

Tall 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.



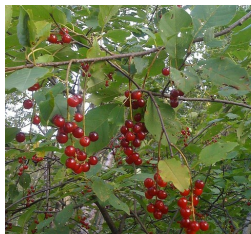
Common Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)

Grows 12' tall with similar spread. Showy white flowers in June turn into black edible berries. Zones 3-8. ○●◆



Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

Grows 8' tall with similar spread. Prefers acidic soils. Good for soil stabilization. Spring white flowers with fall black berries that last through winter. Zones 3-8. ○●≡◆



Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)

Grows 25' tall with equal spread. Spring white flowers with a strong, sweet fragrance. Bright red berries have astringent taste but attract birds. Zones 2-6. ○●≡◆



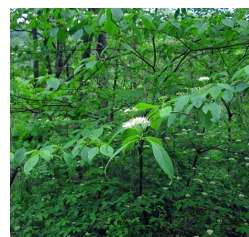
Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)

Grows 10'-25' tall with equal spread. Clusters of fuzzy berry-like fruits are produced in the fall. Showy fall foliage. Zones 3-8. ○●≡



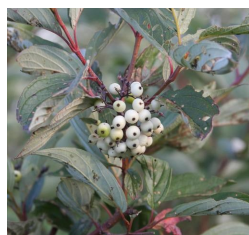
Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)

Grows 10' tall with 10'-15' spread. Can form thickets. Tolerant of city air pollution. Small white clusters of flowers bloom in late spring. Zones 3-8. ○●◆



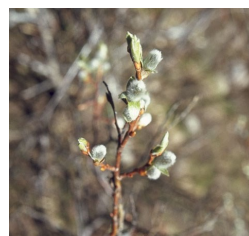
Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)

Grows 18' tall with similar spread. Spring white flowers with late summer purple berries. Showy fall foliage. Zones 3-7. ●●≡



Red-twig Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)

Grows 9' tall with similar spread. Young branches are red. Late spring small white flowers with fall fruit. Zones 2-7. ○●◆



Pussy Willow (*Salix discolor*)

Grows 15'-25' tall with similar spread. Produces soft purple-white catkins February through March. Important for early-emergent insects. Zones 4-6. ○●◆

Plant Identification Key

- 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



Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)

Grows 6'-15' with equal spread. Late spring white flowers produce blue-black fruit in fall. Showy fall foliage. Zones 3-8. ○●●≡◆



Common Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Grows 15' tall with equal spread. Prefers acidic soil. Small, fragrant clumps of yellow flowers in early fall. Zones 3-8. ○●◆



Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

Grows 6'-8' tall with 8'-12' spread. Prefers acidic soil. White bell-shaped flowers followed by edible blueberries. Red fall foliage. Zones 5-7. ○●≡◆



Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

Grows 6'-10' tall with similar spread. Bright red fruits last into winter. Male and female plants are needed to produce berries. Zones 3-9. ○●≡◆



Witherod (*Viburnum cassinoides*)

Also called wild raisin. Grows 6'-10' tall with lesser spread. Spring clusters of white to pink flowers. Whitish fruit turns blue-black in the fall for birds. Red fall foliage. Zones 3-8. ○●●≡◆



Beach Plum (*Prunus maritima*)

Grows 6'-8' tall with equal spread. Spring white flowers are followed by edible purple fruits. Tolerant of salt. Zones 3-7. ○≡◆



Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)

Grows 10'-25' tall with 12' spread. Prefers rich soil. Spring white flowers become dark red to purple edible berries. Zones 4-9. ○●◆



American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)

Grows 18' tall with 12' spread. Requires multiple plants to produce edible nuts in fall. Zones 4-9. ○●●≡



Shadblow Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

Grows 30' tall with half the spread. Clusters of white flowers become edible red/purple berries in late summer. Zones 4-8. ○●≡◆



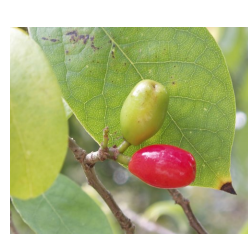
Highbush Cranberry (*Viburnum opulus*)

Grows 6'-10' tall. White flower clusters. Red fall foliage and edible fruit ripen in winter. Zones 2-7. ○●≡



Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)

Grows 25' tall with equal spread. White flowers and purple/black edible berries. Zones 4-8. ●●◆



Northern Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)

Grows 6'-12' tall. Aromatic leaves. Requires male and female plants to produce edible red fruit. Yellow fall foliage. Zones 4-9. ○●●≡