

TOP PLANT PICKS

October 2023

Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia spp.*)



Bloom Time: August-October

Sun Requirement: Full to part sun

Water Requirement: High

Wildlife: Bumble Bees

Tolerates: Wet Soils

Other: This carnivorous plant's leaves have evolved into a pitcher shape in order to trap insects. The red and white veined tubular leaves and unique flowers will add interest to your bog and water gardens! Requires consistently moist soil. .

Native to North America: Yes

Zones: 5a-9b

Location: [Herb Garden](#)

Dark Beauty Toad Lily (*Tricyrtis formosana 'Dark Beauty'*)



Bloom Time: September-October

Sun Requirement: Part sun to full shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Bees and hummingbirds

Tolerates: Wide array of soil conditions

Native to North America: No

Other: This toad lily makes a very impressive garden specimen with glossy leaves and dramatic purple and white spotted orchid-like flowers. Given time, it will spread to create many clusters. Ideal for woodland gardens and is prized for its late season blooms.

Zones: 4-9

Location: [Dogwood Garden](#)

American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)



Bloom Time: June-August

Sun Requirement: Full sun to part shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Birds and squirrels

Tolerates: Drought and Clay Soils

Native to North America: Yes

Other: Named after its magenta berries that put on a brilliant fall show, this shrub is low maintenance and a magnet for birds. Mature plants reach around 3 to 5 feet tall and is ideal for pollinator or wildlife gardens.

Zones: 6-12

Location: [Howe Garden](#)

Stinking Cedar (*Torreya taxifolia*)



Bloom Time: N/A

Sun Requirement: Part shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Small mammals

Tolerates: Shade

Other: This small to medium sized evergreen coniferous tree is listed as a critically endangered species. It is nearly extinct in the wild, threatened by a fungal disease of the stem. Foliage emits an odor when crushed, hence the name.

Native to North America: Yes

Zones: 5-9

Location: [Howe Garden](#)

Rough Goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks')



Bloom Time: September-October

Sun Requirement: Full sun to part shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Bees, beetles and butterflies

Tolerates: Deer, Clay and Wet Soil

Native to North America: Yes

Other: This clump-forming perennial provides a bold splash of color in the late season. Rough goldenrod features arching flowers that resemble yellow fireworks cascading off the plant. They are a great source of nectar and pollen, attracting various species of insects.

Zones: 4-8

Location: [Howe Garden](#)

Sweet Coneflower (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa* 'Little Henry')



Bloom Time: August-October

Sun Requirement: Full sun

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Butterflies

Tolerates: Deer, Drought, Clay and Dry Soil

Native to North America: Yes

Other: This compact, upright perennial shows off with lovely brown-eyed daisies with quilled yellow petals. It grows about four feet high and has sweetly scented foliage.

Zones: 4-8

Location: [Bracken Foundation Children's Garden](#)

Twist N Shout Hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Twist N Shout')



Bloom Time: August-October

Sun Requirement: Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Bees

Tolerates: N/A

Native to North America: No

Other: This small shrub grows 3 to 4 feet tall and the stems are vivid red. The blooms are classic lacecaps with color ranging from deep pink to deep purple blue tones. This hydrangea does best in light shade and has nearly year round beauty!

Zones: 4-9

Location: [Bracken Foundation Children's Garden](#)

Hardy Lantana (*Lantana camara* 'Miss Huff')



Bloom Time: July -November

Sun Requirement: Full Sun

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Butterflies

Tolerates: Drought

Other: This is the most cold hardy of the lantana. It is an excellent choice for mass plantings and produces showy orange and pink flowers. Miss Huff lantana attracts many butterflies but is not particularly attractive to deer.

Native to North America: No

Zones: 7-11

Location: *Sigourney Cheek Literary Garden*