

Softscape

# **SOFTSCAPE**

Plants should be suited to Chattanooga's hardiness zone with preference given to native species for best performance. Mature size should be considered to match plants to their intended location/use.

All plants have specific preferences for water, light and soil composition. Some are versatile and often the most commonly sold. These plants are also often overused. If you have dry or wet soils, deep shade, or other less general conditions there are many plants that are well suited for these conditions as well. Using plants that are matched to conditions always preferable and often much easier than trying to change conditions. Understand the needs, habit and size of plants and consider what they will look like in 2-5 years. Verify site conditions and plant requirements prior to selection. Group types of plantings together and pay attention to proportion. Many small areas of lawn and ornamental planting are harder to maintain and less attractive. Additionally, minimizing edges reduces maintenance. The best weed control is successful and dense ornamental plantings.

The best time to plant most plants is during dormancy. Aim to plant between October and April for most plants. A few plants like oaks, redbuds, wax myrtle, and warm season grasses are fall planting hazards and should be planted after February. Perennials that die back to the ground are better planted in the spring once they have leafed out.

Deciduous plants often offer one or more of these characteristics: flowers, spring foliage, fall foliage, fruit (for aesthetics or eating), and interesting winter bark/branching patterns and should be used for year-round interests. Evergreen selections offer green foliage in the winter, but lack the variety of seasonal interest and should be limited.

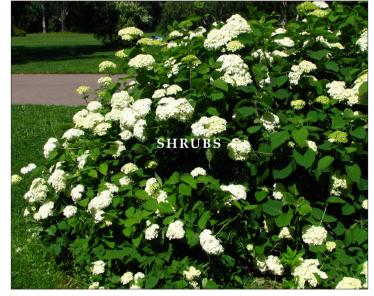
#### WATER

Transplanting is stressful. All plants require at least a year of monitoring to ensure they do not dry out during establishment. Monitoring in only required in warm weather except for evergreens, however, winters here tend to be moist and supplemental water in seldom required even for evergreens in the winter.

#### **MULCH**

Mulch is invaluable for holding water in the soil and keeping lawn and other weeds away. Adequate mulch around plants can double growth rate. Mulch plants yearly or as needed to ensure 2-3" of cover. Double Shredded Hardwood, Pine Straw, and Shredded Pine are ideal mulches for Chattanooga. Avoid color dyed mulch and shredded hardwood bark as the added costs for these materials do nothing for plant success. Note that newly shipped wood mulch can pull nitrogen out of the soil as it decomposes. This can limit plant growth for perennials and is a good plant growth suppressor for several months. Once it has aged for 6 months or so it makes a good mulch for all plants. Use bulk delivery of mulch that has been produced locally to save money, reduce waste, and







# **Softscape – Trees**

Plant the largest tree that will fit when mature for the most shade. Keep lawn away from young trees for fastest growth. Stake large trees/shrubs to reduce the chance of blowing over and damaging the roots. Do not tie to tightly as some movement in needed to encourage root growth. Remove stakes after one year. Do not use wire and hose to tie. Use tree tie material specifically for that purpose.

Because of their smaller size, ornamental trees are appropriate for planting near entries, walkways and even under powerlines (check with power company and verify mature size prior to planting).

Acer beorgerianum Finand Maple No Small reconstructions or sugar mengle.  Acer placegrianum Finand Maple No Small reconstructions or sugar dependency maple.  Acer placegrianum Paperbark maple No Small sized and beautiful pealing copper bark  Acer placedorine Chall Maple No A nice alternative to the oversaed appanese Maple.  Acer placedorine Chall Maple No A nice alternative to the oversaed appanese Maple.  Acer placedorine Chall Maple No A nice alternative to the oversaed appanese Maple.  Acer placedorine Seal Maple No A nice alternative to the oversaed appanese Maple.  Acer academan Sugar Maple No A count part in reflected beat, so don't place neet to proving or sunny side of building Acer sea country place neet to proving or sunny side of building Acer sea country place neet to proving or sunny side of building Acer sea country place neet to proving or sunny side of building Acer sea country place neet to proving or sunny side of building Acer sea country place of the place of the sunny side of a building Acer sea country place of the place of the sunny side of a building Acer sea country place of the pl	Scientific Name	Common Name	Native	Notes
Acer grainum Paperhark maple Acer grainum Fullmoon Maple Acer juonicum Carli Maple Acer acudeeme Calli Maple Acer acudeeme Calli Maple Acer acudeeme Carli Maple Acer acudeeme Calli Maple Acer acudeeme Carli Maple Acer acudeeme Carli Maple Acer acudeeme Carli Maple Carli Map	Acer barbatum	Southern Sugar Maple	Yes	A more heat tolerant sugar maple
Acer japanicum   Fullmoon Maple   No   Antice alternative to the oversued Japanese Maple	Acer buergerianum	Trident Maple	No	Small tree but sometimes overused
Acer leucoderme         Chalk Maple         Yes         A tough, rare native with nice fall color that's finding it's way into the trade           Acer saccharum         Red Maple         Yes         Very oversued and doesn't like reflected heat, so don't place next to paring or sumny side of building           Acer saccharum         Sugar Maple         Yes         Very oversued and doesn't like reflected heat, so don't place next to paring or sumny side of building           Aces and tree, large shrub with bright red blooms and buncheys eeeds         Annelanchier arborou         Apple serviceberry         Yes         Nice small tree/large shrub with bright red blooms and buncheys eeeds           Annelanchier arborou         Apple serviceberry         Yes         Nice small tree/large shrub with bright red blooms and buncheys eeeds           Annelanchier arborou         Apple serviceberry         Yes         Nice small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves           Annelanchier arborou         Apple serviceberry         Yes         Edible fruit, nice translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils           Astendarige         Apple serviceberry         Yes         Edible fruit, nice translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils           Calciorating         Apple serviceberry         Yes         Likes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sum yet evergerent men and search sould be a paving or on the sum yet evergerent red.           Cadiscalisation fru	Acer griseum	Paperbark maple	No	Small sized and beautiful pealing copper bark
Acer rubrum         Red Maple         Yes         Very overused and doesn't like reflected beat, so don't place next to paving or sunny side of building           Aces cacharum         Sugar Maple         Yes         Can't beart filst irrees fall color, has same limitations as red maples           Aces culus pavia         Red Buckeye         Yes         Nice small tree/large shrub with bright red blooms and buckeye seeds           Amedanchier arrborea         Down ys erviceberry         Yes         Nice small tree/large shrub with delible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves           Antimina tribba         Pawpaw         Yes         Edible fruit, incer translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils and great fall leaves           Atimina tribba         Pawpaw         Yes         Edible fruit, incer translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils and great fall leaves           Colordordous decurrens         California Incense Cedar         Yes         Likes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sunny side of a building           Corlandoutinia         Musclewood/American Hornbeam         Yes         Named for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils           Corlandoutinia         Atlan Cedar         No         Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room           Cerica sendentica         Cedar of Lebanon         No         Very large evergreen make sure you have room           Cerica c	Acer japonicum	Fullmoon Maple	No	A nice alternative to the overused Japanese Maple
Acer saccharum Sugar Maple Yes Can't bear this trees fall color, has same limitations as red maples  Acer saccharum Red Buckeye Yes Nice small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth greye hard and great fall leaves  Amelanchier x grandiflora' Aurumn Brilliance'  Alamina Tribad Yes Misse mister x Geliber Tui, nice translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils  Alamina Tui Alamin	Acer leucoderme	Chalk Maple	Yes	A tough, rare native with nice fall color that's finding it's way into the trade
Arecardus pavia Red Buckeye Yes Nice small tree/large shrub with bright red blooms and buckeye seeds Aredanchier arborea Down Serviceberry Yes Nice small tree/large shrub with chilble fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves Arabenhoriar zgrandiffora'Autumn Brilliance* Apple Serviceberry Yes Nice small tree/large shrub with chilble fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves Asimina triloba Pawpaw Yes Edible fruit, rince translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils Bettan digra Calcectiva decurrens Calcifornia dacement Yes Automated Musclewood/American Hornbeam Yes Named for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils Cedrus aslantica Cedrus aslantica Cedrus decurrens Cedrus decu	Acer rubrum	Red Maple	Yes	Very overused and doesn't like reflected heat, so don't place next to paving or sunny side of building
Amelanchier arboreaDowny ServiceberryYesNice small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leavesAmelanchier x grandiflor 'Autumn Brilliance'Apple ServiceberryYesNice small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leavesAdmina triblaPawpawYesEdible fruit, ranubuent fall leaves, likes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sunny side of a buildingBetula nigraCalifornia Incense CedarYesA unusual medium sized evergreenCarpinus cardinianaMusclewood American HornbeamYesNamed for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soilsCedrus adamticaAtlas CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus deodaraDeodar CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus filmCedar of LebanonNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesA beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA battle cultivar of the classicChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrasis kentukeaYellowoodYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cornus deodurusAlternate leaf DogwoodYesGreat staliar with a critice treat beaching patternsCo	Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple	Yes	Can't beat this trees fall color, has same limitations as red maples
Amelanchier x grandiffora 'Autumn Brilliance' Apple Serviceberry Yes Kiche Small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves. Mes maintain triloba Pawpaw Yes Edible fruit, nice translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sunny side of a building Calocachrae decurrens California Incense Cedar Yes An unusual medium sized evergreem Carpinus caroliniana Musclewood/American Hornbeam Yes An unusual medium sized evergreem of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils Cadrus atlantica Atlas Cedar No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cedrus dedara Deodar Cedar No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cercis canadensis Albari Castern Redbud Yes A beautiful native that reminds you are in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis 'Albari' White Flowering Redbud Yes A beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis 'Albari' White Plowering Redbud Yes A bautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis 'Albari' White Plowering Redbud Yes A bautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis 'Albari' White Plowering Redbud Yes A stately evergreen medium-sized tree Chionathis vityinicus Pring Tree Yes Small tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer. Cladatasis kentukea Cornus alternafolia Alternate leaf Dogwood Yes Aussual small native with architectural branching patterns Crotinus plovidas Alternate leaf Dogwood Yes Great blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular form Crotinus obvostus Crotinus obvostus Crotinus obvostus American Buech Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Crotinus obvostus American Buech Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Crotinus obvostus American Buech Yes Solven and Solven Princip	Aesculus pavia	Red Buckeye	Yes	Nice small tree/large shrub with bright red blooms and buckeye seeds
Asimina triloba Retula nigra River Birch Yes Likes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sunny side of a building Calocadrus decurrens California Incense Cedar Yes An unusual medium sized evergreen Carpinus caroliniana Musclewood/American Hornbeam Yes Named for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils Cadrus atlantica Atlas Cedar No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cedrus deodara Deodar Cedar No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cedrus libani Cedar of Lebanon No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cercis canadensis Eastern Redbud Yes Abautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis Thhor' White Flowering Redbud Yes Abautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis 'Albar' White Cedar Yes Anattely evergreen medium-sized tree Chianathis virginicus Fringe Tree Yes Small tree/large shrub with easeades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer. Cladrastis kentukea Yellowwood Yes White spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey bark Cornus alternafolia Alternate leaf Dogwood Yes Aunusual small native with architectural branching patterns Cornus florida Flowering Dogwood Yes Great blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular form Cotinus obvotus American Smoke Tree Yes Great native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseries Crataegus viridis' Whiter King' Winter King Green Hawthorn Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Cray tomerica japonica Japanese Cedar No Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress Pagus grandifolia America Beech Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately Gledista triconthos van. inermis Hex patternata' Fosteri' Foster Holly America Holly Yes A	Amelanchier arborea	Downy Serviceberry	Yes	Nice small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves
Betala nigraRive BirchYesLikes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sunny side of a buildingCalcodrus decurrensCalifornia Incense CedarYesAn unusual medium sized evergreenCarpinus carolinianaMusclewood/American HornbeamYesNamed for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soilsCedrus deodaraAtlas CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus BibaniCedar of LebanonNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesA beautina the that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis *Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA white cultivar of the classicChanaccyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellownoodYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color, give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectracular formCornus sphaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus wirlidis 'Winter King'Winter King Green Hawt	Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'	Apple Serviceberry	Yes	Nice small tree/large shrub with edible fruit, smooth grey bark and great fall leaves
Calocedrus decurrens Caloredrus decurrens Carpinus carolliniana Musclewood/American Hornbeam Yes Named for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils Cedrus atlantica Atlas Cedar No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cedrus deodara Deodar Cedar Deodar Cedar Deodar Cedar No Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room Cedrus libani Cedrus denisis "Alba" White Flowering Redbud Yes A beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms Cercis canadensis Cercis canadensis "Alba" White Flowering Redbud Yes A white cultivar of the classic Chanaceyparis thyoides Atlantic White Cedar Yes Astaley evergreen medium-sized tree Chionathis virginicus Fringe Tree Yes Small tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer. Cladrastis kentukea Yellowwood Yes White spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey bark Cornus alternafolia Alternate leaf Dogwood Yes Great blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular form Cotinus obovatus American Smoke Tree Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Crataegus phaenopyrum Winter King' Whiter King Green Hawthorn Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Crystomeria japonica Japanese Cedar No Oversued, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress Fagus grandifolia American Beech Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately Illex a attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes Maturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade Illex a attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes Maturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade Illex a attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes Maturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade Illex a attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes Maturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade Yes Houngham Survey an	Asimina triloba	Pawpaw	Yes	Edible fruit, nice translucent fall leaves, likes moister soils
Carpinus carolinianaMusclewood/American HornbeamYesNamed for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soilsCedrus atlanticaAtlas CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus deodaraDeodar CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesAbeautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA white cultivar of the classicChanaceyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesMusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, full color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCortius obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat tanie alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseriesCrataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyIlex x attenuata Fosteri*Foster Holl	Betula nigra	River Birch	Yes	Likes moister soils and does not want to be beside paving or on the sunny side of a building
Cedrus atlanticaAtlas CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus deodaraDeodar CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus libaniCedar of LebanonNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesA beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA white cultivar of the classicChamaceyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Coladrastis kentukeaYellow woodYesWhite spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey barkCornus floridaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesGreat shows and smooth grey barkCornus floridaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesGreat shows, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat small treeCratagus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCratagus wirldis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small treeCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there	Calocedrus decurrens	California Incense Cedar	Yes	An unusual medium sized evergreen
Cedrus deodaraDeodar CedarNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCedrus libaniCedar of LebanonNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesA beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsChamaceyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellowoodYesMitte spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey barkCornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesA unusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCotinus obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat a small treeCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small treeCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican Beech </td <td>Carpinus caroliniana</td> <td>Musclewood/American Hornbeam</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Named for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils</td>	Carpinus caroliniana	Musclewood/American Hornbeam	Yes	Named for muscle-like appearance of trunk, can grow in wetter soils but tolerates average soils
Cedrus libaniCedar of LebanonNoVery large evergreen tree, make sure you have roomCercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesA beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA white cultivar of the classicChanaecyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellow woodYesWhite spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey barkCornus floridaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesA unusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCotinus obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseriesCrataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small tree, this cultivar is thornlessCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditis tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common Honeylocus	Cedrus atlantica	Atlas Cedar	No	Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room
Cercis canadensisEastern RedbudYesA beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta bloomsCercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA white cultivar of the classicChamaecyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellowwoodYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms and smooth grey barkCornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesA unusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCotinus obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseriesCrataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus viridis "Winter King"Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small treeCrytomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyIlex x attenuata "Fosteri"Foster HollyYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex yopacaAmerica HollyYesA	Cedrus deodara	Deodar Cedar	No	Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room
Cercis canadensis "Alba"White Flowering RedbudYesA white cultivar of the classicChamaecyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellowwoodYesWhite spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey barkCornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesA unusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCritius obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat small treeCrataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small tree, this cultivar is thornlessCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditsia tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common HoneylocusYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex x attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerican HollyYesMany culti	Cedrus libani	Cedar of Lebanon	No	Very large evergreen tree, make sure you have room
Chamaecyparis thyoidesAtlantic White CedarYesA stately evergreen medium-sized treeChionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellowwoodYesWhite spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey barkCornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesA unusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCotinus obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat mative alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseriesCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small treeCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditsia tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common HoneylocusYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex v attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen that i	Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Yes	A beautiful native that reminds you are in the south in the early spring with magenta blooms
Chionathis virginicusFringe TreeYesSmall tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.Cladrastis kentukeaYellowwoodYesWhite spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey barkCornus alternafoliaAlternate leaf DogwoodYesA unusual small native with architectural branching patternsCornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCotinus obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseriesCrataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small tree, this cultivar is thornlessCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditsia tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common HoneylocusYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex x attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen t	Cercis canadensis "Alba"	White Flowering Redbud	Yes	A white cultivar of the classic
Cladrastis kentukea Yellowwood Yes White spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey bark  Cornus alternafolia Alternate leaf Dogwood Yes Great blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular form  Cotinus obovatus American Smoke Tree Yes Great native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseries  Crataegus phaenopyrum Washington Hawthorn Yes Great small tree  Crataegus viridis 'Winter King' Winter King Green Hawthorn Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless  Cryptomeria japonica Japanese Cedar No Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress  Fagus grandifolia American Beech Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately  Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis Thornless Common Honeylocus Yes Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade  Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons  Ilex opaca America Holly Yes Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen  Juniperus virginiana Eastern Red Cedar Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Chamaecyparis thyoides	Atlantic White Cedar	Yes	A stately evergreen medium-sized tree
Cornus alternafolia Alternate leaf Dogwood Yes A unusual small native with architectural branching patterns Cornus florida Flowering Dogwood Yes Great blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular form Cotinus obovatus American Smoke Tree Yes Great native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseries Crataegus phaenopyrum Washington Hawthorn Yes Great small tree Crataegus viridis 'Winter King' Winter King Green Hawthorn Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Cryptomeria japonica Japanese Cedar No Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress Fagus grandifolia American Beech Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis Thornless Common Honeylocus Yes Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade  Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons Ilex opaca America Holly Yes Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen  Lastern Red Cedar Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Chionathis virginicus	Fringe Tree	Yes	Small tree/large shrub with cascades of white blooms in spring. Generic green the rest of the summer.
Cornus floridaFlowering DogwoodYesGreat blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular formCotinus obovatusAmerican Smoke TreeYesGreat native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseriesCrataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small tree, this cultivar is thornlessCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditsia tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common HoneylocusYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex x attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Cladrastis kentukea	Yellowwood	Yes	White spring grapelike clusters of blooms and smooth grey bark
Cotinus obovatus  Crataegus phaenopyrum  Washington Hawthorn Yes Great small tree Crataegus viridis 'Winter King' Winter King Green Hawthorn Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless Cryptomeria japonica Japanese Cedar No Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress Fagus grandifolia American Beech Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis Thornless Common Honeylocus Yes Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons Ilex opaca America Holly Yes Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen Juniperus virginiana Eastern Red Cedar Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Cornus alternafolia	Alternate leaf Dogwood	Yes	A unusual small native with architectural branching patterns
Crataegus phaenopyrumWashington HawthornYesGreat small treeCrataegus viridis 'Winter King'Winter King Green HawthornYesGreat small tree, this cultivar is thornlessCryptomeria japonicaJapanese CedarNoOverused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland CypressFagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditsia tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common HoneylocusYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex a attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	Yes	Great blooms, bark, fall color; give it morning sun and afternoon shade for spectacular form
Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'  Winter King Green Hawthorn  Yes Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless  Cryptomeria japonica  Japanese Cedar  No Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress  Fagus grandifolia  American Beech  Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately  Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis  Thornless Common Honeylocus  Yes Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade  Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'  Foster Holly  Yes A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons  Ilex opaca  America Holly  Yes Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen  Juniperus virginiana  Eastern Red Cedar  Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Cotinus obovatus	American Smoke Tree	Yes	Great native alternative to the eastern European one that's more common at nurseries
Cryptomeria japonica Japanese Cedar No Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress Fagus grandifolia American Beech Yes Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis Thornless Common Honeylocus Yes Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons Ilex opaca America Holly Yes Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen Juniperus virginiana Eastern Red Cedar Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn	Yes	Great small tree
Fagus grandifoliaAmerican BeechYesSlow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more statelyGleditsia tricanthos var. inermisThornless Common HoneylocusYesNaturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shadeIlex x attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'	Winter King Green Hawthorn	Yes	Great small tree, this cultivar is thornless
Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis Thornless Common Honeylocus Yes Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade  Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri' Foster Holly Yes A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons  Ilex opaca America Holly Yes Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen  Juniperus virginiana Eastern Red Cedar Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese Cedar	No	Overused, but a good evergreen workhorse that won't outgrow your lawn in 5 years like the disposable Leyland Cypress
Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'Foster HollyYesA tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and RhododendronsIlex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	Yes	Slow growing eventually large tree, but there are few trees that are more stately
Ilex opacaAmerica HollyYesMany cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreenJuniperus virginianaEastern Red CedarYesClassic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis	Thornless Common Honeylocus	Yes	Naturally occurring thornless variety planted for it dappled shade
Juniperus virginiana Eastern Red Cedar Yes Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening	Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'	Foster Holly	Yes	A tough, fast growing workhorse evergreen. Needs acidic soil like azaleas, blueberries, and Rhododendrons
	Ilex opaca	America Holly	Yes	Many cultivars exist for this classic American red berried evergreen
Liquidambar styraciflua 'Hapdell' Hapdell Sweetgum Yes Seedless cultivar of one of our best trees for fall color	Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	Yes	Classic southern, fast growing evergreen that is commonly grown now for ornamental screening
	Liquidambar styraciflua 'Hapdell'	Hapdell Sweetgum	Yes	Seedless cultivar of one of our best trees for fall color

### **Softscape – Trees**

Liriodendron tulipifera 'Arnold' Yes Large shade tree with straight, tall trunk; needs a lot of room Liriodendron tulipifera 'Arnold' Yes Columnar cultivar that does not get as big as the species

Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem' Southern Magnolia Yes Great dwarf evergreen for screening; stays narrow and branched to the ground if not in too much shade

Magnolia virginiana Sweetbay Magnolia Yes Coastal semi-evergreen with fragrant blooms and leaves

Nyssa sylvatica Blackgum Yes Best tree you can plant for fall color, smooth grey bark, medium sized

Ostrya virginiana Hophornbeam Yes Great unusual medium tree; tolerant of urban conditions, it makes a good street tree

Prunus subhirtella "Autumnalis"

Autumnalis Cherry

No Ornamental Cherry with attractive bark and blooms twice a year

Prunus x yedoensis

Yoshino cherry

No Ornamental Cherry that surrounds the tidal basin in Washington

Quercus alba White Oak Yes The classic stately white oak

Quercus bicolor Swamp White Oak Yes Stately and tolerant of urban compact soils this tree makes a great street tree when you have room

Quercus lyrata Overcup Oak Yes Another great street tree option

Quercus phellos Willow Oak Yes Overused but a good urban tree because it tolerates compact soils

Quercus rubra Red Oak Yes Stately with beautiful fall color

Taxodium distichumBald CypressYesUnusual decidous needle tree for wet areas.Thuja occidentalis 'Nigra'White CedarYesFormal, narrow evergreen tree, many cultivars

Viburnum prunifolium Yes Beautiful small tree; berries loved by birds, great fall color

# Softscape – Shrubs

Shrub planting is most successful in masses and almost always with more than one of any species. Designs that include one or two plants of each species never look cohesive and usually create a visual distraction. While there should be variety, selections should complement each other. This is often best achieved by paying attention to conditions and how and what types of plants grow together naturally. Woodland and sunny prairie plants seldom look right together and even less often can the requirements of needed be well met side by side.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Native	Notes
Aesculus parviflora	Bottlebrush Buckeye	Yes	Large shrub with spectacular white blooms and buckeye seeds
Aronia arbutifolia ''Brilliantissima'	Red Chokeberry	Yes	Has as good or better fall color than the invasive burning bush Euonymus many plant
Aronia melanocarpa 'Iroquois Beauty'	Morton Black Chokecherry	Yes	Nice dwarf shrub with white spring blooms
Calycanthus floridus	Sweetshrub	Yes	Fragrance can scent an entire neighborhood, but loose habit makes it best as a background plant
Ceanothus americanus	New Jersey Tea	Yes	Small deciduous shrub that stays under 3.5 feet
Fothergilla gardenii	Dwarf Fothergilla	Yes	Great small deciduous shrubs that stays under 4 feet; spectacular fall color and unique spring blooms
Fothergilla major	Fothergilla	Yes	Large version of above
Hamamelis virginiana	Common Witchhazel	Yes	Great large shrub with winter blooms and yellow fall color
Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'	Annabelle Hydrangea	Yes	Large white bloomed cultivar; best suited for shade or part shade
Hydrangea quercifolia	Oak Leaf Hydrangea	Yes	Classic southern hydrangea; great fall color; blooms dry and stay on all winter; needs shade for best form
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Pee Wee'	Pee Pee (dwarf) Hydrangea	Yes	Dwarf version of above that stays under 4 feet; best form in shade/part shade
Ilex decidua	Possumhaw	Yes	$Deciduous\ large\ shrub/small\ tree\ holly\ with\ loaded\ limbs\ of\ red\ berries\ for\ the\ holidays;\ needs\ acidic\ soil$
Ilex verticillata 'Cacapon'	Winterberry Holly	Yes	Smaller deciduous holly with red berries; cultivar has glossy dark green leaves; needs male to set berries
Ilex verticillata 'Red Sprite'	Dwarf Winterberry Holly	Yes	Dwarf Winterberry Holly stays under 4 feet; needs male to set berries
Ilex verticillata 'Jim Dandy'	Winterberry male	Yes	Male winterberry holly, plant one for every 10-12 of female cultivars above
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon Holly	Yes	Coastal, large, bulletproof evergreen holly with soft glossy leaves, used to make caffeinated tea
Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'	Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Yes	Overused male (no berries) dwarf Yaupon Holly that stays under 5'
Ilex vomitoria 'Hoskins Shadow'	Hoskins Shadow Yaupon Holly	Yes	Cold hardy female with large glossy leaves and dense berries
Ilex vomitoria 'Stoke's Dwarf'	Stoke's Yaupon Holly	Yes	Male cultivar that stays under 3 feet; Shillings is same plant
Illicium parviflorum	Yellow Anise	Yes	Hardy broadleaf evergreen shrubs that stays full in/tolerates shade
Morella cerifera	Wax Myrtle	Yes	Large evergreen shrub with several cultivars, does not tolerate shade or competition from trees
Morella cerifera var pumilla	Dwarf Wax Myrtle	Yes	Small version of above
Osmanthus heterophyllus	Holly Osmanthus	No	Rotundifolius is formal, round leaved cultivar
Prunus caroliniana	Carolina Cherry Laurel	Yes	Tough as nails evergreen large shrub/small tree; Bright 'N Tight is a dwarf cultivar
Rhododendron alabamense	Alabama Azalea	Yes	Most fragrant azalea, white blooms, needs acidic soils and afternoon shade
Rhododendron canescens	Piedmont Azalea	Yes	Pink blooms, needs acidic soils and afternoon shade
Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea	Yes	Bright orange blooms, needs acidic soils and afternoon shade
Rosa virginiana	Virginia Rose	Yes	Disease resistant native rose with clear pink bloom, bright red winter stalks and large rose hips
Vaccinium ashei	Rabbiteye Blueberry	Yes	Best blueberry for southern gardens; many cultivars for fruit production
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowood Viburnum	Yes	Viburnums are the American workhorse shrub; Arrowwood is an idea fast growing screen plant
Viburnum dentatum 'Blue Muffin'	Blue Muffin Arrowood Viburnum	Yes	A dwarf version of above that stays under 5 feet; bright blue berries; needs different cultivar to set berries
Viburnum dentatum 'Chicago Lustre'	Chicago Arrowood Viburnum	Yes	One of best selling selections, slightly dwarf, coarser leaves than species
Viburnum nudum	Witherod Virburnum	Yes	Large shrub with multicolor berries and nice fall color, several cultivars/varieties
Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur'	Winterthur Witherod Viburnum	Yes	Stays under 6 feet, dramatic burgundy fall color, needs different cultivar to set berries
Viburnum obovatum 'Mrs. Schiller's Delight'	Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum	Yes	Tight, evergreen shrub that stays under 3.5 feet, blooms several months

# Softscape – Perennials, Vines, Ferns & Grasses

Like shrubs, perennials (including vines, ferns and grasses), should be planted in masses with a minimum of three plants per group. As with all plants, perennials should be selected based on available sunlight and water, as well as desired aesthetic. Many perennials offer seasonal interest in forms other than just showy flowers. In large areas of perennial planting, carefully consider how the design will change over the seasons, investigating what species will accomplish your design goals.

Amsonia hubrichtiiWestern BluestarYesTall sunny perennialAmsonia tabernaemontanaEastern BluestarYesBlue Ice is dwarf versionAnemone hupehensis 'September Charm'September Charm AnemoneNoFall blooming, can be aggressiveAnemone tomentosa 'Robustissima'Robustissima WindflowerNoFall blooming, can be aggressiveAntennaria plantaginifoliaPussytoesYesVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcoverAntennaria dioica 'Rubra'Rubra Stoloniferous PussytoesNoVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover with pink bloomsAquilegia canadensisColumbineYesReseeds and moves around gardenAruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Scientific Name	Common Name	Native	Notes
Anemone hupehensis 'September Charm'September Charm AnemoneNoFall blooming, can be aggressiveAnemone tomentosa 'Robustissima'Robustissima WindflowerNoFall blooming, can be aggressiveAntennaria plantaginifoliaPussytoesYesVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcoverAntennaria dioica 'Rubra'Rubra Stoloniferous PussytoesNoVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover with pink bloomsAquilegia canadensisColumbineYesReseeds and moves around gardenAruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Amsonia hubrichtii	Western Bluestar	Yes	Tall sunny perennial
Anemone tomentosa 'Robustissima'Robustissima WindflowerNoFall blooming, can be aggressiveAntennaria plantaginifoliaPussytoesYesVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcoverAntennaria dioica 'Rubra'Rubra Stoloniferous PussytoesNoVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover with pink bloomsAquilegia canadensisColumbineYesReseeds and moves around gardenAruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Amsonia tabernaemontana	Eastern Bluestar	Yes	Blue Ice is dwarf version
Antennaria plantaginifoliaPussytoesYesVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcoverAntennaria dioica 'Rubra'Rubra Stoloniferous PussytoesNoVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover with pink bloomsAquilegia canadensisColumbineYesReseeds and moves around gardenAruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Anemone hupehensis 'September Charm'	September Charm Anemone	No	Fall blooming, can be aggressive
Antennaria dioica 'Rubra'Rubra Stoloniferous PussytoesNoVery low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover with pink bloomsAquilegia canadensisColumbineYesReseeds and moves around gardenAruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Anemone tomentosa 'Robustissima'	Robustissima Windflower	No	Fall blooming, can be aggressive
Aquilegia canadensisColumbineYesReseeds and moves around gardenAruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Antennaria plantaginifolia	Pussytoes	Yes	Very low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover
Aruncus dioicusGoat's BeardYesWhite blooms, does best in part shadeAsclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Antennaria dioica 'Rubra'	Rubra Stoloniferous Pussytoes	No	Very low, dry soil, sunny creeping groundcover with pink blooms
Asclepias incarnataSwamp MilkweedYesWet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly hostAsclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Aquilegia canadensis	Columbine	Yes	Reseeds and moves around garden
Asclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedYesDry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowersBaptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Aruncus dioicus	Goat's Beard	Yes	White blooms, does best in part shade
Baptisia australisFalse Blue IndigoYesLarge, full sun, blue foliage, blue bloomsCeratostigma plumbaginoidesLeadwortNoAggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	Yes	Wet soil, full sun, Monarch butterfly host
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides Leadwort No Aggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms	Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	Yes	Dry soil, full to part sun, Monarch butterfly host, bright orange flowers
	Baptisia australis	False Blue Indigo	Yes	Large, full sun, blue foliage, blue blooms
	Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Leadwort	No	Aggressive, deciduous groundcover with dark blue blooms
Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana' Mouse Ear Coreopsis Yes Low, tough, full sun, evergreen, long blooming groundcover	Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana'	Mouse Ear Coreopsis	Yes	Low, tough, full sun, evergreen, long blooming groundcover
Coreopsis vericullata 'Moonbeam' Threadleaf Coreopsis Yes Full sun, light yellow frilly blooms, thin leaved	Coreopsis vericullata 'Moonbeam'	Threadleaf Coreopsis	Yes	Full sun, light yellow frilly blooms, thin leaved
Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb' Zagreb Coreopsis Yes Bright yellow, full sun, thin leaved	Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'	Zagreb Coreopsis	Yes	Bright yellow, full sun, thin leaved
Echinacea pallida Pale Coneflower Yes Low leaves, tall flowers with thin petal, full sun	Echinacea pallida	Pale Coneflower	Yes	Low leaves, tall flowers with thin petal, full sun
Echinacea purpurea Purple Cone Flower Yes Common species with hundreds? of cultivars in multiple bloom colors	Echinacea purpurea	Purple Cone Flower	Yes	Common species with hundreds? of cultivars in multiple bloom colors
Echinacea tennesseensis Tennessee Coneflower Yes Perhaps the best species with it's shorter bloom stalks that don't flop over	Echinacea tennesseensis	Tennessee Coneflower	Yes	Perhaps the best species with it's shorter bloom stalks that don't flop over
Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate' Chocolate' Snakeroot Yes 'Chocolate' is a burgundy leaf cultivar	Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate'	Chocolate' Snakeroot	Yes	'Chocolate' is a burgundy leaf cultivar
Eurybia divaricata White Wood Aster Yes One of the best shade perennials, lush green foliage, hundreds of white blooms in fall	Eurybia divaricata	White Wood Aster	Yes	One of the best shade perennials, lush green foliage, hundreds of white blooms in fall
Geranium maculatum Yes Great woodland wildflower with pink blooms in spring, fades in summer	Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium	Yes	Great woodland wildflower with pink blooms in spring, fades in summer
Geranium sanguineum No Multiple cultivars, in many colors, that tolerate sun and shade	Geranium sanguineum	Bloody Geranium	No	Multiple cultivars, in many colors, that tolerate sun and shade
Geranium x 'Tiny Monster' Tiny Monster Cranesbill No Low, semi evergreen, bright purple blooms	Geranium x 'Tiny Monster'	Tiny Monster Cranesbill	No	Low, semi evergreen, bright purple blooms
Heuchera americana Yes Best in part sun but tolerates sun and shade, colorful foliage, evergreen	Heuchera americana	Alum Root	Yes	Best in part sun but tolerates sun and shade, colorful foliage, evergreen
Heuchera 'Autumn Bride'  Autum Bride Alum Root  Yes  White fall blooms but the large, evergreen foliage is best trait, like a small course-leaved shrub	Heuchera 'Autumn Bride'	Autum Bride Alum Root	Yes	White fall blooms but the large, evergreen foliage is best trait, like a small course-leaved shrub
Hypericum calycinum Aaron's Beard No Evergreen, low, sun and shade but best with some afternoon shade, yellow flowers	Hypericum calycinum	Aaron's Beard	No	Evergreen, low, sun and shade but best with some afternoon shade, yellow flowers
Pachysandra procumbens Allegheny Pachysandra Yes A great evergreen, shade groundcover; better than the non-native version in all respects	Pachysandra procumbens	Allegheny Pachysandra	Yes	A great evergreen, shade groundcover; better than the non-native version in all respects
Penstemon digitalis Beard Tongue Yes White blooming sun flower, 'Huskers Red' has dark burgundy foliage	Penstemon digitalis	Beard Tongue	Yes	White blooming sun flower, 'Huskers Red' has dark burgundy foliage
Phlox divaricata Woodland Phlox Yes Delicate shade perennials with light blue blooms	Phlox divaricata	Woodland Phlox	Yes	Delicate shade perennials with light blue blooms
Phlox paniculata Yes Tall sunny perennial with multiple cultivars/colors. Needs good air circulation to prevent powdery mildew	Phlox paniculata	Garden Phlox	Yes	Tall sunny perennial with multiple cultivars/colors. Needs good air circulation to prevent powdery mildew
Phlox stolonifera Creeping Phlox Yes Great part shade perennial with multiple cultivars/colors	Phlox stolonifera	Creeping Phlox	Yes	Great part shade perennial with multiple cultivars/colors
Phlox subulata Yes Classic, low, evergreen, sunny southern groundcover with multiple cultivars/colors	Phlox subulata	Moss Phlox	Yes	Classic, low, evergreen, sunny southern groundcover with multiple cultivars/colors
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium Slender Mountain Mint Yes Bright green thin-leaved, fragrant foliage that provides great pollinator forage	Pycnanthemum tenuifolium	Slender Mountain Mint	Yes	Bright green thin-leaved, fragrant foliage that provides great pollinator forage
Physostegia virginiana 'Miss Manners' Miss Manners Obedient Plant Yes White flowered full sun perennial	Physostegia virginiana 'Miss Manners'	Miss Manners Obedient Plant	Yes	White flowered full sun perennial
Rudbeckia fulgida Blackeyed Susan Yes Yellow flowered full sun perennial with multiple cultivars	Rudbeckia fulgida	Blackeyed Susan	Yes	Yellow flowered full sun perennial with multiple cultivars
Salvia guaranitica Blue Anise Sage No Tall, blue-flowered full sun perennial Argentina Skies and Blue are best cultivars	Salvia guaranitica	Blue Anise Sage	No	Tall, blue-flowered full sun perennial Argentina Skies and Blue and Blue are best cultivars
Salvia leucantha Velvet Sage No Similar to above with velvet foliage and blooms	Salvia leucantha	Velvet Sage	No	Similar to above with velvet foliage and blooms

Sisyrinchium angustifolium

Blue-Eyed Grass

# Softscape – Perennials, Vines, Ferns & Grasses

Stokesia laevis	Stoke's Aster	Yes	Low, full sun with daisy-like blooms with multiple cultivars
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster	Yes	
Symphyotrichum novi-belgii	New York Aster	Yes	
Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	Aromatic Aster	Yes	Great sun perennial, forming large mounds of fall blooms; October Skies & Raydon's Favorite are best cultivars
Teucrium chamaedrys	Wall Germander	No	Evergreen, low groundcover for sunny areas
Tricyrtis hirta	Toad Lily	No	Shady perennial with ornate, orchid-like blooms, handful cultivars and a few other species in the trade
Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's root	Yes	Tall dramatic flowers in summer for full sun
Waldsteinia fragarioides	Barren Strawberry	Yes	Low, evergreen groundcover for sun or shade; needs moist soil or irrigation
VINES			
Aristolochia macrophylla	Dutchman's Pipe	Yes	Unusual deciduous vine with pipe-like blooms
Bignonia capreolata	Cross Vine	Yes	Evegreen with large tropical looking blloms
Lonicera sempervirens	Coral Honeysuckle	Yes	Native, less aggressive honeysuckle; slow to lose leaves in fall
Gelsemium sempervirens	Carolina Jessamine	Yes	Evergreen vine with yellow blooms
Smilax smallii	Jackson Vine	Yes	Evergreen thornless green brier with insignificant blooms; long planted in the south around front doors
FERNS			
Athyrium felix-femina	Lady Fern	Yes	Deciduous, needs shade and moisture
Dennstaedtia punctilobula	Hay-Scented Fern	Yes	Deciduous, tolerates dry shade
Dryopteris marginalis	Marginal Woodfern	Yes	Evergreen, tolerates dry shade
Matteuccia struthiopteris	Ostrich Fern	Yes	Dramatic, deciduous, needs shade and moisture
Polystichum acrostichoides	Christmas Fern	Yes	Evergreen, tolerates dry shade
Thelypteris noveboracensis	New York Fern	Yes	Deciduous, needs shade, tolerates some dryness
GRASSES			
Andropogon ternarius	Splitbeard Bluestem	Yes	Dry sun, dramatic fall foliage when backlit by sun
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'	Blonde Ambition Blue Gramma	Yes	Medium height dense cover with large blond seed heads
Carex eburnea	Bristleleaf Sedge	Yes	Evergreen part shade to shade ground cover, tolerates dry soils
Carex pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Sedge	Yes	Semi-evergreen part shade to shade ground cover, tolerates dry soils
Carex plantaginea	Plantainleaf Sedge	Yes	Evergreen shade ground cover, tolerates dry soils
Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris	Yes	Low 3-4 inch Iris that will form large colonies in part sun to full shade
Iris versicolor	Blueflag Iris	Yes	Moist soil native Iris with bright blue flowers
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Pink Muhly Grass	Yes	Plain low green foliage in summer that turns into a dramatic 3 foot high purple/pink cloud in fall
Panicum virgatum	Switch Grass	Yes	Bulletproof with multiple cultivars: Dallas Blues 6-feet, Cheyenne Sky 2-feet, Shenandoah 4-feet
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Blustem	Yes	Full sun, tolerant of diverse soils, dramatic fall/winter foliage, less floppy cultivars are available
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	Yes	Low, formal, dark green foliage for full sun; bright orange fall foliage, straw colored winter foliage

Low, miniature Iris like foliage with blue or purple flowers; evergreen