

Landscape Use for Northeast United States Native Shrubs

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<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>		✓		✓			✓					S	R	Evergreen.
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓		S	O	White flowers; red berries; red fall color.
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓		S	O	White flowers; edible black berries; orange fall color.
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>				✓			✓		✓			S, F	U	White flowers; important butterfly species.
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	✓								✓	✓		S, F	R	Unique white flowers attract butterflies.
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>			✓								✓	R	O	White fragrant flowers in summer; pink cultivars.
<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			S, F	R	Scented fern-like foliage.
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	✓								✓	✓	✓	F	F	White flowers; blue-black fruits; reddish stems in winter.
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	S, F	F	White flowers; white fruit on red pedicels.
<i>Cornus rugosa</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓			F	F	White flowers; white and blue fruit; red stems in winter.
<i>Cornus sericea</i>			✓						✓	✓		R	F	Available as cultivars.
<i>Corylus americana</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓			F	O	Edible nut; orange fall color.
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓			F	O	Edible nut; yellow fall color.
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			S, F	O	Small yellow flowers. Cultivar 'Copper'.
<i>Eubotrys racemosa</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	F	R	Small, white, bell-shaped flowers; red fall color.
<i>Ilex glabra</i>			✓						✓	✓		R	O	Evergreen; dioecious.***
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>			✓						✓	✓		R	O	Red fruit; available as cultivars; dioecious.
<i>Juniperus communis</i>			✓	✓			✓		✓			S	O	Evergreen; available as cultivars.
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>		✓					✓		✓			R	O	Evergreen; available as cultivars.

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<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓			R	O	Flowers; evergreen.
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	✓					✓						S, F	O	Late winter yellow flowers.
<i>Lonicera canadensis</i>			✓					✓				F	U	Yellow flowers; red berries.
<i>Morella pensylvanica</i>	✓						✓		✓	✓		S	R	Scented; semi-evergreen; blue waxy fruits; dioecious.
<i>Myrica gale</i>			✓						✓	✓		F	R	Scented lime green foliage.
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	✓		✓						✓			R	O	Available as red and yellow foliage cultivars.
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>			✓				✓		✓			R	R	Yellow flowers; flower color cultivars available.
<i>Prunus pumila var. depressa</i>		✓		✓			✓		✓			F	F	White flowers; black fruits; red fall color.
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓			R	R	Cultivar 'Gro-low'.
<i>Rhus typhina</i>	✓				✓				✓			S	O	Cultivar 'Tiger Eyes' and 'Laciniata'.
<i>Rosa virginiana</i>			✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		F	F	Scented pink flowers; orange-red rose hips.
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	✓						✓		✓	✓		S, F	O	White flowers; purple-black edible berries.
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>			✓	✓					✓	✓		F	R	Pink flower spires.
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>		✓							✓			R	R	White flowers; edible blue fruits; red fall color.
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	✓								✓			R	R	White flowers; edible blue fruits; red fall color; cultivars.
<i>Vaccinium staminium</i>			✓			✓			✓			F	U	White flowers; frosty foliage; blue fruits.
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>			✓			✓			✓			F	O	White flowers; blue-black fruits; pink fall color
<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	✓								✓	✓		F	O	White flowers; multi-color fruit; red fall color.
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	✓								✓	✓	✓	R	O	White flowers; blue-black fruits; cultivars available.
<i>Viburnum lantanoides</i>	✓								✓		✓	F	U	Large, white lace-cap flowers; pink-orange fall color.
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	✓								✓	✓	✓	S	O	White flowers; red fruits; red fall color.

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