Hamilton County SWCD Fall Native Plant Sale 2026 | Quick Comparison Guide

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Common name	Scientific name	Type	Mature size	Growth	Sun	Soil moisture	Bloom	Quick comparison notes
TREES								
Allegheny Serviceberry	*Amelanchier laevis*	Tree	15-25 ft. tall x 15-20 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium	April (White)	White spring flowers; Edible summer berries
American Hornbeam	*Carpinus caroliniana*	Tree	20-35 ft. tall x 20-35 ft. wide	Slow	Part shade to shade	Medium to wet	March-April (Greenish; inconspicuous catkins)	Excellent native tree for shady sites; Attractive fluted bark
American Persimmon	*Diospyros virginiana*	Tree	35-60 ft. tall x 25-35 ft. wide	Slow	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	May-June (White to greenish yellow; inconspicuous)	Edible native fruit tree; Tough and adaptable once established
Black Gum	*Nyssa slyvatica*	Tree	30-50 ft. tall x 20-30 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to wet	May-June (Greenish white; inconspicuous)	One of the best native trees for fall color; Adaptable to both dry and seasonally wet sites
Bur Oak	*Quercus macrocarpa*	Tree	60-80 ft. tall x 60-80 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun	Dry to wet	April-May (Inconspicuous greenish catkins)	Long-lived legacy shade tree; Highly adaptable to drought, clay, and periodic wetness
Common Hackberry	*Celtis occidentalis*	Tree	40-60 ft. tall x 40-60 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Dry to wet	April-May (Green; inconspicuous)	Tough, fast-growing native shade tree; Highly adaptable to difficult urban sites
Eastern Red Cedar	*Juniper virginiana*	Tree	30-65 ft. tall x 8-25 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun	Dry to medium	Non-flowering conifer	Tough native evergreen; Excellent year-round screen and wildlife cover
Eastern Redbud	*Cercis canadensis*	Tree	20-30 ft. tall x 25-35 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium	April (Rose pink to light purple)	Showy flowers cover bare branches in early spring; Compact native flowering tree
Eastern White Pine	*Pinus strobus*	Tree	50-80 ft. tall x 20-40 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium	May-June (Inconspicuous male and female cones)	Fast-growing native evergreen; Soft textured foliage and graceful form
Flowering Dogwood	*Cornus florida*	Tree	15-30 ft. tall x 15-30 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium	April-May (White bracts surrounding small greenish-yellow flowers)	Classic native flowering tree; Beautiful spring bloom and fall color
Hoptree/Wafer Ash	*Ptelea trifoliata*	Tree	10-20 ft. tall x 10-15 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to shade	Dry to medium	May-June (Greenish white)	Adaptable small native tree; Distinctive wafer-like fruit clusters
Northern Red Oak	*Quercus rubra*	Tree	50-75 ft. tall x 45-75 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun	Dry to medium	April-May (Inconspicuous yellow-green catkins)	Relatively fast-growing native oak; Large canopy and dependable shade
Northern White-cedar (Arborvitae)	*Thuja occidentalis*	Tree	20-40 ft. tall x 10-15 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	April-May (Inconspicuous pollen and seed cones)	Dense native evergreen screen; Tolerates moist and seasonally wet soil
Pawpaw	*Asimina triloba*	Tree	15-30 ft. tall x 15-30 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to shade	Medium to wet	April-May (Purplish brown to burgundy)	Produces the largest edible fruit native to North America; Tropical-looking foliage
Red Maple	*Acer rubrum*	Tree	40-70 ft. tall x 30-50 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	March-April (Red)	Fast-growing native shade tree; Strong fall color
Tulip Tree	*Liriodendron tulipifera*	Tree	60-90 ft. tall x 30-50 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium	May-June (Yellow-green with an orange band)	Indiana's state tree; Fast-growing native shade tree
SHRUBS								
Arrowwood Viburnum	*Viburnum dentatum*	Shrub	6-10 ft. tall x 6-10 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to wet	May-June (Creamy white)	Dependable native shrub for hedges and screens; White spring flowers and blue-black fruit
Berry Poppins Winterberry Holly	*Ilex verticillata ' Berry Poppins"*	Shrub - cultivar	3-4 ft. tall x 3-4 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	May-June (Small white flowers)	Compact female winterberry for smaller landscapes; Heavy red berry display
Buttonbush	*Cephalanthus occidentalis*	Shrub	5-12 ft. tall x 5-12 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	June-August (Creamy white)	Distinctive spherical flowers; Outstanding pollinator and wildlife shrub
Common Ninebark	*Physocarpus opulifolius*	Shrub	5-8 ft. tall x 4-8 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to part shade	Dry to wet	May-June (White to pinkish white)	Extremely adaptable native shrub; White spring flowers and peeling bark
Common Witch hazel	*Hamamelis virginiana*	Shrub	15-20 ft. tall x 15-20 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium	October-December (Yellow)	One of the last native plants to bloom each year; Fragrant yellow flowers after leaf drop
Coralberry	*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*	Shrub	2-5 ft. tall x 4-8 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to shade	Dry to medium	June-July (Small pinkish white flowers)	Colorful berries for fall and winter; Tough native shrub for shade and dry soil
Elderberry	*Sambucus canadensis*	Shrub	5-12 ft. tall x 5-12 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	June-July (Creamy white)	Fast-growing wildlife and edible shrub; Large white flower clusters
Incrediball® Storm Proof™ Smooth Hydrangea	*Hydrangea arborescens 'Incrediball Storm Proof™'*	Shrub - cultivar	3.5-4 ft. tall x 3-4 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium	June-September (White, opening greenish)	Compact smooth hydrangea with strong stems; Abundant white summer flowers

Tip: Start with mature size, then match sun and soil moisture. Use bloom timing and notes to narrow choices.

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Leadplant	*Amorpha canescens*	Shrub	2-4 ft. tall x 2-3 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun	Dry to medium	June-August (Purple flower spikes with bright orange-yellow stamens)	Compact native prairie shrub; Unusual purple flower spikes
Little Henry® Virginia Sweetspire	*Itea virginica 'Little Henry®'*	Shrub - cultivar	1.5-3 ft. tall x 2-3 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to shade	Medium to wet	June-July (White)	Compact native shrub for small landscapes; Fragrant white flower tassels
Low Scape Mound® Black Chokeberry	*Aronia melanocarpa 'Low Scape Mound®'*	Shrub - cultivar	1.5-3 ft. tall x 1.5-3 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to wet	May (White)	Compact native groundcover shrub; White spring flowers, dark fruit, and red fall color
Mr. Poppins® Winterberry Holly	*Ilex verticillata 'Mr. Poppins®'*	Shrub - cultivar	3-4 ft. tall x 3-4 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	May-June (Small white flowers)	Compact male pollinator for female winterberries; Essential for Berry Poppins® berry production
New Jersey Tea	*Ceanothus americanus*	Shrub	3-4 ft. tall x 3-5 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	June-July (White to creamy white)	Compact native shrub for dry sites; Showy white summer flower clusters
Oakleaf hydrangea	*Hydrangea quercifolia*	Shrub	6-8 ft. tall x 6-8 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to shade	Dry to medium	June-July (White, aging pink to tan)	Four-season native shrub; Large white flower panicles
Red Osier Dogwood	*Cornus sericea*	Shrub	6-9 ft. tall x 8-12 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	May-June (Creamy white)	Brilliant red winter stems; Tough shrub for moist and difficult sites
Shrubby St. John's Wort	*Hypericum prolificum*	Shrub	1-4 ft. tall x 1-4 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	June-August (Bright yellow)	Long display of bright yellow flowers; Compact, tough native shrub
Spicebush	*Lindera benzoin*	Shrub	6-12 ft. tall x 6-12 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to shade	Medium to wet	March-April (Yellow-green)	Early yellow flowers before the leaves emerge; Aromatic foliage and twigs
PERENNIALS								
Butterfly Milkweed	*Asclepias tuberosa*	Perennial	1-3 ft. tall x 1-2 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun	Dry to medium	June-August (Bright orange to yellow-orange)	Brilliant orange summer flowers; Monarch host for dry, sunny gardens
Mistflower	*Conoclinium coelestinum*	Perennial	1.5-3 ft. tall x 1.5-3 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	July-October (Blue-purple to lavender)	Fluffy blue-purple flowers from late summer into fall; Excellent late-season pollinator plant
New England Aster	*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*	Perennial	3-6 ft. tall x 2-4 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	August-October (Purple to violet-pink with yellow centers)	Brilliant late-season purple flowers; Critical nectar source for migrating monarchs
Prairie Onion	*Allium stellatum*	Perennial	1-1.5 ft. tall x 0.5-1 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	July-September (Reddish pink to pink-lavender)	Star-shaped pink summer flowers; Compact native bulb for dry sites
Purple Coneflower	*Echinacea purpurea*	Perennial	2-5 ft. tall x 1.5-2 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	June-September (Purple-pink with an orange-brown cone)	Long summer bloom season; Excellent nectar source for butterflies and bees
Short's Aster	*Symphyotrichum shortii*	Perennial	2-3.5 ft. tall x 1-2 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to shade	Dry to medium	August-October (Lavender to blue-violet rays with yellow centers aging reddish purple)	Abundant violet-blue fall flowers; One of the better asters for woodland edges and partial shade
Showy Black Eyed Susan	*Rudbeckia fulgida*	Perennial	2-3 ft. tall x 1.5-2.5 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to part shade	Dry to wet	July-October (Golden yellow with a dark brown cone)	Long-lasting golden flowers; Easy, durable native perennial
Showy Goldenrod	*Solidago speciosa*	Perennial	2-4 ft. tall x 1-2 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun	Dry to medium	August-October (Bright yellow)	Dense, showy golden flower plumes; Critical late-season nectar source
Swamp Rose Milkweed	*Asclepias incarnata*	Perennial	3-5 ft. tall x 2-3 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to part shade	Medium to wet	July-August (Rose-pink to mauve)	Essential monarch host plant; Fragrant pink summer flowers
Wild Bergamot	*Monarda fistulosa*	Perennial	2-4 ft. tall x 2-3 ft. wide	Medium to fast	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	June-August (Lavender to pink-purple)	Highly fragrant native mint; Long-lasting lavender summer flowers
Wild Columbine	*Aquilegia canadensis*	Perennial	1-3 ft. tall x 1-1.5 ft. wide	Medium	Full sun to shade	Dry to medium	April-June (Red and yellow)	Showy red-and-yellow spring flowers; One of the best native flowers for hummingbirds
GRASSES								
Prairie Dropseed	*Sporobolus heterolepis*	Grass	2-3 ft. tall x 2-3 ft. wide	Slow to medium	Full sun	Dry to medium	July-September (Airy pinkish-tan flower panicles)	Graceful fine-textured native grass; Fragrant late-summer flower panicles
VINES								
Purple Passion Flower	*Passiflora incarnata*	Vine	10-25 ft. tall x 3-6 ft. wide	Fast	Full sun to part shade	Dry to medium	July-September (Lavender-purple and white)	Spectacular exotic-looking native flowers; Host plant for several showy butterflies