Small Shrubs



Why plant natives?

Native and native-friendly plants help beautify your property, create habitat, prevent erosion, filter pollutants, and protect our waterbodies. They're also more resilient to pests and climate change.



Bush Honeysuckle (Diervilla Ionicera)

Also called American Fly Honeysuckle (do not confuse with the invasive European Fly Honeysuckle), Grows 2'-5' tall. Produces seed capsules. Drought tolerant. Zones 3-7. ○ ● ■



Fragrant Sumac (Rhus aromatica)

Dwarf variety grows 2'-3' tall with 6'-8' spread. Small, fragrant, yellow flowers in spring followed by red fruit. Crushed leaves are aromatic and orange to red fall foliage. Zones 3-9. ○ ● =



Sheep Laurel/Lambkill (Kalmia angustifolia)

Grows 1'-3' tall with a greater spread. Prefers organic, acidic soils. Pink flowers in early summer. Poisonous to livestock. Zones 1-6. ○ ● = •



Purple-flowering Raspberry (Rubus odoratus)

Grows 3'-6' tall with 6'-12' spread. Maple-shaped leaves and large purplepink flowers. Canes are thornless. Zones 3-8. $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \equiv \bigcirc$





Grows 3'-6' tall. Spreads by suckering to form thickets. Good for erosion control. Blue-green foliage, pink spring flowers, and white berries in the fall for birds. Zones 3-7. ○ ● = •



Mapleleaf Viburnum (Viburnum acerifolium)

Grows 4'-6' tall with equal spread. Prefers mildly acidic soil. Clusters of small white flowers produce dark blue/ black fruit for wildlife. Attacked by

viburnum leaf beetle. Zones 4-8.

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Shrubby Cinquefoil (Dasiphora fruticosa)

Grows 3'-4' tall with similar spread. Long-blooming yellow flowers with deciduous leaves. Good for erosion control. Zones 3-7. ○●≡

Plant Identification Key

- O More than 5 hours of direct sun per day
- 2 to 5 hours of direct sun per day or full day of dappled sun
- Less than 2 hours of direct sun per day
- Poorly drained soils and/or wet
- ≡ Well draining soil and/or dry year round



Bog Rosemary (Andromeda polifolia)

Grows 6"-30" tall with 3' spread.

Narrow, evergreen, leathery leaves with blue-green color. Small, pink, bell shaped flowers. Prefers acidic soil.

Zones 2-6. **●**



Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis)

Grows 6'-10' tall with similar spread. Large, showy, spherical flowers in summer, followed by fruits that persist into winter. Flood tolerant. Zones 4-

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Summersweet (Clethra alnifolia)

Also called Hummingbird Clethra or Sweet Pepperbush. Grows 3'-8' tall with 4'-6' spread. Deep-green foliage and fragrant, white or pink flowers in summer. Zones 4-8. ○ ● ●



Labrador Tea (Ledum groenlandicum)

Grows 3' tall with 3' spread. Leaves are evergreen with a silvery underside. Clusters of white flowers bloom in the spring. Prefers acid soil. Zones 2-5.

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Sweetfern (Comptonia peregrina)

Grows 2'-4' tall with similar spread.
Foliage has a strong spicy smell.
Brown catkins in early spring and a
bur-like nut in the fall. Grows well on
poor, sandy, rocky soil like road banks

and steep, dry areas. Zones 2-6. ○≡



Canadian Yew (Taxus canadensis)

Grows 1'-6' tall with 6' spread. Prefers alkaline soils. A popular food for moose and deer. Zones 2-6. ●●



Rhodora (Rhododendron canadense)

Grows 1'-3' tall with similar spread.

Prefers acidic soils. Bright pink/purple spring flowers bloom. Zones 2-6.





Meadow Rose (Rosa blanda)

Grows 3'-4' tall and spreads easily. Prefers rich soil. Pink flowers give way to red berries. Stems have very small prickles at base. Zones 3-7. $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$



Virginia Rose (Rosa virginiana)

Grows 1'-6' tall and spreads easily.
Prefers poor soils, tolerates road salt.
Pink flowers give way to red berries.
Zones 3-8. ○≡



Northern Bayberry (Myrica pennsylvanica)

Grows 5'-6' tall and spreads easily to form colonies. Foliage is semi-evergreen aromatic. Prefers acidic soils. Zones 2-6. ○●≡



Sweetgale (Myrica gale)

Grows 2'-4' tall with 8' spread. Foliage is dark green and aromatic. Produces fruit similar to small pine cones. Zones 2-4. ○ ◆



Common Juniper (Juniperus communis)

Grows 3'-10' tall with variable form from low and spreading to an erect shrub. Berry-like cones. Evergreen needles. Zones 2-6. ○≡ ♠