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# RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

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## GETTING STARTED:

- 1) Observe your site. What activities do you hope to do in this area?
- 2) Record how many hours of sunlight your site gets
- 3) Get a soil test. Your state's extension service can help with this
- 4) Does your site face north, south, east, or west? This can impact plant choices
- 5) Measure your site and create a plan before planting
- 6) Determine the ultimate size tree or shrub that your plan and site allow
- 7) Adding compost to the soil can be beneficial
- 8) Watch your plants closely when first planted and keep watered

## SUNNY & WET

- *Cornus sericea* | Redosier Dogwood | Shrub 6-9', red stems in winter, white summer flowers
- *Vernonia noveboracensis* | New York Ironweed | Perennial 4-6', purple flower late summer early fall.
- *Hibiscus moscheutos* | Swamp Mallow | Perennial 3-7', huge summer flowers in white, pink or red
- *Lobelia cardinalis* | Cardinal Flower | Perennial 2-4', red summer flowers, good for hummingbirds
- *Cephalanthus occidentalis* | Buttonbush | Shrub 5-12', white showy flowers, good for pollinators

## SUNNY & DRY

- *Callicarpa americana* | American Beautyberry | Shrub 4-5', pink-purple fall berries, yellow fall color
- *Baptisia australis* | Blue False Indigo | Perennial 2-3', blue-lavender flower May-June, pollinator friendly
- *Juniperus virginiana* | Eastern Red Cedar | Tree 40-50' (8-20' wide), evergreen, birds love fleshy cone
- *Coreopsis lanceolata* | Lanceleaf Coreopsis | Perennial 12-18", yellow flower, long bloom time
- *Passiflora incarnata* | Passion Flower | Vine 12-20', lavender to purple flower, interest from May to frost

## SHADY & WET

- *Physocarpus opulifolius* | Ninebark | Shrub 4-8', pink flower May-June, dark green to burgundy foliage
- *Magnolia virginiana* | Sweet Bay Magnolia | Tree 10-35', white summer flower, tolerates air pollution
- *Conoclinium coelestinum* | Blue Mistflower | Perennial 1-3', blue summer to fall flower
- *Senecio aureus* | Golden Ragwort | Perennial 1-2', yellow spring flower, self-sows
- *Osmunda regalis* | Royal Fern | Perennial 2-3', fine texture, tolerates shade and heavy soil, naturalizes

## SHADY & DRY

- *Polystichum acrostichoides* | Christmas Fern | Evergreen fern, 12-20", cover for wildlife
- *Hamamelis virginiana* | Witch Hazel | Shrub 15-20', yellow flowers in November to March, fragrant
- *Polygonatum biflorum* | Perennial 12-18", white flower, cut flower, food for small animals.
- *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* | Virginia Creeper | Vine 30-50', easy to grow, deciduous, crimson fall color
- *Packera obovata* | Round-leaved ragwort | Perennial 1-1.5', yellow flower April to June, self sows

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY PLANT POSSIBILITIES!