

Enviro Lac Gauvreau

Free Native Plants

To restore our shorelines Pick up May 11, 2024

Blue Beech Tree

Carpinus caroliniana

Size: Mature height: 35 feet

Appearance: Smooth, blue-gray bark

gives way to larger muscle-like branches. Leaves emerge as

red-purple in Spring, then turn dark

green, and finally orange-red in Fall.

Site and soils: Full to part shade where soil is moist, rich, and deep. Best soil for this tree is a fertile loam but it can also tolerate clay or alkaline soils.

Rural plantings: Grows about as wide as it does tall at maturity (35 feet).





Button Bush

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Size: 1-3 metres (3-9 feet)

Appearance: The leaves are opposite; whorled, elliptic to ovate, broad with smooth edges.

The flowers are white.

Site and soils: Common to wetlands, swamps, floodplains. Moist soil.

Rural plantings: Helps control erosion.

Source of nectar for bees. Good for butterfly gardens.



Eastern White Cedar Tree

Thuja occidentalis

Size: 15 metres (50 feet)

Appearance: Yellow to green scale-like leaves, turning bronzy green in winter. Broad, dense, columnar form; thin red-brown young bark; gray-brown mature bark in strips.

Site and soils: Does well on many sites; dry, wet or shallow soils. Tolerant of shade.

Rural plantings: Reforestation, site restoration, wildlife plantings for browse and cover. Slow growing. Grows well with white pine, balsam fir, yellow birch, sugar maple.

Lives for 80+ years!



Highbush Cranberry

Viburnum trilobum

Size: 3 metres (10 feet)

Appearance: White spring flowers; red berries. Large shrub; lobed maple-like leaves. Smooth, wiry branches; rougher mature bark.

Site and soils: Adapted to moist sites.

Best in full sunlight.

Rural plantings: Restoration, wildlife

food source.



Juneberry Bush

Amelanchier bartramiana

Size: 5-10 metres (15-30 feet)

Appearance: Showy, white flowers; small, shrubby or tree form. Smooth, gray young bark marked by vertical lines; rough, scaly mature bark.

Site and soils: Adapted to a wide variety of sites. Best in moist to dry sites. Tolerates some shade. Best in full sunlight.

Rural plantings: Reforestation, wildlife food source. Edible fruit.



Little Bluestem Grass

Schizachyrium scoparium

Size: 3 feet (high) x 2 feet (wide) **Appearance**: Short grass with round-shaped foliage has a blue tinge in Summer, golden brown-red in Fall.

Site and soils: Part shade to full sun. Dry to Medium. Sand Loam, Loam. Drought tolerant grass can handle poor soil.

Rural plantings: Hosts butterflies' larvae. Serves as a hiding place for small wildlife; provides habitat and food for birds. Does not handle competition well.







Red Maple Tree

Acer rubrum

Size: Mature height: 60 feet **Appearance**: Fast growing tree with brilliant red and yellow fall colour.

Site and soils: Grows in a variety of soil types but prefers slightly acidic and moist but well-drained locations.

Rural plantings: Plant at least 7 metres away from driveways or houses due to its shallow spreading root system.











Red Osier Dogwood

Cornus stolonifera

Size: 2-3 metres (6-10 feet)

Appearance: Low shrub; simple leaf; bluish-white autumn berries. White spring flowers; bright red winter stems. Smooth, red bark.

Site and soils: Damp lowland sites.

Needs full sunlight.

Rural plantings: Restoration, wildlife

food source.



Spotted Joe Pye Shrub

Eupatorium maculatum

Size: 7 feet (high) x 3 feet (wide) **Appearance**: A tall, shrubby,

quick-growing perennial requiring little maintenance. Rose-coloured flowers bloom on tall, strong stems and last for several weeks in summer.

Site and soils: Part Shade to Full Sun. Medium to Wet. Clay Loam. Grows best in moist organic soil but can adapt to dryer soil conditions.

Rural plantings: The blooms attract dozens of butterflies. Avoid overhead watering to prevent powdery mildew. Deer resistant.



Swamp Rose Shrub

Rosa palustris

Size: 1 - 2 m (3 - 6 ft)

Appearance: Shrub with alternate, pinnately compound leaves, on thorny stems. Flowers are pink, bloom in summer.

Site and soils: Best grown in acidic, organically rich, boggy to wet soils in full sun. Tolerates light shade, but best flowering and disease resistance generally occur in full sun.

Rural plantings:



Sweet Gale Shrub

Myrica gale

Size: Up to 1 m (1-3 feet)

Appearance: Aromatic leaves when rubbed. Grows at edge of water. White spring flowers; small shrub; bright red winter stems.

Site and soils: Damp lowland sites.

Needs full sunlight.

Rural plantings: Restoration, wildlife

food source.



Tamarack Tree

Larix laricina

Size: Mature height: 60 feet

Appearance: Soft needles turn from bluish-green in Summer to golden yellow in Fall.

Site and soils: Tolerates drier soils but prefers moist to wet soil. Full sun.

Rural plantings: Deciduous conifer loses its needles in Fall and is cone bearing. Small yellow-brown cones have seeds are eaten by chipmunks and other small animals.





