Drought-Tolerant Native Plants that Support Bees and Butterflies in Summer and Fall

Much of the information in this presentation comes from the CT Botanical Society, including photos from their site taken by Sam (Eleanor) Saulys and Janet Novak:

https://www.ct-botanical-society.org/



An (incomplete) list of drought tolerant native plants:

SHRUBS:

sumacs

Carolina rose and Virginia rose

PERENNIALS:

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium- mountain mint

Asclepias tuberosa- butterfly weed

Liatris s. var. novae-angliae- New England blazing-star

Artemisia campestris- tall wormwood

Achillea millefolium- yarrow

Rudbeckia hirta- black-eyed Susan

Oenothera- evening primrose

Solidago- goldenrod species

Heliopsis helianthoides- ox-eye or false-sunflower

Spiraea tomentosa- steeplebush

Eupatorium hyssipifolium- hyssop-leaved boneset

Erigeron annuus- daisy fleabane

Monarda fistulosa- wild bergamot

Monarda punctata- spotted bee-balm

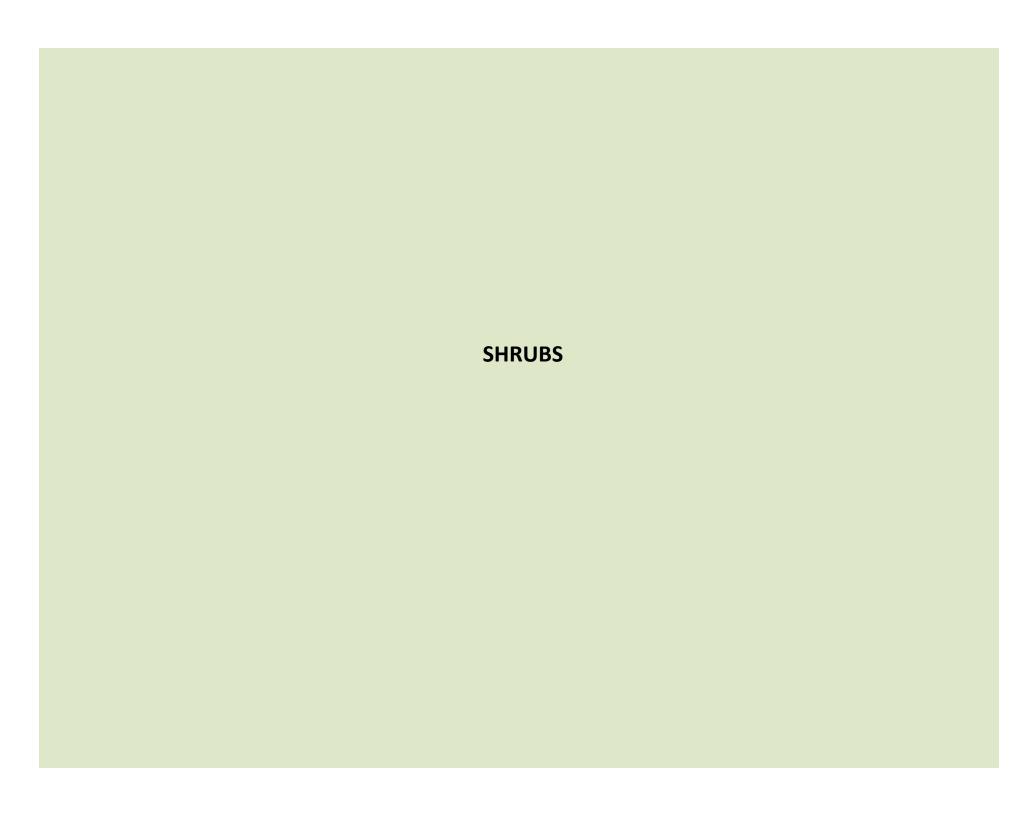
Verbena hastata- blue vervain

Eurybia (Aster) divaricata- white wood aster

Symphyotrichum (Aster) laeve- smooth aster



butterfly weed (a milkweed)





Winged, smooth and staghorn sumacs

Staghorn sumac blooms May-June





smooth sumac blooms June-July



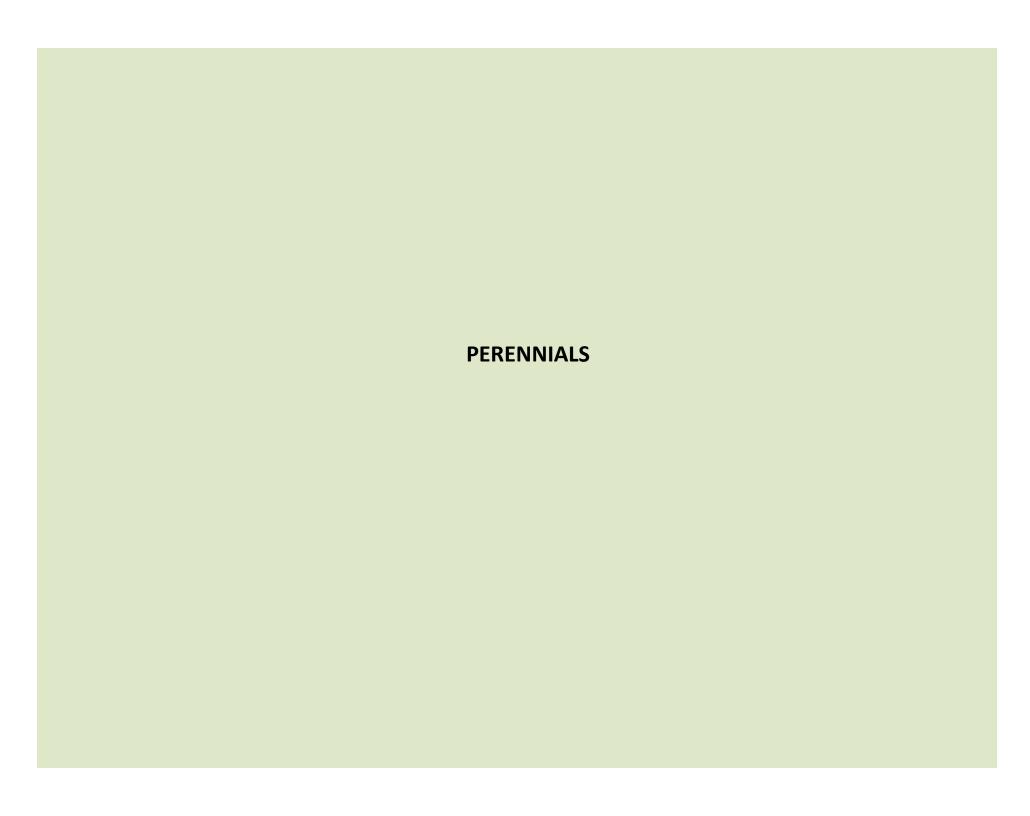
Carolina Rose

blooms June-July dry, rocky or sandy soil

Rosa virginiana

blooms May-July thickets and meadows







Narrowleaf Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium

full or partial sun many types of soil

Short-Toothed Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum muticum





Butterfly weed (a milkweed)

Asclepias tuberosa

blooms June-September full sun, dry fields (loam or sand)





Blazing star

Liatris scariosa var. novae angliae

blooms August to September open sites with dry, sandy soil; fields, thickets, and sand dunes



Tall wormwood

Artemisia campestris

blooms July to September open sites in sandy soil

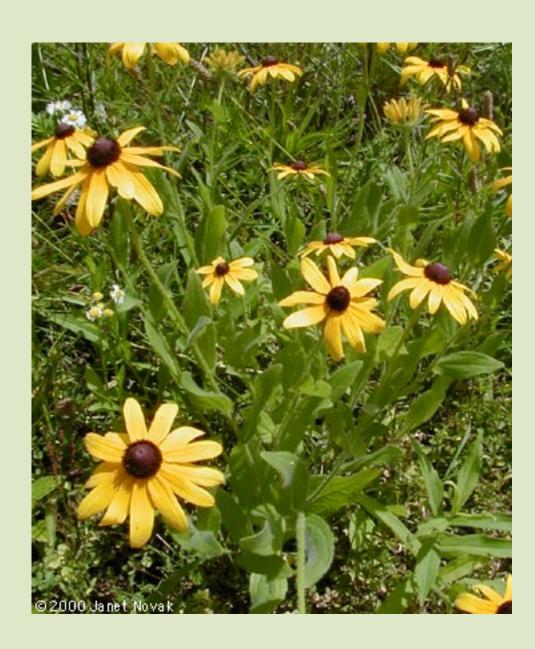




Yarrow

Achillea millefolium

blooms June to September fields and roadsides



Black-eyed Susan

not a native, but naturalized Rudbeckia hirta

blooms June to October fields, open woods and roadsides



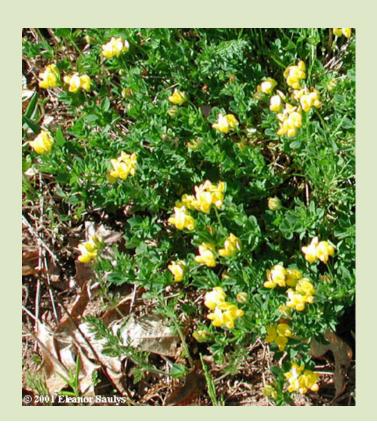


Bird's-foot trefoil

not a native, but naturalized

Lotus corniculatus

blooms June to October fields, roadsides, waste areas





Evening primrose

Oenothera biennis

blooms June to September roadsides, fields



Early Goldenrod

Solidago juncea

blooms July-September
dry open woods, rocky banks, roadsides



Silverrod

Solidago bicolor

blooms July-October dry open woods



Flat-top goldenrod

Euthamia (Solidago syn.) graminifolia

blooms August-October dry sandy soil



Tall goldenrod

Solidago altissima

blooms July-September meadows, roadsides, thickets



Ox-eye or false sunflower

Heliopsis helianthoides

blooms July-September meadows, roadsides, thickets



Steeplebush

Spiraea tomentosa

blooms July-September fields and pastures



Hyssop-leaved boneset

Eupatorium hyssopifolium

blooms late summer dry open woods, gravelly fields





Daisy fleabane

Erigeron annuus

fields, roadsides blooms June- October

Wild bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

blooms July-August fields, lime-rich soil



Blue vervain

Verbena hastata

likes damp thickets yet is drought tolerant





White wood aster

Aster divaricatus Eurybia divaricata (synonym)

blooms August-October dry woods

Smooth aster

Aster laevis
Symphyotrichum leave (synonym)

blooms August-October dry fields

