

NATIVE PLANT

Spring 2018



PASSPORT

Why Native Plants Matter

Native plants are plants that grow naturally in the region where they evolved and are accustomed to local sun, soil, and climate conditions. Some of their benefits include:

- Provide food and cover for local wildlife
- Do not compete with other plants
- Easy to grow and maintain
- Require less water, fertilizer, and pesticide
- Reduce pollution contribution to the Chesapeake Bay
- Improve air quality
- Control soil erosion

How to Participate

Mix-and-match any ten plants in this passport. Fill out the checklist on the back of this passport to keep track of your progress.

Prize

A coupon sheet that includes discounts to various nurseries and garden supply stores: Grandfather's Garden Center, Kendall Hardware, and Lauren's Garden Service, Lowe's (Columbia), and Sun Nurseries.

How to Redeem Your Prize

Bring your completed passport with checkmarks to GreenFest 2018 at Howard Community College or email a file of the completed passport to Julie Costantino at jcostantino@howardcountymd.gov by **June 30, 2018**.

Key				
☀	Full Sun		D	Dry
☂	Partial Shade		M	Moist
☘	Full Shade		W	Wet



Black-Eyed Susan

Rudbeckia hirta

Height: 1-3.5'

Bloom: Jun-Oct

Sunlight: ☀️ 🌞

Moisture: D, M

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Swamp Milkweed

Asclepias incarnata

Height: 4-6'

Bloom: May-Jun

Sunlight: ☀️ 🌞

Moisture: M, W

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa

Height: 1-3'

Bloom: May-Jul

Sunlight - ☀ ☀

Moisture - D, M

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Creeping Phlox

Phlox stolonifera

Height: 0.5-1.5'

Bloom: Apr-Jun

Sunlight: ☀ ✖

Moisture: D, M

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Joe-Pye Weed

Eupatorium dubium

Height: 2-5'

Bloom: Jul-Oct

Sunlight: ☀ ☀

Moisture: M, W

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Beebalm

Monarda didyma

Height: 2-5'

Bloom: Jul-Sep

Sunlight: ☀ ☀

Moisture: M, W

Maintenance: Medium

Deer Resistant: Yes



Buttonbush

*Cephalanthus
occidentalis*

Height: 6-12'

Bloom: Jul-Aug

Sunlight: ☀️ ❌

Moisture: M, W

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Virginia Spiderwort

*Tradescantia
virginiana*

Height: 1-3'

Bloom: Apr-Jul

Sunlight: ☀️ ☀️

Moisture: M

Maintenance: Medium

Deer Resistant: Yes



Bluestem Goldenrod

Solidago caesia

Height: 1-3.5'

Bloom: Aug-Oct

Sunlight: ☀️ ☀️ ❄️

Moisture: D, M

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Blue Flag

Iris versicolor

Height: 3'

Bloom: May-Jun

Sunlight: ☀️ ☀️

Moisture: M, W

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida

Height: 20-50'

Bloom: Apr-May

Sunlight: ☀

Moisture: M

Maintenance: Medium

Deer Resistant: No



Switchgrass

Panicum virgatum

Height: 3-6'

Bloom: Jul-Oct

Sunlight: ☀ ☀

Moisture: D, M, W

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: Yes



Highbush Blueberry

Vaccinium corymbosum

Height: 6-12'

Bloom: Apr-Jun

Sunlight: ☀️ 🌑 ❌

Moisture: D, M, W

Maintenance: Medium

Deer Resistant: No



Witch Hazel

Hamamelis virginiana

Height: 15-30'

Bloom: Sep-Dec

Sunlight: 🌑 ❌

Moisture: D, M

Maintenance: Low

Deer Resistant: No

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Passport Checklist

Quantity	Native Plant	Nursery
	Black-Eyed Susan	
	Swamp Milkweed	
	Butterfly Weed	
	Creeping Phlox	
	Joe Pye weed	
	Bee Balm	
	Buttonbush	
	Virginia Spiderwort	
	Bluestem Goldenrod	
	Blue Flag	
	Flowering Dogwood	
	Switchgrass	
	Highbush Blueberry	
	Witch Hazel	

Total:

(At least 10)

By June 30, 2018