

Thymus serpyllum 'Coccineus'

Red Flowering Mother of Thyme

Tiny glossy green leaves are mat forming at 3". This groundcover is perfect for rock, trough, and alpine gardens, works between pavers, and has rosy-purple flowers in mid-summer. Excellent drainage and lots of sun are a must. Too much rain can be detrimental; water has a hard time evaporating from the leaves causing fast rot. Plant 6" apart.











Thymus vulgaris 'Silver Posie'

Variegated English Thyme

'Silver Posie' adds a sweet touch to any container or cottage garden with its white edged gray-green leaves and tiny lavender-pink flowers in late spring and early summer. Aromatic foliage is a bushy 10-12" tall and is evergreen in warmer climates. Cool weather brings a hint of burgundy to the leaves.

Plant 12" apart.









Tiarella cordifolia Elizabeth Oliver

Foam Flower

The deeply lobed leaves are bright green with faint burgundy veination. As the cooler days of early October arrive, the leaves take on a rich purple hue, but when spring is upon us, expect creamy white flowers with a pink blush in April and May about 8-10" above the evergreen foliage. This vigorous grower for the woodland or shade garden is another native that will make a great groundcover.

Plant 18" apart.









Tiarella cordifolia 'Running Tapestry' Foam Flower

Woodland gardeners with large areas to cover would do well to consider this fast-spreading native ground cover. The evergreen leaves are somewhat heart-shaped and have a serrated edge. Best of all is the lovely burgundy marbling, which radiates from the midrib outward throughout each leaf. The masses of white foam flowers appear about 12" above the foliage in April through May.

Plant 18" apart.







Thymus serpyllum 'Elfin' Elfin Thyme

Imagine dwarfing other creeping Thyme? The teeny tiny aromatic leaves form a tight carpet to 1" and produce lavender flowers in summer, gradually filling in between rock crevices or stepping stones. Attractive cascading out of containers filled with other perennial or herbs, 'Elfin' is evergreen and tolerant of poor sandy soil. Excellent drainage is a must and full sun is preferred.

Plant 6" apart.









Tiarella cordifolia 'Brandvwine'

Foam Flower

The puffy, tiny white flowers are carried on short spikes on 8" stems. Native Tiarella is an ideal as a spreading ground cover for shade. Tiarellas have dark green, quite evergreen leaves that vary in leaf shape and coloration according to variety. 'Brandywine' has just a bit of burgundy veination on its leaves and blooms white in April and May. Plant 18" apart.









Tiarella cordifolia 'Oakleaf' Foam Flower

As its name implies, native 'Oakleaf' has dark green leaves that are lobed with a serrated edge like those of the tree, and grow in dense, fast-growing clumps. The flowers on their little spikes are a pink and are very profuse in May to a height of 8-10". Try Tiarellas with Ajuga, Epimedium, or ferns for variety in form and texture.

Plant 18" apart.











Tiarella x 'Timbuktu'

Foam Flower

Massed in the woodland garden, the mysterious beauty of 'Timbuktu' can be appreciated up close and from afar. Loose layers of elongated, finely dissected leaves have brownish-bronze veining and are topped with floating airy white bottlebrush flowers in spring. Grows 10-12" tall and prefers rich, moist soils.

Plant 12" apart.

















Zones 4 - 8





















Tradescantia x 'Concord Grape'

Spiderwort

Violet-purple flowers bloom in summer against bluish-green strap-like foliage that grows 12-18" tall. Buds appear in clusters and only one flower in each cluster blooms at a time, each lasting a day. Prefers moist, rich soil in partial shade. Trim mid-season to encourage a new set of blooms. Plant 18" apart.



Tradescantia andersoniana 'Sweet Kate'

Spiderwort

Truly iridescent yellow foliage at 24" w/ brilliant gentian blue flowers is such a visual blast, we are compelled to offer this Spiderwort that can't help but brighten the shade garden. Expect flowers in June and July. Combine with Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Rudbeckia 'Little Gold Star' and Veronica 'Royal Candles'.

Plant 18" apart.

Zones 4 - 9

















Tricyrtis formosana 'Samurai'

Toad Lily

Late summer purple orchid-like flowers with dark purple speckling and yellow throats appear like small fairy-tale warriors making a stand on green and golden-edged variegated foliage. This compact variety grows to 12-18" tall and appreciates a trim mid-season to encourage branching. Prefers well-drained soil with plenty of organic matter.

Plant 18" apart.





Tricyrtis x 'Sinonome' Toad Lilv

Among the most striking of woodland plants for the shade gardener, this Toad Lily's orchidlike flowers magically appear from late August into October. An old-time cultivar, its upright-facing white flowers have ruby speckling and form a nice 3' clump. Recommended for its drought tolerance and clean, shiny, dark green leaves. Be sure to choose a site where these lovely flowers can be appreciated, as they are not showy from a distance.

Plant 18" apart.



Zones 6 - 8

Zones 5 - 9









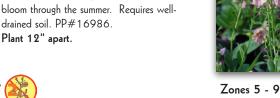
Verbascum x 'Dark Eyes'

Eye-catching 12" spikes rise from woolly graygreen foliage and produce creamy yellow flowers with dark maroon centers. Short stature, lengthy bloom time and being a short-lived perennial makes this an excellent choice for containers. Blooms begin in late spring and will continue to bloom through the summer. Requires welldrained soil. PP#16986.



Verbascum x 'Plum Smokey'

This mullein forms a lovely upright arrangement of mauve-purple flowers on 16-18" spikes. The blooms appear from mid-spring to midsummer above a rosette of fuzzy gray-green foliage. Short stature, lengthy bloom time and being a short-lived perennial makes this an excellent choice for containers. Requires well-drained soil. PP#16156 Plant 15" apart.





Verbena bonariensis Tall Verbena

A 'wild' look is had by this tall, stiff, widely branched Verbena with 3-4' stems that are topped with small purple flower clusters. Excellent used in the middle of the border with its open airy appearance. Pinch the first few shoots in spring to encourage branching. Blooms throughout the summer and is butterfly magnet. Plant 18" apart.



Verbena canadensis 'Homestead Purple'

Vervain

Few plants bloom so extravagantly for so long as this one. Deep purple flower clusters bloom from May to frost over the vigorous, ground covering foliage of 6-10". Maryland heat and drought tolerant, it is hardy in the winter to 9 degrees. They are gorgeous trailing from window boxes, hanging baskets, and any sunny spots. Trim back occasionally. Plant 18" apart.



Zones 7 -10

























Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'

Threadleaf Ironweed

Offering late season color and attractive Amsonia hubrichtii-like foliage, this Arkansas native is a vigorous grower and tolerant of poor, rocky soils. $\mathbf{3}$ ' tall fine-textured foliage is topped with small bright purple flowers in late summer. Selected from trials led by Dr. Allan Armitage at the University of Georgia and introduced by North Creek Nurseries.

Plant 30" apart.



Vernonia noveboracensis New York Ironweed

This eastern U.S. native is commonly seen in wet meadows with its intense purplish-red flower clusters ablaze in late summer on 4-7' tall stems. A strong, dependable, drought tolerant plant that performs in poorly drained or well drained soil. Try it with Solidago Fireworks, Rudbeckia Goldquelle or tall native grasses.

Plant 30" apart.



















Creeping Veronica



Veronica repens 'Sunshine' Golden Creeping Speedwell

With many choices of creeping ground covers, this cheerful and bright Veronica offers unusual chartreuse tiny oval leaves that will form a mat to 1" in height complimented by tiny blue flowers spikes in early summer. Lighting up a shady corner or path with its vivid foliage, 'Sunshine' is tolerant of light foot traffic and will thrive in full sun with adequate moisture.

Plant 8" apart.



Veronica umbrosa 'Georgia Blue'

Speedwell

Dainty, little round sky-blue flowers in low mounds in April and May are a sweet alternative to traditional Veronica spikes. At 12" it makes a great ground cover in full sun with good drainage. Don't be deceived by its name; this hardy perennial derives from the former Soviet state, not our own southern one of the same name.

Plant 18" apart.



Zones 5 - 8









Zones 4 - 9

Veronica x Waterperry Blue' Creeping Speedwell

Tiny rounded lavender -blue flowers with dark veins dot the creeping foliage in mid to late spring and again in late summer to fall. Petite leaves are glossy green and become red-tinged in cooler temperatures. Foliage grows 5" tall. Use in the rock garden, as an edging or in containers. Plant 15" apart.



Veronica x 'Whitewater' Speedwell

Tolerant of light foot traffic but too adorable to step on when the small pure white flowers cover the glossy green foliage from early spring to mid-summer. Perfect for rock gardens or planted around flagstones, the 4-6" tall creeping foliage has scalloped leaves that turn burgundy to bronze in the fall. Prefers well-drained soil with average moisture. PP#22783

Plant 12" apart.



Zones 4 -





























Upright Veronica



Veronica spicata 'Royal Candles' Speedwell

Deep violet-blue spikes on this very compact Veronica don't grow over 17". The flower spikes are held well above the foliage, making them especially showy. 'Royal Candles' also drew our attention being free of problems with leaf spot, disease and insects that plague other Veronicas. It also keeps its lower leaves that are a rich glossy green.

Plant 18" apart.









Veronica Magic ${\sf Show}$ ${\sf f R}$ 'Ever After'

Spiked Speedwell

This new variety is exceptionally long blooming and self-cleaning. Lavender- blue flowers appear from early to mid-summer and nearly consume the 14-16" tall foliage. The spikey texture of this plant pairs well with the more rounded habits of Echinacea, Rudbeckia, and Leucanthemum. PP#35035

Plant 18" apart.

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Veronicastrum virginicum Culver Root

Topping 4-8' tall stems in mid to late summer are narrow, branched 9" spikes of white flowers that are reminiscent of a candelabra. Lance-shaped leaves grow in whorls around the tall stems. Plant at the back of the perennial border with a woodland or wall as a backdrop to the unique white flowers. Native to moist prairies, woods and stream banks of Eastern North America.

Plant 36" apart.

Zones 3 - 8









Viola walteri 'Silver Gem' Prostrate Blue Violet

This little native jewel is a selection from the plant introduction program at the Mt. Cuba Center. Trailing stems form a mat to 3-5" tall. The heart-shaped silvery leaves have prominent green veins, and purplish to burgundy undersides. Lavender-blue flowers grace the foliage beginning in early spring. Prefers partial to full shade in moist, well-drained soil, and is drought tolerant once established.

Plant 10" apart.

New for 2024





Gold = Sun, Green = Shade (see page 6 for program details)



Queen Bee Natives











Veronica longifolia Skyward™ Pink Long-leafed Speedwell

We were immediately drawn to this bright pink Veronica because of its beautiful continuous dense blooming habit, and its resistance to powdery mildew. The 14 - 18" tall flower spikes of the Skyward $^{\mathsf{TM}}$ series are more durable and experience less breakage than other garden speedwell. PP#34890 Plant 18" apart.

Zones 4 - 9

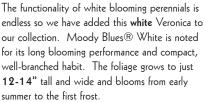






Veronica Moody Blues® White

Spiked Speedwell



Plant 16" apart.

Zones 4 - 9







Vinca minor Common Periwinkle

Phlox-like blue-violet flowers light up against glossy green leaves in early spring. The 18" evergreen trailing stems reach a height of 4-6" and will continue to bloom intermittently throughout the summer. Vinca will suppress weeds, grow against trees and shrubs, and compliment spring bulbs. Morning sun will produce heavier flowering.

'Bowles' Variety' has a more mounding habit because it spreads outward from the crown.

Plant 18" apart.







Zizia aurea Golden Alexander

Perfect for native wildflower gardens or meadow plantings where butterflies will be drawn to the golden yellow lacy blooms in late spring to early summerand the vigorous foliage is allowed to spread and form colonies. Grows 24-30" tall. Prefers average to moist, well-drained soil. Plant 36" apart.







