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Skier= erosion control; birds= good for breeding birds
bee= good for pollinators; sunglasses= shade tolerant






Species	soil	sun	Visual	Wildlife
Shrubs				
Red Osier Dogwood <i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Moist soil	Full sun	Bright red twigs. 2m height. White flowers in late June. Bluish berries.	Food (berries) for songbirds. Cover for game birds. Browse for deer and rabbits. Good nitrogen removal (flowers and berries)
Chokecherry <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	dry to moist	Full sun to partial shade	fruit-bearing in the fall	food source for all birds and mamamal. Shelter for mammals in winter. Good screening hedgerow in the summer
Potentilla (alba or yellow)	wet to moist	Full sun	white or yellow flowers. Low shrub.	Cover for waterfowl and birds. Very ornamental
Spirea Alba	wet	Full sun	White flowers. Low shrub.	Cover for waterfowl and birds. Good for inwater or riparian stablization/wave breaks and erosion
Pussy Willow <i>Salix discolor</i>	Wet soils	Sun to partial shade	2-3m height. Catkins appear in spring	Offers nesting and shelter to a variety of birds. Roots are extensive, reducing erosion.
Or Beaked Willow <i>Salix bebbiana sarg.</i>	Wet soil	Sun to partial shade	2-3m height. Catkins appear in spring	Offers nesting and shelter to a variety of birds. Roots are extensive, reducing erosion.
Sandbar willow <i>Salix exigua</i>	all	Sun to partial shade	2-3m height. Catkins appear in spring	Offers nesting and shelter to a variety of birds. Roots are extensive, reducing erosion.
smooth wild rose <i>rosa blanda</i>	all	full sun to partial shade	2-3 m height. Pink roses	Food for birds and cover. Attracts butterflies. Nutrient removal/uptake. Erosion control. Drought resistant

Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Moist soils	shade 	Green-yellow flowers in May. Orange berries in August to October.	*Flowers attract bees. Berries for migrating birds	
sweet gale	very wet	full sun	white small flowers in cones. Green aromatic leaves. Low small shrub	leaves are a traditional spice. Good for attracting frogs and bullfrogs. Good for wave breaks.	
Snowberry <i>symphoricarpos albus</i>	all	Full sun to partial shade		food and cover for wildlife all winter; boosts biodiversity. Good for fence rows. Erosion control	
Silverberry <i>Elaeagnus commutata</i>	Moist to dry soil.	Full sun to partial shade	Shrub, but can be grown as a tree. Showy blooms.	Important summer food for birds. Good for summer hedgerows/screening. Drought resistant. Erosion control. Good for bees	
Nannyberry <i>Viburnum lentago</i>	wet to moist	shade tolerant 	Up to 5m. White blooms in May and June. Bluish/black berries August to Sept.	Food for birds and cover. Attracts butterflies. Nutrient removal/uptake.	
Sweet Bayberry <i>Myrica gale L.</i>	poor drainage/wet	full sun		Cover for birds.	
Common Juniper	dry	full sun	blue gray evergreen with dark purple berries. Low lying up to 1.5ft. Grows wide	songbirds and small mammals. Boosts biodiversity. Soil stabilization	
Wild Black Currant <i>ribes americanum</i>	most to wet	Sun to partial shade	low shrub with dark currants that are edible	erosion control. Butterfly nectar. Wildlife shelter in spring and summer.	
Sweet Viburnum <i>viburnum lentago</i>	dry to moist	Sun to partial shade		fence rows. Butterfly nectar.	



Gray, and alternative leaved dogwoods	Moist to dry soil.	Sun to partial shade	white flowers. Grows to 3. best to plant with other shrubs or trees/companions	important source of food for small deer, mammals, and deer	
Elderberry <i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>	wet to moist	shade tolerant 	Up to 3m. White, heavily scented blooms in July.	Birds and small mammals eat berries and good source of cover. Edible berries for humans too. Nitrogen removal	
Herbs					
Name	soil	sun	Visual	Wildlife	
Spotted Joe-Pyeweed <i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Wet soils	Full sun to partial shade	Tall herb. Up to 1m. Pink umbel flowers in August to Sept.	Important nectar and larval plant for butterflies.	
Swamp Milkweed <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Wet soils	Full sun	Bright orange umbel of flowers in July.	Important nectar and larval plant for butterflies.	
Blue-flag iris <i>Iris versicolor</i>	Wet soils	partial shade 	Blue flowers in May-June. Will spread over time	Aesthetic and sturdy stock for interrupting overland waters	
Flat-topped white Aster <i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	dry to moist	full sun	White umbel flowers in Aug-Sept.	Important nectar and larval plant for butterflies.	
Great Blue Lobelia <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	all	full sun	Dark blue 1-3ft. Blooms July to Sept. Will self sow. Easily grown from seed.	Aesthetic	
Blue Vervain <i>Verbena hastata</i>	dry to moist	full sun	Blue purplish flowers. Fuzzy appearance.	Important for insects and butterflies.	
Turtlehead <i>Chelone glabra</i>	wet to moist	Sun to partial shade	White flowers.	Important nectar and larval plant for butterflies.	
Boneset <i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	wet to moist	Sun to partial shade	Off white umbel flowers in August.	Robust emergent herb to intercept surface flow.	
Black Eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	dry	full sun	Yellow flowers with black centre. Blooms late summer to fall.	Attracts butterflies. Soil stabilizer.	
Wild Bergamot <i>Mondarda fistulosa</i>	dry	full sun	2 ft. Bluish flowers. Sweet strong smell. Mint family.	Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.	
Common Thistle <i>cirsium flodmanii</i>	dry to moist	full sun	purple thistles on prickly stems	good for pollinators, bees, and seeds for birds	
Common sunflower <i>Helianthus annuus</i> or rough woodland spp.	all	full sun	yellow flowers. Tall plant	Attracts butterflies and bees/pollinators.	
allium spp	Moist	full sun	small blue flowers in delicate stems	butterfly gardens	

Common Yarrow <i>phleum pratense</i>	dry	full sun	yellow small flowers. 1ft	attracts butterflies and insects. Erosion control. Pollinators. Drought tolerant	
common and butterfly milkweed	dry	full sun	orange flowers. Up to 2.5ft.	attracts butterflies. Great for erosion control	
fireweed	moist	Sun to partial shade		pollinators. Hummingbirds. Bees.	
indian paintbrush	Moist	full sun			
desmodiums	Moist				
anise hyssop	moist to dry	Sun to partial shade			
wild columbine					
Cone flower. <i>echinacea</i> .	dry	full sun	pink flowers	attracts butterflies. Great for erosion control and xeroscapes	

Groundcovers

Name	soil	sun	Visual	Wildlife	
Bearberry <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	dry to moist		Small pink or white flowers in May to July. Red berries in fall.	Bird food.	
Wintergreen <i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Moist	Sun to partial shade	Low evergreen groundcover. White flowers in June to July. Red berries August-Sept.	Birds eat berries. Wintergreen leaves are naturopathic remedy.	
Bunchberry	dry to moist	partial shade 	low colonizing bunched leaves with white flowers and orgage edible berries	edible for all! Full of nutrients	
low blueberry. <i>Vaccinium spp.</i>	dry		blueberries	fruit and ground cover for birds and wildlife	

Vines

Virginia Creeper	dry	partial shade 	low creeping vine that turns bright red in the fall	ground birds	
climbing bittersweet <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	dry to moist	Sun to partial shade	woody vine up to 7m. With orange/yellow berries in Sept.	good for song birds. Berries are poisonous to humans	