

New Hampshire Partnership for Schoolyard Action Grants

Native Plant List

THE NH PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOLYARD ACTION GRANT TEAM

ENCOURAGES PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR SCHOOLYARD HABITAT OR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.

Get your students involved in the planning of your outdoor space by having them research the flowers and plants that will grow best at your location. Factors to consider when choosing plants: soil moisture tolerance, light tolerance, flowering dates, fruit/seed dates, height/width of full-grown plants.

FLOWERS PROVIDE FOOD FOR BUTTERFLIES, BEES, MOTHS, AND HUMMINGBIRDS. WILDLIFE OF ALL KINDS BENEFIT FROM THE SHELTER AND STRUCTURE THAT FLOWERS PROVIDE.

Here's a short list of recommended wildflowers and perennials – some of which may already be growing at your site – so be sure to do an inventory of your site first.

Asters spp.	Common milkweed	Joe pye weed	Violets
Bee balm	Coneflower	Lavender	Yarrow*
Black-eyed susan	Globe thistle	New England Columbine	
Butterfly weed	Goldenrod	Phlox spp.	
Cardinal flower	Hawkweed*	Spreading dogbane*	

*Before you purchase, check pre-packaged pollinator mixes as they sometimes contain non-native or invasive plants. Also check that plants have not been treated with neonicotinoids - a type of pesticide that has received significant attention for their potential role in pollinator population declines. *grows wild – might be hard to purchase*

WOODY PLANTS, LIKE TREES AND SHRUBS, PROVIDE SHADE, STRUCTURE, AND ADDITIONAL NECTAR AND FOOD FOR A VARIETY OF WILDLIFE SPECIES.

Here's a short list of recommended trees, shrubs, and vines.

American blackberry	Fire or pin cherry	New Jersey tea	Spruce spp.
Bayberry	Flowering dogwood	Northern arrowwood	Staghorn sumac*
Black cherry	Gray dogwood	Northern white cedar	Steeplebush
Black huckleberry	Hawthorn	Raspberry	Summer grape*
Chokecherry	Highbush blueberry	Red mulberry	Virginia creeper
Eastern hemlock	Highbush cranberry	Red oak	White oak
Eastern red cedar	Low bush blueberry	Red-osier dogwood	
Eastern white pine	Meadowsweet	Serviceberry	
Elderberry	Mountain ash	Silky dogwood	

RESOURCE LIST – NATIVE PLANTS AND NATIVE SEEDS

Check with your local garden nursery, who may be able to help you find and order specific plants.

Ernst Seed Company: www.ernstseed.com

Native Plant Trust and Nasami Farm:

<https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/for-your-garden-2/buy-native-plants-new/>

New Hampshire State Nursery: www.nh.gov/nhnursery

North American Plants for New England Gardens:
ag.umass.edu/landscape/fact-sheets/north-american-plants-for-new-england-gardens

Northeast Pollinator Plants:

www.northeastpollinator.com

Prairie Moon Nursery:

www.prairiemoon.com/seeds

USDA Plants Database: plants.usda.gov

Wild Seed Project: wildseedproject.net

[HTTPS://WWW.WILDLIFE.NH.GOV/EDUCATION/SCHOOLYARD-HABITAT-GRANTS](https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/education/schoolyard-habitat-grants)

