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<b>Trees</b>		
<i>Acer rubrum, A. saccharum</i>	Red Maple, Sugar Maple	L, F
<i>Amelanchier canadensis, A. laevis</i>	Serviceberry/Shadbush/Juneberry, Smooth Serviceberry	L, F
<i>Betula lenta, B. nigra</i>	Sweet Birch, River Birch	L, F
<i>Carya cordiformis, C. glabra, C. ovata, C. tomentosa</i>	Bitternut Hickory, Pignut Hickory, Shagbark Hickory, Mockernut Hickory	L, F
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry	L, F
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	L, N
<i>Cornus alternifolia, C. florida</i>	Pagoda Dogwood, Flowering Dogwood	L, F
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	L, F
<i>Fraxinus americana, F. pennsylvanica</i>	White Ash, Green Ash	L, F
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly	L, F
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black Walnut	L, F
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar	L, F
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	L, F
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree	L, F, N
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum/Tupelo	L, F
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	L, F
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	American Sycamore	L, F
<i>Populus deltoides</i>	Eastern Cottonwood	L, F
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	L, F
<i>Quercus alba, Q. coccinea, Q. montana, Q. palustris, Q. rubra, Q. velutina</i>	White Oak, Scarlet Oak, Chestnut Oak, Pin Oak, Red Oak, Black Oak	L, F
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black Willow	L, F
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras	L, F
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood	L
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American Elm (Blight-resistant varieties)	L, F

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<b>Shrubs</b>		
<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	Smooth Alder	L, F
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> , <i>A. melanocarpa</i> .	Red Chokeberry, Black Chokeberry	L, F
<i>Cornus amomum</i> , <i>C. racemosa</i> , <i>C. sericea</i>	Silky Dogwood, Gray Dogwood, Redtwig Dogwood	L, F
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry Holly	F
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	L, F, N
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Bayberry	L, F
<i>Rosa carolina</i> , <i>R. virginiana</i>	Pasture Rose, Wild or Pasture Rose	L, F
<i>Rhododendron maximum</i> , <i>R. periclymedoides</i> , <i>R. viscosum</i>	Rosebay Rhododendron, Pinxterbloom Azalea, Swamp Azalea	L, N
<i>Rhus copallina</i> , <i>R. glabra</i> , <i>R. typhina</i>	Winged Sumac, Smooth Sumac, Staghorn Sumac	L, F
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow	L
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	American Elderberry	L, F, N
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	L, F, N
<i>Viburnum acerfolium</i> , <i>V. dentatum</i> , <i>V. lentago</i> , <i>V. nudum</i> , <i>V. prunifolium</i> , <i>V. trilobum</i>	Mapleleaf Viburnum, Arrowwood Viburnum, Nannyberry, Smooth Witherod, Blackhaw Viburnum, American Cranberrybush	L, F
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<b>Perennials</b>		
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	N
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> , <i>A. purpurascens</i> , <i>A. tuberosa</i>	Swamp Milkweed, Purple Milkweed, Butterfly Weed	L, N
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> , <i>C. tripteris</i>	Tickseed, Tall Tickseed	F, N
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i> , <i>E. fistulosum</i> , <i>E. maculatum</i>	Mistflower, Trumpet Flower, Joe Pye Weed	L, N
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium	L
<i>Helianthus decapetalus</i> , <i>H. divaricatus</i>	Thin-leaved Sunflower, Woodland Sunflower	L, F
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	F, N
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star	N
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> , <i>L. siphilitica</i>	Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia	L, N
<i>Monarda didyma</i> , <i>M. fistulosa</i>	Bee Balm, Wild Bergamot	L, N
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Sundrops	L
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	F, N
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Beardtongue	L, N
<i>Phlox divaricata</i> , <i>P. maculata</i> , <i>P. paniculata</i> , <i>P. stolonifera</i>	Woodland Phlox, Wild Sweet-William, Summer Phlox, Creeping Phlox	L, N
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	N
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> , <i>R. laciniata</i> , <i>R. triloba</i>	Orange Coneflower, Cutleaf Coneflower, Three-lobed Coneflower	L, F, N
<i>Solidago caesia</i> , <i>S. flexicaulis</i> , <i>S. rugosa</i> , <i>S. speciosa</i>	Bluestem Goldenrod, Zigzag Goldenrod, Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod, Showy Goldenrod	L, F, N
<i>Symphotrichum cordifolius</i> , <i>S. divaricatus</i> , <i>S. laeve</i> , <i>S. lateriflorum</i> , <i>S. novae-angliae</i> , <i>S. novi-belgii</i>	Blue Wood Aster, White Wood Aster, Smooth Blue Aster, Calico Aster, New England Aster, New York Aster,	L, F, N
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	L, N
<i>Vernonia glauca</i> , <i>V. noveboracensis</i>	Upland Ironweed, New York Ironweed	N
<i>Viola palmata</i> , <i>V. rostrata</i> , <i>V. sororia</i> , <i>V. striata</i>	Early Blue Violet, Longspur Violet, Common Blue Violet, Cream Violet	L
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander	L, N

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<b>Grasses and Sedges</b>		
<i>Carex amphibola</i> , <i>C. pensylvanica</i> , <i>C. platyphylla</i>	Creek Sedge, Pennsylvania Sedge, Broadleaf Sedge	L, F
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	L, F
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	L, F
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	F
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	F
<b>Vines</b>		
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine	N
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Trumpet/Coral Honeysuckle	L, N, F
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	L, F
<b>Aquatic Plants</b>		
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris	L, N
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	F
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	Fragrant Water Lily	N
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickerel Weed	N
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Arrowhead	N
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