

Recommended Native Plants for Landscaping on RSA

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>	<i>Interesting features</i>
Serviceberry ST	Amelanchier arborea	Small white flowers—interesting fruit, yellow fall color
American beautyberry S	Callicarpa americana	Clusters of purplish-pink fruit along stem
Fringe tree ST	Chionanthus americanus	Large puffs of white flowers
Silky cornel dogwood ST	Cornus amomum	Clusters of white flowers, and blue fruit
Rough-leaved dogwood S/ST	Cornus drummondii	White flower clusters, dark green leaves. Excellent specimen plant
Swamp dogwood ST	Cornus foemina	Same as amomum
Mountain Pepperbush S	Clethra acuminata	Full sun, unusual stems. Background plant in shrub border
Wahoo or burning bush S	Euonymus americana Euonymus atropurpureus	Orange fruit inside pink capsules
Silverbell ST	Halesia spp.	White bell-shaped flowers
Hawthorns ST	Crataegus marshallii Crataegus aestivalis Crataegus viridis Crataegus crus-galli Crataegus spathulata Crataegus uniflora Crataegus punctata Crataegus flava	White flowers followed by red fruit. C. marshallii, C. crus galli, and C. viridis like moist soil.
Spicebush S	Lindera benzoin	Small yellow flowers followed by red fruit
Sourwood T	Oxydendron arboreum	Panicles of flowers, scarlet-red fall foliage
Chickasaw plum S/ST	Prunus angustifolia	Orange-red fruit 1” diameter
Hog plum T	Prunus umbellata	Clusters of small blue-black fruit
Prairie Rose S	Rosa setigera	Pink flowers—hardy rose
Swamp Rose S	Rosa palustris	Pink flowers—likes very moist areas
Bladderpod ST	Staphylea trifolia	Interesting papery seed pods
Black haw, Nannyberry ST		
Deerberry S	Vaccinium stamineum	Small white bell-shaped flowers
Highbush blueberry S	Vaccinium corymbosum	Reddish fall foliage, good for moist soil
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Straggly shrub with interesting white flower clusters. Good for wet soil
Sweetshrub S	Calycanthus floridus	Yellow fall foliage, red-strawberry scented flowers
Same	“ “ (Other cultivars)	Yellow flowers also available, excellent as a border
American smoketree ST	Cotinus obovatus or americanus	Puff of Smoke-like flowers, orange-red-maroon fall foliage
Persimmon T	Diospyros virginiana	Yellow green fall foliage, orange fruit
Leatherwood S	Dirca palustris	Yellow fall foliage
Dwarf witch alder S	Fothergilla gardenii	Yellow-scarlet fall foliage
Witch alder S	Fothergilla major	Same as above
Maple-leaved arrowwood S	Viburnum acerifolium	Colorful foliage and shade tolerant
Black haw S/ST	Viburnum prunifolium	Evergreen with black drupes
Blue haw S/ST	Viburnum rufidulum	Evergreen with blue drupes
Southern arrow wood S	Viburnum dentatum	Arrow straight stems, clusters of white flowers, blue fruits
Storax S	Styrax grandifolia	Bell-shaped flowers, dark streaked bark
Witch Hazel S/ST	Hamamelis virginiana	Yellow flowers in winter

Wood Hydrangea S	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	White papery flowers, shaggy bark
Oak-leaf hydrangea S	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Similar to above—flowers larger, prefers acid soil
Mountain fetterbush S	<i>Leucothoe recurva</i>	Scarlet fall foliage
Wafer-ash ST	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Yellowish fall foliage
Chokeberry S	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red berries, good for moist areas
New Jersey Tea S	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Small white flowers
Bush honeysuckle S	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Cream-colored flowers
Huckleberry S/ST	<i>Gaylussacia</i> spp.	Blue-black fruit, evergreen, interesting red-shaggy bark
Golden St. John's Wort S	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i>	Flowers yellow with multiple stamens, semi-evergreen
American Holly S/ST	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	Cultivars include 'Fosteri' 'East Palatka' and 'Savana'
Possumhaw ST	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Deciduous, good for moist sites.
Mountain holly S	<i>Ilex montana</i> var. <i>ambigua</i>	
Virginia willow S	<i>Itea virginica</i>	Small cream-colored flowers, good for wet sites.
Prickly pear cactus	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	Succulent, spiny plant, bright yellow blooms. Red fruit—for rocky areas.
Swamp fetterbush S	<i>Leucothoe racemosa</i>	A raceme of small white flowers, good for wet sites
Mountain fetterbush S	<i>Leucothoe recurva</i>	Same
Swamp azalea S	<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	Pink to white flowers
Alabama azalea S	<i>Rhododendron alabamense</i>	Nearly white blooming, fragrant shrub
Plumleaf azalea S	<i>Rhododendron prunifolia</i>	Large shrub with orange to scarlet deep red flowers
Mountain laurel S	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Flowers pink and white
Piedmont azalea S	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>	Pink to white flowers
Mountain camellia ST	<i>Stewartia ovata</i>	Camellia-like flowers
Silky camellia ST	<i>Stewartia malacodendron</i>	“ “ “
Dwarf spreading juniper S	<i>Juniperus communis</i> var. <i>compressa</i>	Evergreen, 1 meter diameter, shrub forming mat.
River Cane S	<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	Useful in clumps in moist soil
Dutchman's Pipe V	<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	Deciduous and woody w/ dark purple pipe-like flower
Wisteria V	<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	Native wisteria—not as rank growing
Peppervine V	<i>Ampelopsis arborea</i>	Dark drupes, reddish-purple fall color
Jackson Vine V	<i>Smilax smallii</i>	Thick climbing vine for trellis or fence.
Yellow Gessamine (Jasmine) V	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Dark evergreen leaves, climbing vine, yellow trumpet flowers
Red Trumpet Honeysuckle V	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Red trumpet flowers, semi-evergreen leaves
Yellow Trumpet honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera flava</i>	Yellow trumpets on sprawling vines
Cross vine V	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Woody vine with yellow trumpet, maroon-throated flowers. Evergreen leaves.
Mountain alder ST	<i>Alnus crispa</i>	Has nitrogen fixing nodules, flowers appear with leaves
Dwarf pawpaw S	<i>Asimina parviflora</i>	Maroon flowers
Virginia Willow S	<i>Itea virginiana</i>	Good in wet sites
Mock orange S	<i>Philadelphus inodorus</i>	White flowers in spring, thicket forming
Ninebark S	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Blooms later than most
Hardhack S	<i>Spirea tomentosa</i>	Spire of pink/lavender flowers
Yellow Buckeye S/T	<i>Aesculus sylvatica</i>	Good in shade
Red Buckeye S/ST	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red flowers
Bottlebrush buckeye S	<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Excellent for massing or as single specimen. Flowers white.

Horse sugar ST		<i>Symplocos tinctoria</i>	Lustrous leaves mostly evergreen. Clusters of fragrant white flowers
Willow oak T		<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Large oak with small acorns
Water oak T		<i>Quercus nigra</i>	Same as above (note: does not grow in water)
Shumard oak T		<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Oak native to NA and similar in shape to pin oak
Swamp Chestnut Oak T		<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	Red-brown fall foliage
Tulip poplar		<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Native magnolia, yellow fall foliage, yellow tulip-shaped flowers. Fast grower
Cucumber magnolia T		<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Interesting flowers and fruit, and variants may be available
Green ash T		<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Winged fruits. Variants may be available
Sugar maple T		<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Orange/yellow fall foliage. Good shade tree
Red maple T		<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Fast grower, variants available

Other native plants to place in list:

Euonymus alata* or *E. alata compacta Winged euonymus and dwarf winged euonymus S: These bushes turn a bright red in fall and winter. They are semi-evergreen.

Clethra alnifolia Summersweet S: Has small clusters of white, sweet-smelling flowers

Ilex verticillata Winterberry S: This holly produces bright red berries in winter.

Prunus caroliniana Carolina laurelcherry ST: This has glossy evergreen leaves

The following are all evergreen groundcovers that can substitute for Vinca.

Chrysogonum virginianum Green and Gold has yellow, daisy-like flowers.

Pachysandra procumbens Allegheny spurge

Gaultheria procumbens Winterberry