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Introduction

Scope & Purpose

- The objective of this reference is to help staff and visitors identify some of the trees, shrubs, and wildflowers that adorn the lovely grounds of the Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland.
- It is certainly not a complete flora or inventory, but is a continuing project in that direction. Plant subjects include both planted and naturalized specimens, both native and introduced species, with invasives so indicated. (Plants in the Blair Native Plant Garden are not included because they are clearly labeled and documented elsewhere.)
- This guide is visually based. Photos are intended to illustrate the overall form of the plant in its particular location, as well as some of its distinctive features.

Organization

- The four notebooks are divided up by season, to gather together images that reflect what one might see on a ramble at a particular time of year. But remember that there is variation year to year in plant life cycles, as illustrated by the dates each photo was captured. There is a master index (all plants photographed so far, and in which seasons) in the appendix.
- The pages are sequenced alphabetically by each plant's primary common name. The Table of Contents at the beginning of each volume lists them in this order. (Apologies to botanists for this unscholarly approach.)
- The primary common names used here are those most typical in current local usage (see references in the appendix), with some alternatives noted. Scientific names are current as of summer 2011 per the United States Department of Agriculture database (<u>http://plants.usda.gov</u>), with some former and alternate classifications noted.
- Location information on photo page headings refers only to the particular plant specimen(s) whose photos appear on that page. Often you will find more examples of that species in other spots throughout the grounds.
- For finding particular plant locations, the map in the appendix may be helpful. Cardinal directions are relative to the house (e.g., "northeast lawn" is diagonally out from the northeast corner of the house; "lower east lawn" is down the hill toward the main entrance).
- The plant descriptions are intended to be very brief and very basic focusing on family, natural distribution, habitat, whether native or cultivated, whether woody or herbaceous, size and/or growth habit, wildlife value, and any significance at Woodend. For more information, please see the references in the appendix.

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A small, sometimes shrubby tree with smooth blue gray bark. The smooth bark reminds people of the Beech tree, but the American Hornbeam is really in the Birch family. Like the Hop-Hornbeam, this tree is sometimes referred to as Ironwood because of its hard, heavy wood. The seeds are tucked inside clusters of distinctive three-lobed leafy structures.

Ranges over the eastern United States and parts of southern Mexico.

Large birds like grouse, quail and wood ducks eat the catkins and buds and seeds. Squirrels, beavers, and rabbits eat the bark as well as the buds and seeds.

Birch Family (Betulaceae)

American Hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana)

Location: Lower east lawn, across driveway from Teale Center

Season: Spring





Female catkin

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"Musclewood"





Male catkins usually single

American Linden, Basswood, Lime Tree *Tilia americana*

A tall tree with gray, furrowed bark and large, heart-shaped leaves. The flowers and fruit dangle below a large bract. A native tree of the mountains; widely planted in other areas.

Ranges over eastern North America as far north as New Brunswick, as far south as the mountains of South Carolina, and as far west as Nebraska and Texas.

The seeds are popular with squirrels and chipmunks. The leaves and bark feed rabbits and deer.

Linden Family (Tiliaceae)

American Linden: Montgomery County Champion (Tilia americana)

Location: North lawn by sanctuary shop

Season: Spring



Apple

Malus sp.

We all know what an apple is. But it's really hard to tell one sort of apple tree from another after all the centuries of cultivation, grafting, and cross breeding. I can't do it. The apple trees we have at Woodend don't produce those huge, delicious fruits we know so well. Those commercial apple trees are grafted. Our Woodend trees supply small apples loved by the deer.

Rose Family (Rosaceae)

Apple (Malus sp.)

Location: Lower east lawn, below east meadow

Season: Spring







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Atlas Cedar, Atlantic Cedar *Cedrus atlantica*

A true cedar with bluish needles and sticky green cones that become brown when ripe. The male cones are less conspicuous.

A non-native tree from the Atlas mountains of Algeria and Morocco. A mountain tree in its native habitat, the Atlas Cedar is widely planted in temperate climates.

Atlas Cedar is sometimes considered a subspecies of Cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus libani subsp. atlantica*); as such, this specimen is the Montgomery County Champion Cedar of Lebanon.

Pine Family (Pinaceae)

Atlas Cedar / Cedar of Lebanon

(Cedrus atlantica / Cedrus lebani)

Location: East edge of north parking lot

Season: Spring

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Trunk



Needles



Male cones

Autumn Olive, Oleaster, Silverberry Elaeagnus umbellata

A medium to large shrub, up to 20 feet tall, whose leaves are silvery underneath. Sweet smelling yellowish flowers appear in the spring, followed in the fall by juicy red (edible) berries.

A non-native invasive plant from China and Japan that grows in open fields, along the edges of woods and in waste places. It has been widely planted for wildlife habitat and to re-vegetate disturbed land. It has avidly naturalized and out-competes many native plants.

Autumn Olive has spread across eastern North American from Canada to Florida, and as far west as Nebraska and Kansas. It appears on the west coast in Oregon and Washington.

The shrubby habit of this plant provides shelter for wildlife. Birds and mammals eat the nutritious berries and help spread this noxious weed.

Oleaster Family (Elaeagnaceae)



Autumn Olive

(Elaeagnus umbellata)

Location: East lawn on upper side of hemlock grove

Season: Spring

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Black-Haw Viburnum prunifolium

A shrub or small tree 6-24 feet tall with dark bark. The small white fragrant flowers appear in spring, followed by dark blue berries in fall. A native woody plant of woods, thickets and roadsides.

Ranges in the eastern United States from Connecticut south to Texas, and west to eastern Kansas.

Berries are eaten by birds and mammals. Twigs are browsed by deer.

Honeysuckle Family (Caprifoliaceae) Pending: Muskroot Family (Adoxaceae)

Black-Haw (Viburnum prunifolium)

Location: Southeast corner of north parking lot, by driveway

Season: Spring



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Black Walnut Juglans nigra

A large native tree of rich soils in woods or open fields with dark bark and large compound leaves with 15-23 leaflets. The hard black nuts are covered by a green husk with a citrus smell.

Found throughout the central and eastern United States.

Nuts are an important winter food for squirrels.

Walnut Family (Juglandaeae)

Black Walnut

(Juglans nigra)

Location: North side of driveway opposite house

Season: Spring

Blue Violet *Viola vororia* (formerly *Viola papilionacea*)

A small familiar wildflower of woods, meadows, lawns, and wetlands with distinctive blue spurred flowers.

Found throughout Eastern North America as far west as Texas and North Dakota.

The foliage is eaten by cottontail rabbits.

Violet Family (Violaceae)

Blue Violet (Viola sororia)

Location: Throughout lawn

Season: Spring



Bulbous Buttercup

Ranunculus bulbosus

A familiar weed of lawns and meadows. Avoided by cattle because of its toxicity, buttercup seeds are eaten by some wild animals and birds.

Native to western Europe and introduced to North America.

Pollinated by bees, flies and butterflies.

Buttercup Family (Ranunculacae)

Bulbous Buttercup (Ranunculus bulbosus)

Location: Throughout lawn

Season: Spring



Bush Honeysuckle, Amur Honeysuckle Lonicera maackii

This large deciduous non-native shrub is invasive in North America but ironically endangered in its native Japan. Paired sweetsmelling white flowers form in late spring and early summer and turn yellow as they get older. Red berries follow in the Fall.

Bush honeysuckle can be found all over eastern North America.

Honeysuckle Family (Caprifoliaceae)



Bush Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii)

Location: Woods by southwest corner of north parking lot

Season: Spring



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Carolina Allspice, Strawberry Shrub, Sweetshrub, Sweet Betsy *Calycanthus floridus*

The strongly strawberry-scented reddish brown flowers appear in early spring and stay until summer. The leaves and bark have a spicy aroma.

Although native to eastern North America and cultivated in Maryland, this shrub is not native to Maryland.

Strawberry-Shrub Family (Calycanthacae)

Carolina Allspice (*Calycanthus floridus*)

Location: Against south side of tent at east end

Season: Spring

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Carolina Silverbell, Possum-wood, Snowdrop-tree, Bellwood, Wild Olive, Shittimwood Halesia carolina (formerly Halesia tetraptera)

This small tree takes its name from the white bell-shaped flowers which droop in clusters from year-old branches in spring. Look for the four-winged dry fruit, green in the summer and brown in the fall and winter.

Native to the piedmont of southern North America, our Woodend Silverbell has been planted a little north of its usual range.

Squirrels eat the seeds, and bees are attracted to the flowers.

Storax Family (Styracacaea)

Carolina Silverbell

(Halesia carolina)

Location: Northeast of north parking lot, near seed shed

Season: Spring









Chinese Redbud,紫莉

Cersis chinensis

This non-native tree is related to our native Redbud. It has larger, deeper rose-pink flowers than its native cousin. Flowers appear in April, and the bean-like fruits in the fall. Its flowers are attractive to bees and butterflies.

Native to central China.

Pea (Fabaceae)

Chinese Redbud

(Cercis chinensis)

Location: North edge of driveway, west of north parking lot

Season: Spring



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Double-File Viburnum, Yabudemari *Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum*

This bushy shrub, native to China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, is a popular garden plant in North America. The compound "flowers" are paired along each branch, hence double-file. Each inflorescence has sterile flowers around the outside that look like petals with smaller fertile flowers on the inside.

Honeysuckle Family (Caprifoliaceae) Pending: Muskroot Family (Adoxaceae)

Double-File Viburnum

(Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum)

Location: Lower east lawn (row of three)

Season: Spring







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Eastern Hemlock

Tsuga canadensis

An evergreen tree of moist cool woods.

Native to northern northeast North America and along the Appalachians.

Our hemlocks are planted a little south (or east) of their native range. The hemlock grove at Woodend is survival of the formal gardens planted by the Wellses, the original owners.

The seeds are popular with warblers and juncos. Sapsuckers drill their sap wells in the bark.

Pine Family (Pinaceae)

Eastern Hemlock

(Tsuga canadensis)

Location: East lawn, bordering hemlock grove

Season: Spring






Eastern Hop-Hornbeam, Ironwood *Ostrya virginiana*

A native understory tree of moist forests and rocky slopes. The wood is very tough and hard. The shaggy peeling bark and hoplike seed clusters distinguish it from the American Hornbeam which is also called Ironwood.

Native to the eastern United States, southern Canada, and Mexico.

Birds eat the seeds and deer chew the twigs and bark in winter.

Birch Family (Betulaceae)

Eastern Hop-Hornbeam

(Ostrya virginiana)

Location: Lower east lawn, across driveway from private house

Season: Spring







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Male catkins in groups of 2 or 3

Eastern Red-Cedar, Virginia Red Cedar Juniperus virginiana

A small to medium evergreen tree with scale-like leaves. Spindleshaped specimens of this pioneer tree are often seen along the eastern seaboard in abandoned farm fields and on other poor soils. Some red cedars can have a more conical habit in other places. The aromatic wood of these trees is well known for its insect-repellant and rot-resistant properties.

The specimen tree at Woodend is quite tall for a red cedar.

Eastern Red-Cedars range over the eastern United States as far west as the Dakotas, and as far south as Georgia.

The waxy blue "berries" are eaten by turkeys, quail and songbirds.

Cypress Family (Cupressaceae)

Eastern Red-Cedar

(Juniperus virginiana)



Season: Spring



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Eastern White Pine, Soft Pine, Weymouth Pine Pinus strobus

A tall evergreen forest tree with bluish-green needles in feathery bundles of five. Look for white lines along two sides of the three sided needles.

Ranges across northeastern North America, as far west as Michigan, and as far south as northern Georgia.

Large pines provide nesting places for owls and hawks, ravens and jays. The seeds are popular with songbirds, and the cones are stripped and eaten by squirrels mice and voles. Deer will eat the bark late in the winter when other food is scarce.

Pine Family (Pinaceae)

Eastern White Pine

(Pinus strobus)

Location: West side of sanctuary shop parking lot

Season: Spring



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Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida

A familiar, small, somewhat shrubby understory tree of moist forests. The showy white "flower heads" (actually bracts) appear in spring, followed by red berries. Many cultivated varieties are planted including pink and even red-flowered types.

Wild Flowering Dogwoods range over the eastern United States as far north as Massachusetts, and as far west as east Texas.

Birds and squirrels eat the berries well into the winter.

Dogwood Family (Cornaceae)

Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida)

Location: North lawn

Season: Spring



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Fringe-Tree

Chionanthus virginicus

This small, deciduous, native tree is known for its astonishing, fragrant, fringey flowers. It can grow up to 30 feet tall but most Fringe-trees don't get that tall. The stringy, drooping clusters of flowers come out in May just as the leaves are growing out. An individual flower contributes four long petals to the fringiness of the cluster. Each Fringe-tree is either male or female; both have showy flowers, but the petals on the male trees may be longer. The female trees have dark blue, berry-like fruits called drupes with a single seed in each. The leaves turn yellow in the fall.

Deer, turkeys, quail, and other birds eat the fruit.

Fringe-tree is native to the southeastern United States from southern Pennsylvania to northern Florida and west into the Appalachians. But it's planted in many places outside its range.

Olive Family (Oleaceae)

Fringe-Tree (Chionanthus virginicus)

Location: North side of driveway, west of north parking lot

Season: Spring









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Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata, Alliaria officinalis

This highly invasive, biennial herb can sometimes flower in its first year. The mature plant is a foot to a over a yard tall with large, somewhat triangular leaves that smell and taste of garlic when crushed. The 2-3-inch clusters of cross-shaped white flowers appear in April, and by June, produce long, thin seed pods called siliques as the plant dies. Dry, dead stalks of the Garlic Mustard with seed pods can be found through the summer and into the winter. The dry seed pods split suddenly and throw their seeds when touched. One plant can produce hundreds of tiny black seeds. The first-year plant, a rosette of green kidney-shaped leaves, can be found growing close to the ground, even under the snow in winter.

Garlic Mustard is native to Europe, North Africa, and Western China. It first appeared in North America in New Jersey in the 1860's, probably imported as a culinary and/or medicinal herb. It has several attributes that have allowed it to spread all over eastern North America, out-competing our native plants. Its numerous seeds take advantage of disturbed ground, which we humans produce in abundance, and they can remain in the soil for years before sprouting. Garlic Mustard can grow in many different environments, wet and dry, and forms dense patches that shade out native plants. Deer dislike the flavorful foliage. This pernicious invader may even be contributing to the loss of a little butterfly called the West Virginia White. The butterfly lays its eggs on Garlic Mustard, mistaking it for a native mustard which is its host plant. The caterpillars find they can't live on Garlic Mustard and die.

Mustard Family (Brassicaceae)



Garlic-Mustard

(Alliaria petiolata)

Location: Lower east lawn

Season: Spring

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Golden Ragwort, Heart-Leaved Groundsel, Squaw-Weed, Life-Weed Packera aurea (formerly Senecio aureus)

A native spring wildflower from eight inches to four feet tall. The golden-yellow daisy-like flowers can be seen from April into August in sunny places in moist woods, stream banks and pastures.

Golden Ragwort is found all over eastern North America as far north as Labrador, and as far south as North Carolina.

The nectar and pollen are eaten by bees and flies.

Aster Family (Asteraceae)

Golden Ragwort (Packera aurea)

Location: Butterfly garden on south side of west driveway

Season: Spring

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Horse Chestnut, Conker Tree Aesculus hippocastanum

A flowering tree native to southeastern Europe. Clusters of white flowers with red spots appear in the spring. Each cluster usually produces several fruits. The spiky husks contain one or two nutlike seeds (conkers). Horse chestnuts are planted shade trees that only occasionally escape cultivation.

Horse Chestnut Family (Hippocastanaceae)

Horse Chestnut

(Aesculus hippocastanum)

Location: East lawn

Season: Spring



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Japanese Fern-Leafed Maple

Acer palmatum var. dissectum

This small shrubby tree is a lacy-leafed variety of the Japanese Maple. Japanese Maples are native to Japan, Korea, China and eastern Russia, and are quite variable even in their natural habitat. There are several cultivated varieties of this particular sub-species.

Maple Family (Aceraceae)

Japanese Fern-Leafed Maple (Acer palmatum var. dissectum)

Location: North lawn

Season: Spring

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Japanese Maple, イロハモミジ, 紅葉 Acer palmatum

A small shrubby tree of Japan, Korea, China and eastern Russia, the Japanese Maple is quite variable even in its natural habitat. There are over 1,000 cultivars widely planted in the temperate zone worldwide. Planted Japanese maples have spread thoughout the woods here at Woodend.

The Montgomery County Champion Japanese Maple is here at Woodend.

Maple Family (Aceraceae)



Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)

Location: Above sunken garden on its west and south sides

Season: Spring





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Japanese Maple, イロハモミジ, 紅葉 Acer palmatum

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Maple Family (Aceraceae)

Japanese Maple: Montgomery County Champion (Acer palmatum)

Invasive

Location: East lawn above southwest corner of hemlock grove

Season: Spring



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Kwanzan Cherry, Japanese Flowering Cherry *Prunus serrulata*

A small flowering tree native to Japan, Korea and China. Our specimen here at Woodend has the distinction of being dead.

Rose Family (Rosaceae)

Kwanzan Cherry (Prunus serrulata)

Location: East lawn next to driveway (Tree dead now)

Season: Spring

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Lesser Celandine Ranunculus ficaria var. bulbifera

This invasive perennial blooms springs up in early spring, covering wet stream banks with a blanket of green leaves dotted with bright yellow flowers. Lesser Celandine is native to Europe and Asia, and is becoming increasing common in North America where it shuts out our native spring flowers as it spreads.

Buttercup family (Ranunculaceae)



Lesser Celandine

(Ranunculus ficaria var. bulbifera)

Location: Lower woodland trail

Season: Spring

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Lilac Syringa vulgaris

A shrub or small tree native to the Balkans that has escaped into the wild. Clusters of flowers can be seen from April to June.

Olive Family (Oleaceae)

Lilac (Syringa vulgaris)

Location: North side of driveway opposite house

Season: Spring



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Milkweed

Asclepias syriaca

A native perennial wildflower found in pastures, meadows and other open areas. Any injury to milkweed oozes sticky milky latex. Leaves and flowers are arrayed along a single long stem, sometimes as tall as five feet. Clusters of distinctively shaped, cloyingly sweet-smelling pinkish flowers appear in summer and produce large pods filled with silky seeds in fall.

Insects of various kinds enjoy milkweed nectar. Bees swarm around the flowers, and their legs can become trapped in the crevasses of the odd-shaped blossoms. Butterflies of several sorts are drawn to milkweed. Monarch Butterflies lay their eggs on the leaves which their caterpillars eat. Orange and black milkweed bugs are also commonly found on the leaves. The milky sap contains poisonous cardiac glycosides that render Monarchs and other milkweed eaters distasteful to birds.

Milkweed Family (Asclepiadaceae)

Milkweed (Asclepias syriaca)

Location: West meadow

Season: Spring

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Redbud, Judas-Tree, Flowering Judas *Cercis canadensis*

The purplish-pink flowers of this small native tree open in March and April before the heart-shaped leaves appear. The flowers appear all along the older branches and may even sprout from the trunk. The flowers give way to flattened pea-like pods in late summer and remain on the tree through the winter after the leaves turn bright yellow and fall.

Grows natively in moist rich soils of eastern North America and Mexico. This tree is widely planted and has several cultivated varieties, some of which are planted here at Woodend.

Squirrels, deer, pheasants and quail eat the pods and seeds. Caterpillars eat the leaves.

Pea Family (Fabaceae)

Redbud (Cercis canadensis)

Location: South lawn near tent

Season: Spring

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Sassafras

Sassafras albidum

This small aromatic tree is native to North America. It has three different leaf shapes. Some leaves are simple ovals; others are mitten shaped, and still others are three lobed. Yellow flowers bloom in spring. Sassafras tea was traditionally brewed from the twigs and roots. The powdered leaves are known as filé (fee-lay), especially in New Orleans, and are used to thicken gumbo and other soups. But human consumption of sassafras has fallen out of favor since a major component of Sassafras oil, safrole, has been found to cause cancer.

Sassafras grows in eastern North America as far west as west Texas.

Birds and squirrels eat the blue berries, rabbits eat the bark, and deer eat the leaves and twigs. The Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly uses Sassafras as a host plant.

Laurel Family (Lauraceae)

Sassafras (Sassafras albidum)

Location: North edge of hemlock grove

Season: Spring



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Saucer Magnolia

Magnolia x soulangiana

This familiar small magnolia tree with showy white and pink flowers is a hybrid widely cultivated in Europe and North America. Unlike the native Southern Magnolia, it loses its dark green leaves in winter. This plant originated in France in 1820 when Étienne Soulange-Bodin crossed two oriental magnolia species to produce this popular cultivated variety.

Magnolia Family (Magnoliaceae)

Saucer Magnolia (Magnolia x soulangiana)

Location: West edge of south lawn

Season: Spring

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Shadbush, Shadblow, Serviceberry, Juneberry *Amelanchier arborea*

This small tree or shrub sometimes grows into a tall tree. The showy pink-to-white flowers appear in early spring when the shad are running (hence Shadbush). It is said that the name Serviceberry (pronounced and sometime spelled "Sarvice berry") comes from the coincidence of its blooming with the thaw of the ground that made funeral services possible in mountain communities. The fruits appear in spring and are ripe in June or July (hence Juneberry). These sweet apple-shaped fruits are sometimes called sugar plums.

Deer browse the twigs. Everybody loves the fruit, including songbirds, squirrels and bears.

Ranges over the eastern United States as far west as the Mississippi, and south to Georgia excluding the southern coastal plain.

Rose Family (Rosaceae)

Shadbush

(Amelanchier arborea)

Location: (1) Against north wall of house, left of door (2) Northwest edge of south lawn

Season: Spring





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Skunk Cabbage

Symplocarpus foetidus

The green and maroon flowers emerge from the mud of streambeds and swamps in mid-winter or early spring. Leaves emerge later grow into large leafy "heads" like cabbage. The flowers actually generate heat melting their way through snow and ice.

This North American native ranges over north-eastern North America including north-eastern Canada and as far west as Minnesota.

Arum Family (Araceae)

Skunk Cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus)

Location: Woodland trail by pond

Season: Spring

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Southern Magnolia, Bull Bay, Evergreen Magnolia Magnolia grandiflora

This magnificent evergreen tree has large, creamy white flowers up to a foot wide. The flowers give way to a cluster of follicles, each containing a bright red berry.

As the name implies, this tree is native to the southern United States as far north along the coast as southern North Carolina; it appears in southern Georgia, southern Alabama, southern Mississippi, Louisiana, and Southeastern Texas. It is widely planted farther north and has many cultivated varieties.

Magnolia Family (Magnoliaceae)

Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)

Location: East wall of house, right of portico

Season: Spring



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Flower bud

Spicebush, Wild Allspice *Lindera benzoin*

This understory shrub produces yellow flowers in early spring. Peppery tasting red berries (drupes) follow the flowers on the female trees. The leaves and bark are distinctively aromatic when crushed or scraped.

Spicebush is native to the eastern United States as far west as east Texas, and as far south as northern Florida.

The Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly and the Promethea Silkmoth both depend on the Spicebush to feed their caterpillars.

Laurel Family (Lauraceae)

Spicebush (Lindera benzoin)

Location: Throughout woods

Season: Spring



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Sweet Cherry

Prunus avium

The sweet cherry is a tall, straight, non-native tree bearing edible red cherries with pits. These cherries vary in flavor from sweet to sour or bitter. This plant is an ancestor of commercially cultivated cherry trees. The bark has noticeable bands of small breathing holes called lenticels. Clusters of white flowers come out in spring at the same time the leaves appear.

The sweet cherry is native to Europe and Asia.

Rose Family (Rosaceae)

Sweet Cherry

(Prunus avium)

Location: Woods by southwest corner of north parking lot, on south edge of path

Season: Spring

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Virginia Bluebells

Mertensia virginica

These native perennial wild flowers appear on river edges and flood plains early in the spring, bloom sky-blue, bell-shaped flowers, and disappear. The flowers start out pink and grow blue as they age. Sometimes white bluebells can be found among the blue ones. There are many unrelated plants called bluebells; these should not be confused with the common European Bluebell which is a hyacinth, or the Texas Bluebell which is a gentian, or the Scottish Bluebell in the bellflower family.

Virginia Bluebells can be found all over eastern North America from Quebec and Ontario south to Georgia and Arkansas.

Borage Family (Boraginaceae)

Virginia Bluebells (Mertensia virginica)

Location: Woods along creek

Season: Spring



Wineberry, Wine Raspberry *Rubus phoenicolasius*

This native perennial summer wildflower grows up to three feet tall with fragrant lavender to pink fringed flowers. The upper leaves can be pinkish too. It has been considered medicinal with a wide variety of uses.

Ranges all over the United States and Canada.

Rose Family (Rosaceae)



Wineberry (Rubus phoenicolasius)

Location: West edge of west meadow

Season: Spring



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Witch-Alder, Dwarf Fothergilla *Fothergilla gardenii*

A deciduous shrub related to the Witch-Hazel. The conspicuous white flowers in large spikes lack petals but have showy white stamens instead.

Witch-Alder is native to the southeastern United States and ranges from North Carolina to Florida, and as far west as Arkansas. Our Witch-Alder is planted considerably north of its native range.

Witch-Hazel Family (Hamamelidaceae)

Witch-Alder (Fothergilla gardenii)

Location: North lawn at corner of driveway and shop parking lot Season: Spring



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Wood Hyacinth, Spanish Bluebell *Hyacinthoides hispanica*

This European bluebell is native to the Iberian peninsula. The wild European type is blue but it can be purchased in a number of cultivars of different colors. It is considered a dangerous invasive in England where it hybridizes with the native common bluebell. Our native Virginia Bluebell is not related.

Lily Family (Liliaceae)

Wood Hyacinth (Hyacinthoides hispanica)

Location: Sunken garden, across driveway north of house

Season: Spring

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Authors & References

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	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	
Acer negundo			√		Box-Elder
Acer palmatum	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark		Japanese Maple
Acer palmatum	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		Japanese Maple (Champion)
Acer palmatum var. dissectum	√		✓	✓	Japanese Fern-Leafed Maple
Acer rubrum			√		Red Maple
Acer saccharinum		1	√		Silver Maple
Acer saccharum		1	√	\checkmark	Sugar Maple
Actinomeris alternifolia		✓			See Wingstem
Aesculus hippocastanum	√			✓	Horse Chestnut
Agrimonia parviflora		✓			Small-Flowered Agrimony
Agrimony, Small-Flowered		✓			Small-Flowered Agrimony
Alliaria petiolata	√				Garlic Mustard
Amelanchier arborea		✓			Shadbush
Apple	· ·			L	Apple
Apocynum cannabinum			√	L	Indian Hemp
Aralia spinosa		*	 ✓		Devil's Walkingstick
Arborvitae		<u> </u>	✓ ✓		See Eastern White Cedar (Arborvitae)
Arrowwood, Leatherleaf		√	•		See Leatherleaf Viburnum
	✓	▼ ✓	√	√	
Asclepias syriaca	~	✓ ✓	✓	~	Milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa		~			Butterfly Weed
Ash, White			√		White Ash
Asimina triloba			 ✓ 		Pawpaw
Bamboo			√		Bamboo
Barberry, Japanese			✓		Japanese Barberry
Basswood, American	~	✓	✓		See American Linden
Beech, American			✓		American Beech
Beech, Blue		✓			See American Hornbeam
Berberis thunbergii			✓		Japanese Barberry
Bergamot, Wild		\checkmark	\checkmark		Wild Bergamot
Betula nigra			\checkmark		River Birch
Birch, River			✓		River Birch
Black-Eyed Susan		✓			Black-Eyed Susan
Black-Haw	√	✓	√		Black-Haw
Bluebell, Spanish	√				See Wood Hyacinth
Bluebells, Virginia	√				Virginia Bluebells
Boneset, Late-Flowering		\checkmark	√	√	Late-Flowering Boneset
Box, Common		✓			Common Box
Box-Elder			√		Box-Elder
Buddleja davidii			√		Butterfly-Bush
Burningbush			√		See Winged Euonymus
Bursting Heart		1	✓		See Strawberry Bush
Buttercup, Bulbous	√				Bulbous Buttercup
Butterfly Weed		√			Butterfly Weed
Butterfly-Bush		Ť	√		Butterfly-Bush
Buxus sempervirens		√	*		Common Box
Calycanthus floridus	√	✓ ✓			Carolina Allspice
	 ✓	✓ ✓			
Carolina Allspice	· ·	✓ ✓			Carolina Allspice
Carolina Elephantsfoot					See Elephant's Foot
Carpinus caroliniana	✓	√			American Hornbeam
Castanea mollissima		√			Chinese Chestnut
Catalpa, Northern		√		L	Northern Catalpa
Catalpa speciosa		✓			Northern Catalpa
Cedar, Atlantic White				√	Atlantic White-Cedar
Cedar, Atlas	✓				Atlas Cedar / Cedar of Lebanon
Cedar, Eastern Red	√		\checkmark	√	Eastern Red-Cedar

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Cedar, Eastern White (Arborvitae)			√		Eastern White Cedar (Arborvitae)
Cedar, Lebanon (Cedar of)	✓				Atlas Cedar / Cedar of Lebanon
Cedar, White				√	See Atlantic White-Cedar
Cedrus atlantica	√	1			Atlas Cedar / Cedar of Lebanon
Cedrus libani	√				Atlas Cedar / Cedar of Lebanon
Celandine, Lesser	✓				Lesser Celandine
Celtis occidentalis		√			Hackberry
Cercis canadensis	√	✓			Redbud
Cersis chinensis	✓				Chinese Redbud
Chamaecyparis sp. (lawsonia OR thyoides)				√	Atlantic White-Cedar
Cherry, Black	1	✓	√		Black Cherry
Cherry, Kwanzan	✓				Kwanzan Cherry
Cherry, Sweet	· ·			√	Sweet Cherry
Cherry, Wild			✓		See Black Cherry
Chestnut, Chinese	+	↓ ↓	*		Chinese Chestnut
Chestnut, Horse	√			√	Horse Chestnut
	✓ ✓	ł		v	Fringe-Tree
Chionanthus virginicus Cirsium discolor	¥ ·	√	√		Field Thistle
		✓ ✓	v	√	
Clethra alnifolia	+	×	√	✓	Sweet Pepperbush
Coneflower, Cutleaf					See Green-Headed Coneflower
Coneflower, Green-Headed			√		Green-Headed Coneflower
Coneflower, Tall			 ✓ 		See Green-Headed Coneflower
Conoclinium coelestinum			√		Mistflower
Cornus florida	✓	✓	√	√	Flowering Dogwood
Cornus kousa		✓			Kousa Dogwood
Crape-Myrtle		✓		✓	Crape-Myrtle
Cypress, Lawson's				✓	See Atlantic White-Cedar
Devil's Walkingstick			✓		Devil's Walkingstick
Diospyros virginiana			\checkmark		Persimmon
Dogbane		\checkmark	\checkmark		See Indian Hemp
Dogwood, Flowering	✓	✓	✓	~	Flowering Dogwood
Dogwood, Kousa		✓			Kousa Dogwood
Elaeagnus umbellata	✓				Autumn Olive
Elderberry		✓			Elderberry
Elephantopus carolinianus	1	\checkmark			Elephant's Foot
Elephant's Foot	1	✓			Elephant's Foot
Euonymus alatus	1	1	√		Winged Euonymus
Euonymus americanus			\checkmark		Strawberry Bush
Euonymus, Winged			\checkmark		Winged Euonymus
Eupatorium coelestinum			√		See Mistflower
Eupatorium serotinum		√	√	√	Late-Flowering Boneset
Fagus grandifolia	1		√		American Beech
Fern, Christmas	1	1	· √		Christmas Fern
Fern, New York	1		· √		New York Fern
Fern, Sensitive	+		 ✓		Sensitive Fern
Fothergilla sp.	✓				Witch-Alder
Fraxinus americana	+ ·		√		White Ash
Fringe-Tree	√		*		Fringe-Tree
Galanthus nivalis				√	Snowdrop
Galantnus nivalis Garlic-Mustard	√			v	
	v		/	/	Garlic-Mustard
Ginkgo	 	ł	 ✓ 	 ✓ 	Ginkgo
Ginkgo biloba		Į	 ✓ 	~	Ginkgo
Goldenrod, Canada		 	√		Canada Goldenrod
Goldenrod, Tall		 	 ✓ 	ļ,	See Canada Goldenrod
Gum, Black or Sour			\checkmark	\checkmark	See Tupelo

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Hackberry		✓			Hackberry
Halesia carolina	√	✓			Carolina Silverbell
Halesia tetraptera	√	✓			See Carolina Silverbell
Hamamelis virginiana		√	√		Witch-Hazel
Hemlock, Eastern	√		√	\checkmark	Eastern Hemlock
Hercules' Club			√		See Devil's Walkingstick
Holly, American				\checkmark	American Holly
Honeysuckle, Amur			√		See Bush Honeysuckle
Honeysuckle, Bush	✓		√		Bush Honeysuckle
Honeysuckle, Japanese			✓		Japanese Honeysuckle
Hop-Hornbeam, Eastern	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark	Eastern Hop-Hornbeam
Hornbeam, American					American Hornbeam
Horse-Chestnut				\checkmark	See Horse Chestnut
Hyacinth, Wood	· · ·				Wood Hyacinth
Hyacinthoides hispanica	· ·				Wood Hyacinth
llex opaca				√	American Holly
Indian Hemp		√	√	*	Indian Hemp
Ironweed, Giant		✓ ✓	✓ ✓		Giant Ironweed
		✓ ✓	•		
Ironweed, New York		✓ ✓			New York Ironweed
Ironweed, Yellow		✓ ✓		√	See Wingstem
Ironwood	✓		 ✓ 	~	See Eastern Hop-Hornbeam
Ironwood	✓	✓	 ✓ 		See American Hornbeam
Juglans nigra	✓	√	 ✓ 		Black Walnut
Juniperus virginiana	✓		√	√	Eastern Red-Cedar
Lagerstroemia indica		✓		\checkmark	Crape-Myrtle
Lilac	√				Lilac
Lime	√	✓	✓		See American Linden
Linden, American	√	✓	✓		American Linden
Lindera benzoin	√		✓		Spicebush
Liriodendron tulipifera		✓	✓	\checkmark	Tulip-Tree
Lonicera japonica			✓		Japanese Honeysuckle
Lonicera maackii	√		✓		Bush Honeysuckle
Magnolia grandiflora	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark		Southern Magnolia
Magnolia x soulangiana	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia, Saucer	\checkmark	✓		~	Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia, Southern	√	✓	✓		Southern Magnolia
Magnolia, Star		✓		\checkmark	Star Magnolia
Magnolia stellata		✓		√	Star Magnolia
<i>Malus</i> sp.	√	✓			Apple
Maple, Ash-Leaved			✓		See Box-Elder
Maple, Japanese	√	√	✓		Japanese Maple
Maple, Japanese (Champion)	√	✓	√		Japanese Maple (Champion)
Maple, Japanese Fern-Leafed	✓	1	√	\checkmark	Japanese Fern-Leafed Maple
Maple, Red			✓		Red Maple
Maple, Silver			✓		Silver Maple
Maple, Sugar			✓	√	Sugar Maple
Mertensia virginica	√	1			Virginia Bluebells
Milkweed, Butterfly		✓			See Butterfly Weed
Milkweed, Common	✓	· · ·	√	\checkmark	Milkweed
Mint, Short-Toothed Mountain		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			See Short-Toothed Mountain Mint
Mint, Short-rootned Modifian		· ·	√		Mistflower
Mistilowei Monarda fistulosa		√	▼ ✓		Wild Bergamot
Mountain Mint, Short-Toothed		✓ ✓	*		Short-Toothed Mountain Mint
	√	✓ ✓			
Musclewood	•	*	✓		See American Hornbeam
Nyssa sylvatica			v		Tupelo

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Oak, English		✓			English Oak
Oak, Pin			~		Pin Oak
Oak, Red			√		Red Oak
Oak, Scarlet			\checkmark		Scarlet Oak
Oak, White				√	White Oak
Olive, Autumn	√				Autumn Olive
Onoclea sensibilis			√		Sensitive Fern
Ostrya virginiana	√	✓	√	✓	Eastern Hop-Hornbeam
Packera aurea	√				Golden Ragwort
Pawpaw			√		Pawpaw
Pepperbush, Sweet		\checkmark		√	Sweet Pepperbush
Persimmon			✓	-	Persimmon
Phyllostachys sp.			· ·		Bamboo
Pine, Eastern White	√		 ✓	√	Eastern White Pine
Pinus strobus	¥	<u> </u>	▼ ✓	✓ ✓	Eastern White Pine
Platanus occidentalis	· ·	ł	✓ ✓	v	
					Sycamore
Polystichum acrostichoides			 ✓ 		Christmas Fern
Poplar, Tulip or Yellow		✓	√	√	See Tulip-Tree
Prunus avium	✓			√	Sweet Cherry
Prunus serotina		✓	√		Black Cherry
Prunus serrulata	√				Kwanzan Cherry
Pycnanthemum muticum		✓			Short-Toothed Mountain Mint
Quercus alba				✓	White Oak
Quercus coccinea			\checkmark		Scarlet Oak
Quercus palustris			✓		Pin Oak
Quercus robur		✓			English Oak
Quercus rubra			✓		Red Oak
Ragwort, Golden	√				Golden Ragwort
Ranunculus bulbosus	√				Bulbous Buttercup
Ranunculus ficaria var. bulbifera	√	1			Lesser Celandine
Redbud, Eastern	√	✓			Redbud
Redbud, Chinese	√				Chinese Redbud
Rhododendron			√		Rhododendron
Rhododendron subg. Hymenanthes			✓		Rhododendron
Rosa multiflora			√		Multiflora Rose
Rose, Multiflora			✓		Multiflora Rose
Rubus phoenicolasius			 ✓	✓	Wineberry
Rudbeckia hirta var. pulcherrima	· ·	✓			Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia laciniata		·	√		Green-Headed Coneflower
Rudbeckia serotina		✓	•		See Black-Eyed Susan
Sambucus canadensis		▼ ✓			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		▼ ✓			See Elderberry
Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis	√	×			Elderberry
Sassafras		 	✓		Sassafras
Sassafras albidum	∕	Į	√		Sassafras
Senecio aureus	<u>∕</u>	ļ			See Golden Ragwort
Serviceberry	∕	√			See Shadbush
Shadblow	✓	√			See Shadbush
Shadbush	✓	 ✓ 			Shadbush
Silverbell, Carolina	√	✓			Carolina Silverbell
Skunk Cabbage	✓				Skunk Cabbage
Snowdrop, Common				\checkmark	Snowdrop
Solidago altissima			√		See Canada Goldenrod
Solidago canadensis			√		Canada Goldenrod
Spicebush	✓		√		Spicebush
Strawberry Bush			✓		Strawberry Bush

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Strawberry Shrub	√	√			See Carolina Allspice
Sweetshrub, Eastern	√	√			See Carolina Allspice
Sycamore			✓		Sycamore
Symplocarpus foetidus	√				Skunk Cabbage
Syringa vulgaris	√				Lilac
Taxus baccata				√	English Yew
Thelypteris noveboracensis			✓		New York Fern
Thistle, Field		√	✓		Field Thistle
Thoroughwort, Lateflowering		√	✓	√	See Late-Flowering Boneset
Thuja occidentalis			√		Eastern White Cedar (Arborvitae)
Tilia americana	√	√	√		American Linden
Tsuga canadensis	√		✓	√	Eastern Hemlock
Tulip-Tree		√	√	\checkmark	Tulip-Tree
Tupelo			√		Tupelo
Verbesina alternifolia		√			Wingstem
Vernonia altissima		√	✓		See Giant Ironweed
Vernonia gigantea		√	√		Giant Ironweed
Vernonia noveboracensis		√			New York Ironweed
Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum	√				Double-File Viburnum
Viburnum prunifolium	√	√	✓		Black-Haw
Viburnum rhytidophyllum		√			Leatherleaf Viburnum
Viburnum, Double-File	√				Double-File Viburnum
Viburnum, Leatherleaf		√			Leatherleaf Viburnum
Viola papilionacea	√				See Blue Violet
Viola sororia	√				Blue Violet
Violet, Common Blue	√				Blue Violet
Walnut, Black	✓	\checkmark	√		Black Walnut
Wineberry	\checkmark		✓	√	Wineberry
Wingstem		√			Wingstem
Witch-Alder	√				Witch-Alder
Witch-Hazel		√	✓		Witch-Hazel
Yew, English				√	English Yew