

Gardening with Nature

A Guide to Native Plant Landscaping in the New Jersey Pinelands

A note about this native Pinelands plant list:

This list contains commercially available plants that are native to the New Jersey Pine Barrens region and are good choices for gardening and landscaping.

Some of these plants are considered characteristic Pine Barrens species (PB), and others are common to the Pine Barrens and its periphery (PB & PER). Some, though native to the Pine Barrens, are more typically found in the peripheral area (PER). These designations are found in the column "Region," and may be helpful as you decide which plants to cultivate in your area.

Some peripheral areas of the Pinelands have richer, less droughty soils with higher pH, and in such places some characteristic Pine Barrens species may not do well. For best results, all of the factors that influence a plant should be taken into consideration, including soil type (such as sand, sandy loam, or loamy sand), pH, moisture, and available sunlight.

For a list of suppliers and information on additional native species, go to the Pinelands Preservation Alliance web site at www.pinelandsalliance.org.

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Region	Blooming Period	Soil Preference	Sun/Shade	Height
Ground Cover	Bear-berry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	PB	Late April to mid-May	Very dry, well drained, acid	Sun	1-3 ft
	Pennsylvania Sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	PB & PER	Early April to July	Dry to damp	Sun to partial shade	to 16 in
	Trailing Arbutus	<i>Epigaea repens</i>	PB & PER	Early April to early May	Dry, acid	Semi-shade to shade	1-3 ft
Ornamental Grasses	Teaberry	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	PB & PER	Late June to early August	Dry or moist, acid	Semi-shade to shade	2-6 ft
	Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	PER	Mid-August to mid-September	Dry or moist	Sun to partial shade	3-8 ft
	Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	PB & PER	Late July to October	Dry to moist	Sun to partial shade	to 4 ft
	Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	PB & PER	Late July to late September	Wet or dry	Sun to partial shade	3-6 ft
Shrubs - evergreen	Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	PB	Mid-June to early July	Moist to dry	Semi-shade to shade	to 5 ft
	Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	PB & PER	Late May to late June	Dry or moist, acid	Semi-shade to shade	1-3 ft
Shrubs - flowering	Beach Plum	<i>Prunus maritima</i>	PER	Late April to May	Dry, sandy	Sun	6-12 ft
	Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	PB & PER	Late April to late May	Wet to somewhat dry	Partial shade	6-12 ft
	Black Huckleberry	<i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>	PB & PER	Early May to July	Dry or moist, acid	Semi-shade to shade	1-3 ft
	Highbush Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	PB	Late April to June	Damp to wet; acidic	Partial shade	to 12 ft
	Low Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium pallidum</i>	PB & PER	April	Dry, acid	Sun	to 2 ft
	Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	PB & PER	Late April to late May	Wet to damp, acid	Sun	6-12 ft
	Staggerbush	<i>Lyonia mariana</i>	PB	Late May to late June	Damp to dry, acid	Semi-shade to shade	to 4 ft
	Swamp Azalea	<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	PB	Early June to late July	Damp to wet; acid	Partial shade	to 8 ft
	Sweet Bay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	PB & PER	Late May to June	Damp to wet	Partial shade	to 30 ft
	Sweet Pepperbush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	PB & PER	Late July to early September	Wet to somewhat dry, acid	Semi-shade to shade	to 10 ft
Shrubs - semi-evergreen	Winged Sumac	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>	PER	Late July to early September	Dry	Semi-shade	20-35 ft
	Northern Bayberry	<i>Morella pensylvanica</i> (= <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>)	PER	Early May to early June	Dry to damp, acid	Sun to semi-shade	2-6 ft
	Summer Grape	<i>Vitis aestivalis</i>	PER	Mid-June to early July	Dry	Semi-shade	60 ft
	Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	PER	Late June to July	Dry	Partial shade to shade	to 12 ft
Vines - ground cover	Dewberry	<i>Rubus flagellaris</i>	PB & PER	Mid-May to mid-June	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	10 ft



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Wildflowers	Maryland Golden Aster	<i>Chrysopsis mariana</i>	PB & PER	August to September	Dry	Sun	12-30 in
	Showy Aster	<i>Aster spectabilis</i>	PB	Late July to late September	Dry	Sun	1-2 ft
	Stiff-leaved Aster	<i>Aster linariifolius</i>	PB & PER	Early September to mid-October	Dry	Sun	6-24 in
	Grass-leaf Blazing-star	<i>Liatris pilosa</i> (= <i>L. graminifolia</i>)	PB	Early August to mid-October	Dry, well-drained	Sun	1-4 ft
	Hairy Boneset	<i>Eupatorium rotundifolium</i> var. <i>ovatum</i>	PB & PER	Early August into September	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	2-5 ft
	Hyssop-leaved Boneset	<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	PB & PER	Late July to October	Dry	Sun	1-3 ft
	Goat's Rue	<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i>	PB & PER	Early June to early July	Dry	Semi-shade	1-3 ft
	White Goldenrod	<i>Solidago bicolor</i>	PB & PER	Late August to early October	Dry	Sun	6-30 in
	Wrinkle-leaved Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	PB & PER	Late August to early September	Damp to dry	Sun	1-7 ft
	Frostweed	<i>Helianthemum canadense</i>	PB & PER	Early May to late July	Dry	Semi-shade	6-12 in
	Horse-mint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	PER	Late July into October	Dry	Sun	1-3 ft
	Eastern Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	PER	Early June to early July	Dry, well-drained	Sun	1 ft
Trees - deciduous	Rough Wood Sunflower	<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	PB & PER	Mid-July to early September	Dry	Sun	2-6 ft
	Spotted Wintergreen	<i>Chimaphila maculata</i>	PER	Late June to mid-July	Dry, acid	Semi-shade to shade	4-10 in
	Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	PB & PER	Mid-May to mid-June	Moist	Partial shade	50-75 ft
	Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	PB & PER	Mid-March to early April	Damp to wet	Sun to semi-shade	to 80 ft
	Black Oak	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	PER	Late April to mid-May	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	to 80 ft
	Black-jack Oak	<i>Quercus marilandica</i>	PB	Late April to mid-May	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	30-50 ft
	Chestnut Oak	<i>Quercus prinus</i>	PB & PER	Early to mid-May	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	50-60 ft
	Post Oak	<i>Quercus stellata</i>	PB & PER	Early to mid-May	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	40-50 ft
	Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	PER	Late April to May	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	to 50 ft
	Southern Red Oak	<i>Quercus falcata</i>	PER	Early to mid-May	Dry, acid	Sun to semi-shade	36-72 ft
	White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	PB & PER	Early to late May	Dry	Sun to semi-shade	80-100 ft
	Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	PB & PER	Mid-April to mid-May	Dry to damp, acid	Sun to semi-shade	35-50 ft
Trees - evergreen	Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	PER	Pollen shed mid-March to April	Dry to damp	Partial shade	36-72 ft
	American Holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	PER	October to November	Damp to dry	Semi-shade to shade	12-36 ft
	Pitch Pine	<i>Pinus rigida</i>	PB	Pollen shed late April to May	Dry to wet, acid	Sun	72-100 ft
	Shortleaf Pine	<i>Pinus echinata</i>	PB & PER	Pollen shed May or June	Dry	Sun	72-100 ft
	Virginia Pine	<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	PER	Pollen shed late April to mid-May	Dry	Sun	12-36 ft