

Ohio Native Nectar Plants

These native plants provide an excellent source of nectar for hummingbirds:

Bee Balm
Columbine
Creeping Phlox
Trumpet Creeper
Cardinal Flower
Bergamot



Let's Be Realistic

In reality every person is not going to use only native species in their landscape. Try mixing some native species in with other non-native species you may already have.

If you choose to establish a non-native species, please be sure it is not invasive before you plant it. Not all non-native plants become invasive so there are some non-native choices that are better than others.



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OHIO NATIVE PLANTS



How choosing plants native to your area can reduce the maintenance requirements of your landscape and increase the diversity of wildlife your yard supports.

What is a Native Plant?

Native Plant: A species of plant that naturally occurs in a region without any human action. An Ohio native plant is one that existed in the landscape prior to European settlement.

Non-Native Plant: A species of plant that occurs outside of its historical natural range.

Invasive Plant: A plant that is able to grow and reproduce rapidly, thus establishing over a large area. This excessive growth allows invasive plants to displace native plant species.

What are the Benefits of Native Plants?

1. Live longer than exotics
2. More tolerant of local weather and soil conditions.
3. Enhance the natural biodiversity in an area.
4. More beneficial to native wildlife, providing food and shelter.
5. Require less water, fertilizer and maintenance.

Native Landscaping

Choosing a landscaping plan around native species is easier than you might think. There are many sources available to help you find out what is native to your area and what requirements each species of plant has.

Native Trees

The following native Ohio trees will help attract birds and other wildlife to your yard:

American Beech
Shagbark Hickory
Black Cherry
White Oak
Flowering Dogwood



Ohio Native Shrubs and Vines

The following shrubs and vines will help attract birds to your yard:

Spicebush
Highbush Blueberry
Witherod Viburnum
Trumpet Creeper
Virginia Creeper



Ohio Native Flowers

These native flowers will be beneficial for backyard birds:

Smooth Aster
Yellow Prairie Coneflower
Downy Sunflower
Ox-eye Sunflower

