

# Landscaping:

## Train Crews

Introduce crews to the top 20 native plants and how to add them to gardens. Share this information with them as guidance when they're on the job. Reach out to Natural Neighbors to schedule a workshop:

[rcouse@biodiversityworksmv.org](mailto:rcouse@biodiversityworksmv.org)

## Limit Clearing:

The best native plants are the ones already on site. Avoid clearing native plants whenever possible. If you must clear, salvage what you can to replant later.

## Protect Our Land and Water

Whether native plants, ornamentals, or lawns, encourage low-maintenance plantings that require less water and don't need fertilizer, herbicide, pesticides, or deer sprays.

## It's not all or nothing

By adding plants native to Martha's Vineyard and reducing lawn size, you're fostering resilient ecosystems, preserving biodiversity, supporting pollinators, and creating landscapes that thrive with minimal intervention. All of these actions build our resilience in the face of climate change.

When working with existing landscapes and new designs, aim for **70% native and 30% cultivar/ornamental**. Encourage clients to transition towards a smaller, fertilizer-free Vineyard lawn.



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### Looking for more information?

Scan the QR code for more information on the recommended list of plants, sample garden design, pictures, wholesale suppliers, and local resources.



# Nature-based

Landscapers play a crucial role in promoting and building our island's resilience to climate change. Your participation in **nature-based landscaping** is critical to educating your teams and inspiring homeowners. Your guidance supports the island's ecology and community values.

## Add Native Species

Prioritize native plants in your designs. They are adapted to our island's unique environment and create stepping stones of habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

## Reduce and Transition Lawns

Advocate for landscapes with reduced lawn area, incorporating alternatives such as native ground covers or meadows and using grass species that require less water, mowing, and no fertilizers. Email [info@vineyardconservation.org](mailto:info@vineyardconservation.org) to learn more about creating a sustainable lawn.

## Inspire Clients

Discuss the beauty and benefits of nature-based landscaping with clients. Sharing information and the associated "Plant Local Homeowners Guide" will help inspire homeowners to adopt a new aesthetic and plant locally.

## PLANT LOCAL

A Quick Guide for  
Martha's Vineyard  
Landscape Professionals



PLANT THIS 



















































































NOT THAT 

# Top 20 Native Plants

PROBLEM PLANTS 

Arrowwood	Burning bush
Bearberry	Japanese pachysandra or Vinca
Blue flag irises	Daylilies
Eastern red cedar	Leyland cypress
Goldenrods & Asters	Oxeye daisies
Inkberry	Boxwood or Japanese holly
Switchgrass	Silvergrass
<b>In addition to Local top 20</b>	
Bayberry	Privet
Virginia rose	Beach rose
Blueberry	Japanese barberry
<b>For Lawns</b>	
Clover, Rye, Fescues Creeping strawberry	Kentucky bluegrass



COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	BLOOM	FORM	SUN	SOIL	BENEFITS
American holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	SP			W/M	 
Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	SP			M/D	 
Beach plum	<i>Prunus maritima</i>	SP			M/D	 
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	SP			M/D	  
Beetlebung	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	SP			W/M	
Blue flag iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	SP			W	  
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	SU			W	 
Eastern red cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	SP			M/D	 
Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	SP			W/M/D	  
Joe Pye weed	<i>Eutrochium dubium</i>	SU			M/D	 
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	F			M/D	
New England aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	F			M	 
Orange butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	SU			M/D	 
Pennsylvania sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	SP			M/D	
Red columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	SP			M	 
Seaside goldenrod	<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	F			M/D	 
Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	SU			W/M	  
Swamp rose-mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	SU			W/M	  
Sweet pepperbush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	SU			W/M	  
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	SP			W/M	 

**BLOOMS** SU Summer | SP Spring | F Fall

**FORM**  Perennial |  Grass |  Shrub |  Tree

**SUN**  Full |  Partial |  Shade

**SOIL TYPE** W Wet | M Moist | D Dry

**BENEFITS**  Larval Host |  Beneficial Insects |  Butterfly |  Bumblebee |  Deer Resistant |  Specialist bees |  Nest site |  Nest Materials |  Birds |  Hummingbird

DO NOT PLANT



REMOVE/REPLACE

