

Cecil County – Recommended Native Plant List

Canopy Trees

Persimmon – *Diospyros virginiana*

American Holly – *Ilex opaca*

Shagbark Hickory – *Carya ovata*

Mockernut Hickory – *Carya alba*

Sassafras – *Sassafras albidum*

White Pine – *Pinus strobus*

Eastern Red Cedar – *Juniperus virginiana*

Eastern Arborvitae – *Thuja occidentalis*

White Oak – *Quercus alba*

Swamp White Oak – *Quercus bicolor*

Northern Red Oak – *Quercus rubra*

Pin Oak – *Quercus palustris*

Willow Oak – *Quercus phellos*

Black Gum – *Nyssa sylvatica*

River Birch - *Betula nigra*, good for sandy soils and streamsides, will tolerate sun or shade

Bald Cypress – *Taxodium distichum* – tolerates wet or dry soils, stabilizes saturated soils

Understory Trees

Paw Paw – *Asimina triloba*

American Plum – *Prunus americana*

American Crabapple – *Malus coronaria*

Serviceberry – *Amelanchier canadensis*

Staghorn Sumac – *Rhus hirta*

Eastern Redbud – *Cercis canadensis*

Hackberry – *Celtis occidentalis*

Sweetbay magnolia – *Magnolia virginiana*

Shrubs

Highbush Blueberry – *Vaccinium corymbosum*

Hazelnut – *Corylus americana*

Elderberry – *Sambucus canadensis*

Bayberry – *Morella pensylvanica*

Arrowwood – *Viburnum dentatum*

Black chokeberry – *Aronia melanocarpa*

Pussy willow – *Salix discolor*

Hydrangea - *Hydrangea arborescens*

Inkberry - *Ilex glabra*

Sweet pepperbush – *Clethra alnifolia*

Red Osier dogwood – *Cornus sericea*

Winterberry – *Ilex verticillata*

Spicebush – *Lindera benzoin*

Lowbush blueberry - *Vaccinium angustifolium*

Sweet Fern - *Comptonia peregrina*

Pasture Rose - *Rosa Carolina*, (full sun & part shade)

Virginia Sweetspire – *Itea virginica*, deciduous shrub, red color in fall, white flowers in summer. Good for moist soils, colonizes through underground stems.

Buttonbush – *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, good for lake and pond edges, fragrant flowers

Witch hazel - *Hammamelis virginiana*

Fragrant Sumac - *Rhus aromatica*

Herbaceous wildflowers & ground covers

Butterfly weed - *Asclepias tuberosa*

Swamp milkweed - *Asclepias incarnata*

Common milkweed – *Asclepias syriaca*

New England Aster - *Aster novae-angliae*

Joe Pye Weed - *Eupatorium fistulosum*

Threadleaf coreopsis – *Coreopsis verticillata*

Black eyed susan - *Rudbeckia hirta*

Purple coneflower – *Echinacea purpurea*

Bee balm - *Monarda didyma*

Columbine - *Aquilegia canadensis* (ground cover)

Ostrich Fern - *Matteuccia struthiopteris*
Cinnamon Fern - *Osmunda cinnamomea*, (full sun & shade)
Maidenhair Fern – *Adiantum pedatum*
Foamflower - *Tiarella cordifolia*, (ground cover)
Bushy St. John’s Wort - *Hypericum densiflorum*, (ground cover)
Cardinal flower - *Lobelia cardinalis*
Great Blue Lobelia - *Lobelia siphilitica*
Mountain Mint – *Pycnanthemum muticum*
Wild Blue Indigo – *Baptisia australis*
Blazing Star - *Liatris Spicata*
Creeping Phlox - *Phlox subulata* (ground cover)
Alumroot - *Heuchera Americana*, (full shade) (ground cover)
Wild Ginger - *Asarum canadense* (ground cover)
White turtlehead – *Chelone glabra*
Summer Phlox – *Phlox paniculata*
New York Ironweed – *Vernonia noveboracensis*

Herbaceous grasses

Switchgrass – *Panicum virgatum*
Bottlebrush grass – *Elymus Canadensis*, (full shade)
Broomsedge – *Andropogon virginicus*
Little Bluestem - *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Northern Sea Oats - *Chasmanthium latifolium*, (ground cover)
Indiangrass - *Sorghastrum nutans*