3 to 10', attractive foliage, overwinter plant or bulb indoors where not hardy, Zones 8 to 12
- **Papyrus** (*Cyperus papyrus*) - full to part shade, Zones 9 to 12

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- **Eastern Skunk Cabbage** (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) - native to upper Midwest, thermogenesis (ability to generate heat), full sun to part shade, odiferous white / maroon flowers emerge in late winter / early spring, followed by large green leaves; gnats, flies, songbirds, Zones 4 to 7 (8)
 - **Western Skunk Cabbage** (*Lysichiton americanus*)
- **Marsh Marigold** (*Caltha palustris*) - 12 to 18" tall, full sun to part shade, native, yellow spring flowers, persistent glossy green leaves; bees, flies, pollinators, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 7

- **Canadian Anemone** (*Anemone canadensis*) - 12" tall, full to part sun, good groundcover, white flowers in spring to early summer, foliage persists; bees and butterflies, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 8
- **Blue Star** (*Amsonia hubrichtii*) - native, 2 to 3' tall, best in full sun, flops in too much shade, reseeds, blue flowers in spring, fine foliage, golden amber fall color, also drought tolerant; butterflies, deer resistant, Zones 4 to 9
 - Mt. Cuba Center 10 Year Study of Amsonia for the Mid-Atlantic Region
- **Goat's Beard** (*Aruncus dioicus*) - 3 to 6' tall, best in part shade (full sun if soil is moist), fern-like foliage, white flowers spring / summer; butterflies, bees, pollinators, songbirds, deer and rabbit resistant, Zones 3 to 7
 - **Misty Lace** - 3 to 3.5' tall, also heat and humidity tolerant, red stems with white flowers in early to mid summer; bee friendly, deer resistant, good disease resistance, Zones 3 to 7
- **False Spirea** (*Astilbe x arendsii*) - 1 to 4' tall, part to full shade, bloom time and flower color varies with cultivar, consistent moisture key; butterflies, deer and rabbit resistant, Zones 3 to 9
 - *Astilbe x arendsii* 'Amethyst' - shown, 12 to 24" tall
 - *Astilbe* 'Dark Side of the Moon' - 20 to 22" tall, leaves emerge yellow with dark margin, turning chocolate brown, raspberry buds open to rosy-purple flowers, Zones 4 to 8
 - Sesame Street Abby Cadabby Astilbe (*Astilbe chinensis*) - 28" tall, fluffy pink flowers, \$1 from each plant supports Sugar Creek's local PBS station
- **Leopard Plant** (*Ligularia dentata*) - shade, yellow daisy-like flowers in June to July, Zones 3 to 8
 - **Britte-Marie Crawford** - 1.5 to 2' tall, glossy dark purple-black leaves, orange-yellow flowers
 - **Desdemona** - leaves emerge purplish-red, mature to dark green above, purple beneath
 - *Ligularia stenocephala* 'The Rocket' - 18 to 12" tall, part shade, spikes of yellow flowers in summer, Zones 4 to 8
- **Rodger's Flower** (*Rodgersia* spp.) - 3 to 5' tall, full sun (moist soil) to part shade, spring / summer white or pink flowers, palmately compound leaves, Zones 3 to 7
- **Bugbane** (*Actaea racemosa*) - native, 4 to 7' tall, part to full shade, white summer flowers, fern-like foliage; butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators, songbirds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 8
- **Swamp / Red Milkweed** (*Asclepias incarnata*) - 3 to 5' tall, full sun, fragrant pink flowers June to July; birds, butterflies, pollinators, hummingbirds, host plant for several butterflies and moths, Zones 3 to 9
- **Cardinal Flower** (*Lobelia cardinalis*) - 2 to 4' tall, full sun to part sun, red flowers July to September; butterflies, hummingbirds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 9
- **Great Blue Lobelia** (*Lobelia siphilitica*) - 1 to 4' tall, full to part sun, blue flowers July to September; butterflies, pollinators, hummingbirds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 9
- **Hardy Hibiscus** (*Hibiscus moscheutos*) - native and cultivars available, 2 to 6' tall, full to part sun, late to emerge, huge summer flowers of white, pink, burgundy; butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators, bees, Zones 4 to 9
 - Summerific® Series - many colors available, more compact than the species
 - Summerific® Cherry Choco Latte - white flowers with pink veins and red eye, dark olive green leaves
 - **Edge of Night** - bubblegum pink flowers with jet black foliage

- **Turtlehead** (*Chelone* spp.) - 2 to 5' tall, full sun to part shade, summer to fall white or pink flowers; bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 8
- **Ironweed** (*Vernonia* spp.) - 3 to 12' tall, full to part sun; butterflies, bees, pollinators, songbirds, deer resistant, hardiness varies with species
 - *Vernonia lettermannii* 'Iron Butterfly' - 2 to 3' tall, full to part sun, fine foliage, long blooming purple flowers in summer, Zones 4 to 9
- **Joe Pye Weed** (*Eutrochium maculatum*) - 4 to 7' tall, fragrant, long blooming pink-purple flowers summer to fall; bees, butterflies, pollinators, songbirds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 8
 - *Eutrochium fistulosum* - 4 to 8' tall, full to part sun, fragrant pink flowers summer to fall; bees, butterflies, pollinators, songbirds, Zones 4 to 8
- **Crooked Stem Aster** (*Symphotrichum prenanthoides*) - 2 to 3' tall, full to part sun, lavender flowers August to October, does not self-seed; pollinators, host plant, black walnut tolerant, Zones 3 to 7
- **Ferns** - shade; size, hardiness, light and moisture tolerance varies with species
 - **Maidenhair Fern** (*Adiantum pedatum*) - 1 to 2', shade, fine black stems display leaves in fan-like shape; deer and black walnut resistant, Zones 3 to 8
- **Sedge** (*Carex* spp.) - sun to shade, moist to wet soil and hardiness varies with species
 - *Carex muskingumensis* 'Little Midge' - 12" tall, fine foliage, sun to shade, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 9
 - *Carex oshimensis* 'Everillo' - 12" tall, part shade, yellow leaves, deer resistant, Zones 5 to 9

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- **Black Chokeberry** (*Aronia melanocarpa*) - native, suckering shrub, 3 to 10" tall, full sun to part shade, occasional dry as well, white flowers in spring, red fall color, black fruit; butterflies, pollinators, small mammals, songbirds, Zones 3 to 8
- **Serviceberry** (*Amelachier* spp.) - most are native, 3 to 18' tall, depending on species and cultivar; full sun to shade, fragrant white spring flowers, blueberry-like fruit in June; gold, red, burgundy fall color, smooth grey bark; bees, butterflies, pollinators, small mammals, Zones 4 to 9
- **Red Twig Dogwood** (*Cornus sericea*) - native, 3 to 9' tall, full sun to part shade, white flowers in spring / summer, white fruit in summer, red-purple fall color, red stems; bees, butterflies, pollinators, small mammals, songbirds, deer resistant, Zones 2 to 7
- **Elderberry** (*Sambucus canadensis*) - native suckering shrub, 5 to 12' tall, fragrant white flowers in late spring to summer, black fruit in summer, edible when cooked; butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators, small mammals, songbirds, Zones 4 to 8
- **Black Lace Elderberry** (*Sambucus nigra* 'Eva') - 6 to 10' tall, full sun to part shade, dark purple dissected leaves, fragrant pink flowers in early summer, edible black fruit when cooked; butterflies, songbirds, Zones 4 to 7
- **Summersweet** (*Clethra alnifolia*) - native, 3 to 10' tall, full sun to shade, fragrant white flowers in summer, yellow fall color; bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators, small mammals, songbirds, deer resistant, Zones 3 to 9
- **Virginia Sweetspire** (*Itea virginica*) - native, 3 to 8' tall, full sun to part shade, fragrant white flowers in summer, orange or red fall color; butterflies, pollinators, small mammals, songbirds, Zones 5 to 9
- **Buttonbush** (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) - 5 to 8' tall, full sun to part shade, occasional dry, round white flowers in summer, round reddish-brown fruit, yellow fall color; bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, small mammals, songbirds, deer resistant, Zones 5 to 9

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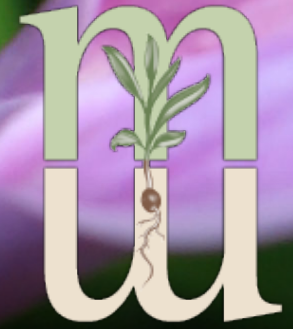


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