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Native Plant List - Woodland

Herbaceous Perennials

Common Name	Scientific Name	Habit	Light Preference		Flower Color	Bloom Time			Height	Moisture Preference			Notes
			Shade	Sun		Spring	Summer	Fall		Wet	Mesic	Dry	
doll's eyes	<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	forb	●●		White	✿✿			12"-36"	●●●			
black cohosh	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	forb	●●●		White/ Cream		✿✿✿✿		24-72"	●●●			
red baneberry	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	forb	●●		White	✿✿✿			1'-2'	●●●			
wild columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	forb	●●●●		Red/ Yellow	✿✿			8"-36"	●●●●			
Jack in the pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	forb	●●		Green/ Maroon	✿✿✿			12"-36"	●●●			spring ephemeral
wild ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	forb	●●●		Maroon	✿✿✿			6"-12"	●●●			hosta alternative. good groundcover.
big-leaved aster	<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>	forb	●●●		Lavender		✿✿✿		12"-48"	●●●●			good groundcover.
blue cohosh	<i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>	forb	●●●		Yellow/ Maroon	✿✿			12"-24"	●●●			hosta alternative
dutchman's breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	forb	●●●		White	✿✿			4"-12"	●●●			spring ephemeral
yellow trout lily	<i>Erythronium americanum</i>	forb	●●		Yellow	✿✿			6"-8"	●●●			spring ephemeral
wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	forb	●●●●●		Pink/ Lavender	✿✿			12"-36"	●●●			good groundcover.
Virginia waterleaf	<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	forb	●●		Lavender	✿✿			8"-18"	●●●			good groundcover.
feathery false solomon	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	forb	●●●		White/ Cream	✿✿			18"-48"	●●●			hosta alternative
starry false solomon	<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	forb		●●●	White	✿✿			12"-30"	●●●			hosta alternative
Virginia bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	forb	●●●		Blue	✿✿✿			12"-24"	●●●			spring ephemeral
woodland phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	forb		●●	Blue/ Lavender	✿✿			12-24"	●●●			
May apple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	forb	●●●		White	✿			12"-24"	●●●			spring ephemeral
Jacob's ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	forb	●●●●●		Blue/ Lavender	✿✿✿			10-24"	●●●			good groundcover. clump forming.
solomon seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	forb	●●●●		Cream/ Green	✿✿			24-48"	●●●			hosta alternative
bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	forb	●●●		White	✿✿✿			4"-10"	●●●			spring ephemeral
zig-zag goldenrod	<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	forb	●●		Yellow		✿✿✿		18"-36"	●●●			
rue anemone	<i>Thalictrum thalictroides</i>	forb	●●●		White/ Pink	✿✿✿			4-8"	●●			spring ephemeral

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large flowered trillium	Trillium grandiflorum	forb	●●●		White	✿✿✿			8-24"		●●●		spring ephemeral
red trillium	Trillium recurvatum	forb		●●	Maroon	✿✿			8"-16"		●		spring ephemeral
large-flowered bellwort	Uvularia grandiflora	forb	●●●		Yellow	✿✿			8-24"		●●●		spring ephemeral
maidenhair fern	Adiantum pedatum	fern	●●●		-				18"-36"		●●●		
lady fern	Athyrium filix-femina	fern	●●●●		-				12-36"		●●●		
cinnamon fern	Osmunda cinnamomea	fern		●●	-				24-60"		●●●		
Christmas fern	Polystichum acrostichoides	fern	●●●		-				12-24"		●●		
brome-like Sedge	Carex bromoides	sedge	●●●		-	✿✿			24"		●●●		good groundcover/ natural mulch
ivory sedge	Carex eburnea	sedge		●●	Green	✿✿			6"		●●		good groundcover/ natural mulch
common bur sedge	Carex grayi	sedge	●●●●●		-	✿✿✿✿			18"-48"		●●●		good groundcover/ natural mulch
Pennsylvania sedge	Carex pensylvanica	sedge	●●●●●		-	✿✿			4"-12"		●●		good groundcover/ natural mulch
rosy sedge	Carex rosea	sedge		●●	Green	✿			12"-16"		●●		good groundcover/ natural mulch
Sprengell's sedge	Carex sprengelii	sedge	●●		Green	✿✿✿			12"-24"		●●●		good groundcover/ natural mulch

Trees & Shrubs

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		Shade	Sun		Spring	Summer	Fall		Wet	Mesic	Dry	
smooth serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis		●●●●	White	✿✿			15'-30'		●●●		spring blooms. delicious berries for birds and humans. fall color.
witch hazel	Hamamelis virginiana	●●●●		Yellow			✿✿	6-20'		●●●		intricate fall flowers.
musclewood	Carpinus caroliniana	●●●●		-	✿✿			15-30'		●●●		
pagoda dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	●●●		White	✿✿✿			10-20'		●●●		beautiful growth form
American hazelnut	Corylus americana		●●●	Yellow	✿			7'-12'		●●●		edible shrub. great wildlife value and fall color.
common snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	●●●●		Pink	✿✿			3'-4'		●●●●		white berries
downy arrowwood viburnum	Viburnum rafinesquianum		●●●●	White	✿✿			6'-10'		●●●		
blackhaw viburnum	Viburnum prunifolium		●●●●	White	✿✿			10-15'		●●●		
maple-leaf viburnum	Viburnum acerifolium	●●●		White		✿		4'-5'		●●●		

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