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GROWING NATIVE PLANTS IN OUTDOOR POTS

Gardening for wildlife in backyards is becoming increasingly important. You can provide for wildlife even if you have a small yard or just a porch or balcony. Many native plants grow well in pots, and can transform your outdoor living space into a haven for wildlife and a beautiful place to enjoy.

The bigger and deeper the pot, the stronger the plant and less time between watering. Use organic soil and mulch with leaf mulch or rotted bark. Generally plants under 2 feet tall work the best, but an occasional taller plant can work for a dramatic effect.

Be sure to water regularly during the summer months. Use pots that have a drain hole and use saucers if you want to catch the water.

Pot sizes:

Small – 12”

Medium – 14” – 18”

Large – 18” – 24” or larger

Ferns in shallow pots 6 – 8” deep



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Plants for shade

Perennials for window boxes or small pots

Woodland Stonecrop *Sedum ternatum*

Alum-root *Heuchera* spp.*

Violets: *Viola blanda*, *V. cucullaria*,

Wintergreen *Gaultheria procumbens*

Wood Phlox *Phlox divaricate*, *P. stolonifera*

Perennials for medium pots

Christmas fern *Polystichum acrostichoides*

Maidenhair fern *Adiantum pedatum*

Lady fern *Athyrium filix-femina*

Hay Scented Fern *Dennstaedtia punctilobula*

Cinnamon Fern *Osmunda cinnamomea*

Solomon's seal *Polygonatum biflorum*

Cranesbill geranium *Geranium maculatum*

Baneberry *Actaea rubra*, *A. pachypoda*

Jack-in-the-pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum*

Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*

Jacob's ladder *Polemonium reptans*

Small's penstemon *Penstemon smallii*

False Solomon's seal *Maianthemum racemosum*

Wood asters- *Symphotrichum cordifolium*, *Eurybia divaricata*, *E. macrophylla*

White snakeroot *Ageratina altissima*

Shrubs for large pots

Witch hazel *Hamamelis virginiana*

Highbush blueberry *Vaccinium corymbosum*



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Plants for part sun/part shade

Perennials for medium pots

Swamp Milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*

Canada anemone *Anemone canadensis*

Bleeding heart *Dicentra eximia*

Heart-leaved Alexander *Zizia aptera*

Rose coreopsis *Coreopsis rosea*

Coneflowers *Rudbeckia hirta*, *R. triloba*, *Echinacea species*

Cardinal flower *Lobelia cardinalis*

Foxglove penstemon *Penstemon digitalis*

Asters *Symphotrichum laevis*, *S. oblongifolia*

Wreath goldenrod *Solidago caesia*

Blue lobelia *Lobelia siphilitica*

Cardinal flower *Lobelia cardinalis*

Ostrich Fern *Matteuccia struthiopteris*

Grasses: Switch panicgrass *Panicum virgatum*, Wild oats *Chasmanthium latifolium*

Shrubs for medium pots

Viburnums *Viburnum cassinoides*, *V. dentatum*

Sweet-pepperbush *Clethra alnifolia*

Yellow bush-honeysuckle *Diervilla lonicera*

Mountain laurel *Kalmia latifolia*

Virginia sweetspire *Itea virginica*



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Plants for full sun

Perennials for small to medium pots

Wild strawberry *Fragaria virginiana*

Violets *Viola pedata*, *Viola adunca*

Blue-eyed grass *Sisyrinchium* spp.

Pussytoes *Antennaria* spp.

Bunchberry *Chamaepericlymenum canadense*

Sundial lupine *Lupinus perennis*

Scotch bellflower *Campanula rotundifolia*

Butterfly milkweed *Asclepias tuberosa*

Nodding onion *Allium cernuum*

Foxglove Penstemon *Penstemon digitalis*, *Penstemon hirsutus*

Black-eyed Coneflower *Rudbeckia hirta*

Dryland asters *Lonactis linariifolius*, *Symphotrichum laevis*, *S. oblongifolia*

Goldenrod *Solidago puberula*, *S. sempervirens*

Little bluestem grass *Schizachryium scoparium*

Wild Bergamot *Monarda fistulosa*

Bee Balm *Monarda didyma*

False Blue Indigo *Baptisia australis*

Swamp Milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*

Shrubs for medium to large pots

Flowering raspberry *Rubus odoratus*

Low blueberry *Vaccinium angustifolium*

Bayberry *Morella pensylvanica*

Wild rose *Rosa virginiana*, *R. carolina*

New Jersey tea *Ceanothus americanus*

Meadowsweet *Spiraea alba*, *S. tomentosa*

Bearberry *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*