SAMPLE DESIGNS FOR A NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Native Plant Garden for Sunny Locations

Native Plant Garden for Shady Locations

Get started with Going Native! Then try the searchable Plant Database on the Jersey-Friendly Yards website to find even more native plants for your yard. Using the database, you can create a custom list of plants suited to your yard’s specific growing conditions. When you are ready to buy, locate nurseries selling native plants using the website’s “Where to Buy” list.

Jersey-Friendly Yards is packed with information and resources to guide you through the steps to a healthier yard. Learn how to maintain healthy soil, reduce use of fertilizers and pesticides, conserve water, and create habitat for wildlife. A healthier yard means a healthier environment and a healthier Barnegat Bay!

The Barnegat Bay Partnership developed Jersey-Friendly Yards for the entire state of New Jersey with 319(grant funding from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

What are native plants?

Native plants have evolved over thousands of years to be adapted to conditions in a particular region and to the other plants and animals around them.

How can I choose the best plants for my yard?

Use the chart inside to guide you in selecting the native plants best suited to the growing conditions in your yard. You will also want to consider plant height, flower color, bloom time, and wildlife value when making your selections.

Why should I grow them?

To enjoy beautiful, hardy plants! Native plants thrive in our local climate and soil and have natural defenses to plant diseases, harmful insects, and other pests.

To save time and money! Well-adapted to local conditions, natives require less water and fertilizer than non-natives, and are less likely to need pesticides.

To bring in the birds and butterflies! Natives provide essential food, shelter, and nesting sites for native wildlife.

To improve water quality! Native plant roots hold soil in place, increase infiltration of rainwater into the ground, and help purify the water we drink. Since native plants reduce the need to use fertilizers and pesticides, they keep our water clean by decreasing the quantity of pollutants that rainwater runoff can carry into our streams and the Barnegat Bay.

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PHOTO NAME

8' - 15'

Winged Sumac

Magnolia virginiana

Sweet Pepperbush

River Birch

8' - 12'

Cornus sericea

Red Twig Dogwood

Red Chokeberry

Northern Bayberry

8' - 12'

Physocarpus opulifolius

Ninebark

4' - 8'

Inkberry Holly

Cercis

Eastern Red Cedar

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Beach Plum

Viburnum

American Holly

4' - 10'

Inkberry Holly

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Beach Plum

Viburnum

American Holly

6' - 10'

Beach Plum

Viburnum

American Holly

Solidago sempervirens

Rosemallow

Echinacea purpurea

Coreopsis rosea

New England Aster

Mistflower

Joe-Pye Weed

Great Blue Lobelia

Joe Pye Weed

Centaurea cyanus

Wild Sunflowers

Meadow Rue

Monarda fistulosa

Wild Bergamot

Panicum virgatum

Cordgrass

Prairie Cordgrass

Panicum amarum

Coastal Panicgrass

18" - 72"

12" - 96"

24" - 48"

12" - 36"

36" - 60"

1' - 3.5'

3' - 6'

4' - 6'

2' - 2.5'

1' - 2'

3' - 4.5'

36" - 72"