

Introduction to some of
our new plants

Red Maple (acer rubrum)

Beautifully coloured in the fall,
well suited to many soils.

Native to Ontario.

In the spring it has tiny red
flowers before the leaves come
out. These are important early
sources of food for pollinators.



Black Gum Tree (*Nyssa Sylvatica*)

Tall cylindrical shape, interesting
horizontal branching

Native to Ontario, but rare.

Bees love it's small green flowers

Produces blue, sour berries loved
by birds.



Ironwood tree (Hop Hornbeam) (*Ostrya Virginiana*)

Native to Ontario

Considered in ornamental tree

Slower growth, very strong, very robust and disease resistant

Very interesting blossoms

Bark peels



Sassafras tree (Sassafras Albidum)

Interesting shape to tree and
leaves.

Native to Ontario

Very important in hosting key
pollinators.



Showy Mountain Ash (sorbus decora)

Smaller, showy tree with white
flowers and bright orange
berries.



American Basswood

Native to Ontario

Fast growing

Yellow-Cream hanging scented flowers that form small “nutlets”/seed. Attractive to butterflies

Interesting heart shaped leaf.



Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alterniflora*)

Native flowering tree, smaller tree

Stunning clusters of white-yellow flowers in spring, turn to berries in late summer fall.

Horizontal branches that give a “pagoda” like feel.

Grows nicely under other trees.



Canadian Yew (Taxus Canadensis)

Evergreen, Native to Ontario

Easy to grow in shade – really rare to find.

Can form hedge/natural barrier

Small red berries on mature branches

Toxic berries and branches



Bush Honeysuckle (DIERVILLA LONICERA)

Another important shrub in our design (107 of them!)

This will be used frequently to provide a defining border in the park beds.

Grows 1m high, spreads well.

Fragrant, robust once established.

Favorite of hummingbirds.



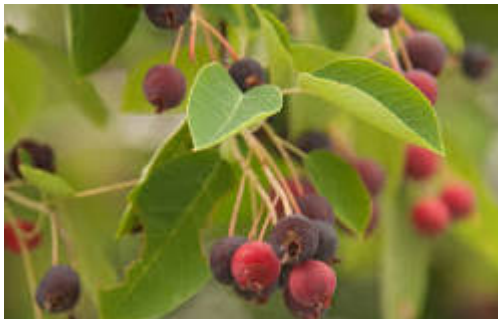
Service Berry (AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS)

A beautiful bush flowering with
mounds of white flowers in
spring

Berries are delicious – if the birds
don't get them first!

Grow in shade

This is a staple source of food in
our native species.



Snowberry (SYMPHORICARPOS ALBUS)

Pretty small leafed shrub.

Pink flowers in June

Turn to profuse white berries
that stay on plant into winter.

Tolerates salt and shade.



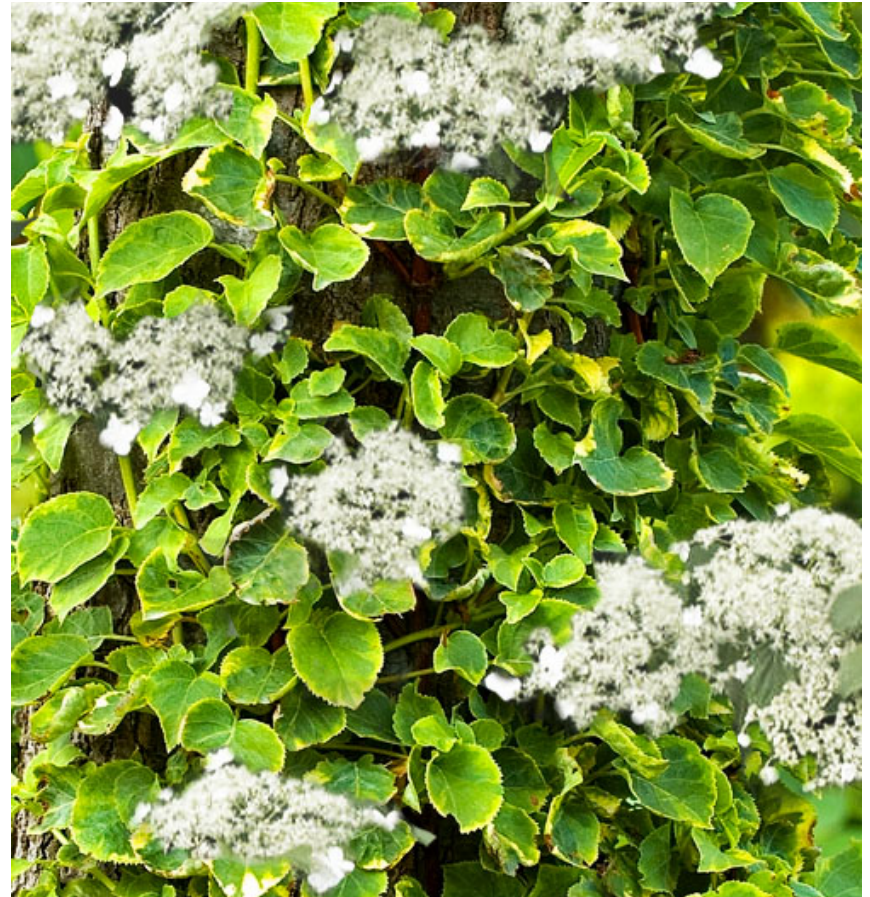
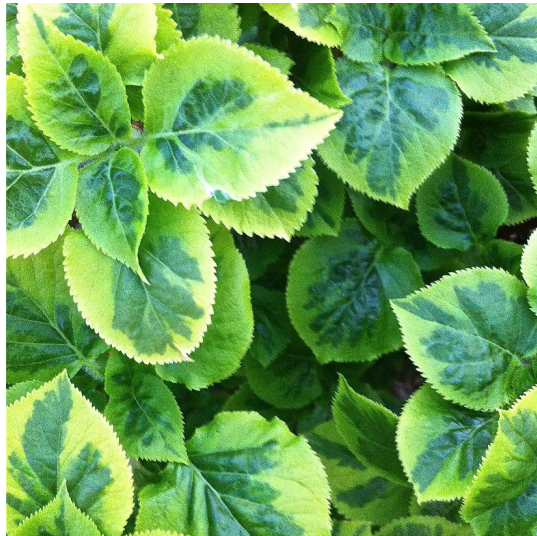
Climbing Hydrangea - up fencing near office entrance

Climbing, flowering vine

Interesting two-tone leaf

Prefers shade

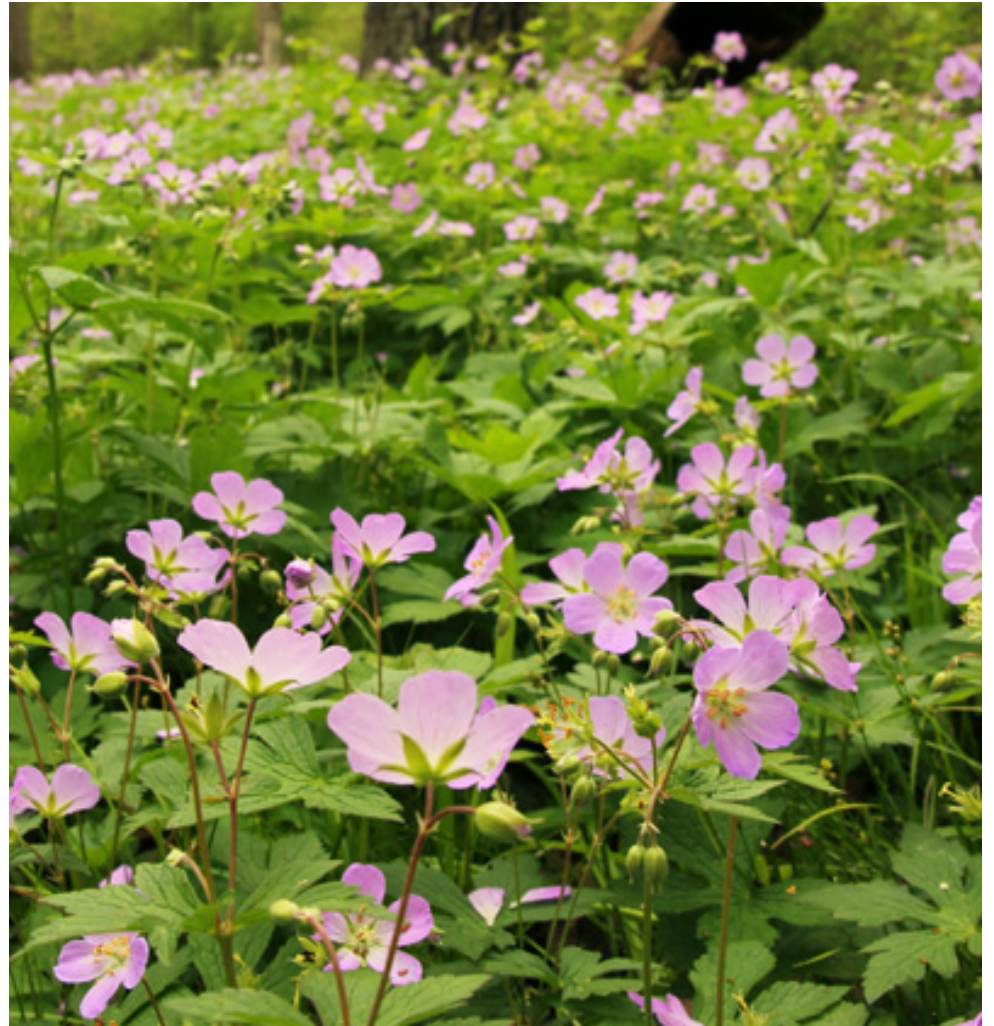
Provides a vertical feature in
garden



Wild Geranium

Native flower

Low, spreading plant.



Hart's tongue fern (Asplenium Scolopendrium)

Native fern, shade loving

Very showy in a garden.

Often holds leaves over winter



Nannyberry (Viburnum Lentago)

Wonderful native flowering
tree/shrub

White flowers that turn to
berries for the birds

In fall leaves turn bronze/red.



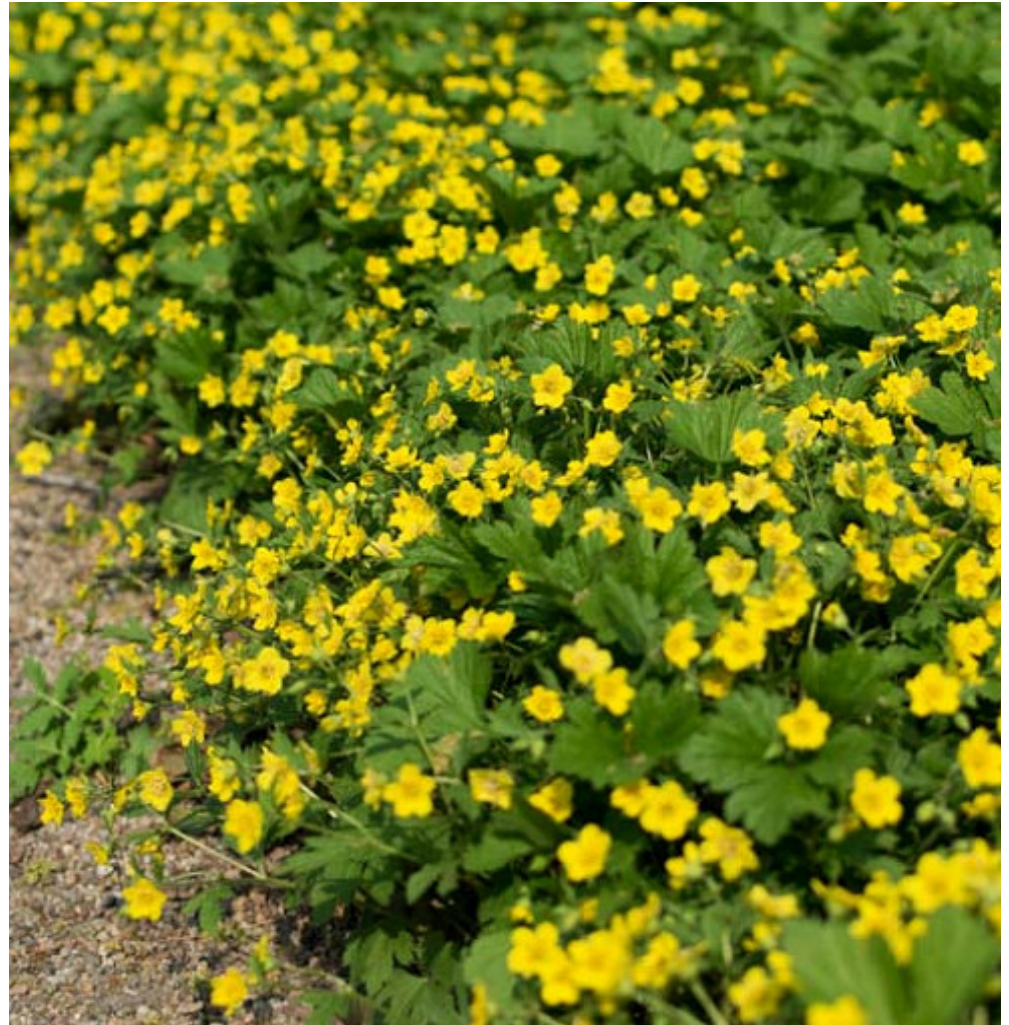
Barren Strawberry

(WALDSTEINIA
FRAGAROIDES)

Vigorous native plant, low lying

Nice as groundcover, can tolerate salt

Can tolerate growing in shade



Oak sedge (*Carex pennsylvanica*)

A native grass that offers a wave-like feel.

Will be used along the creek to simulate water.



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