

## Resources and plant list

Maryland Extension Home and Garden Information Center:  
<https://extension.umd.edu/hgic>

Soil Testing: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/soil-testing-and-soil-testing-labs/>

Deer: <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/topics/deer>

My favorite website for plant information:  
<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>

Ask a Master Gardener:  
<https://extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/ask-master-gardener-0>

Rainscapes:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/index.html>

Tree Montgomery: <https://treemontgomery.org/>

Plant source (my source, not endorsed by MCMG):  
[www.lzelplants.com](http://www.lzelplants.com)

Brookside Gardens - <http://montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/brookside-gardens/>

Great place to visit and learn

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- Books

- Nature's Best Hope Douglas Tallamy
- The Living Landscape Rick Darke and Douglas Tallamy
- Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees and Shrubs
- Garden Revolution Larry Weaner and Christopher Thomas
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping (Chesapeake Bay Watershed)
- The Climate Conscious Gardener (Brooklyn Botanical Garden)

- Sun
  - *Amsonia* x 'Blue Ice' (N) Eastern bluestar
    - Long blooming, beautiful fall yellow
  - *Pycnanthemum muticum* (N)\* mountain mint
    - Fragrant, pinkish white flowers July-Sep. Nectar source for pollinators, spreads
  - *Asclepias tuberosa* (N) Butterfly weed
    - Blooms late spring, dead head for more blooms, pollinators love, caterpillars will eat!
  - *Agastache foeniculum* (N), hyssop
    - Gold foliage, lavender/blue blooms mid summer-fall, sun, hummingbirds and butterflies
  - *Penstemon digitalis* (N) beardtongue
    - June blooms, semi evergreen, pollinators, cut flowers
  - *Monarda fistulosa* (N) beebalm, wild bergamot
    - Mid summer bloom, attracts all pollinators, can tolerate dry, tea anyone?
  - *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*, plumbago, lead wort
    - Bright blue flowers Aug/Oct, fantastic fall color
  
- Shade/part shade
  - *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* (N) blue-eyed grass
    - Blooms May-July, evergreen, slow spreading sun/part shade
  - *Geranium maculatum* (N) cranesbill, wild geranium
    - Late spring/early summer, nice fall color
  - *Tiarella cordifolia* (N) foam flower
    - April/May spikes, somewhat evergreen, great woodland masses or groundcover
  - *Chrysogonum virginiana* (N), green and gold
    - Great woodland groundcover, yellow flowers spring/summer, naturalizes well
  - *Lobelia siphilitica* (N), blue cardinal flower (aggressive!)
    - Blue spikes Aug/Sep, pollinators, cut flowers
  - *Heuchera* "Autumn Bride" (N)
    - Fantastic woodland plant, flowers late summer/fall, sadly bunnies will top the flowers
  - *Phlox divaricata* (N), creeping phlox

- Blooms april/may, fills in nicely, somewhat evergreen, pollinators
  - Iris cristata, dwarf crested iris
    - Fast growing/spreading, beautiful blue-violet flowers mid-late spring
  - Aquilegia canadensis (N) columbine
    - Shade naturalizer, may/june blooms
  - Eurybia (Aster) divaricatus (N), white wood aster
    - White flowers Aug-Oct, spreads
  - Epimedium x versicolor “Sulphureum” ,Barrenwort
    - Buttery yellow blooms early spring, dense mats, slow spreader, lovely ground cover around trees, many different cultivars and color flowers
  
- Ferns
  - Dryopteris erythrose ‘Brilliance’, Autumn fern
  - Polystichum acrostichoides (N), Christmas fern
  - Matteuccia struthiopteris (N), Ostrich fern
  - Osmunda cinnamomea (N), cinnamon fern
  - Adiantum pedatum (N), Northern maidenhair fern
  
- Ephemerals
  - Mertensia virginica (N), virginia bluebells
  - Dicentra cucullaria (N) Dutchman's breeches
  - Dicentra spectabilis, Bleeding heart
  - Erythronium americanum (N), trout lily (bulb)
  
- Shrubs
  - Fothergilla (N)
    - Suckering colonizing, beautiful fall color, fragrant white flowers april and may before leaves, acid soils
  - Edgeworthia chrysantha
    - Suckering shrub, flowers early/late Feb, fragrant yellow, nice fall color, nice wood
  - Itea virginica “little garnet” (N), virginia sweetspire
    - Likes wet, fragrant white flowers May, June,July, beautiful fall color
  - Aesculus parviflora (N), Bottlebrush buckeye

- Large plant, beautiful 8-10” blooms in the summer, yellow fall color, woodland, deer will eat, chipmunks will fight over the “buckeyes”
- *Rhus aromatica* (N), Low grow fragrant sumac
  - Tallish groundcover, spreads, yellow catkins in early spring, red fruit in fall. Fantastic fall color
- *Viburnum dentatum* (N), Arrowwood viburnum,
  - nice flowers and berries, great wildlife value
- *Myrica pensylvanica* (N), Northern bayberry
  - Great wildlife value, spring flowers, nice shiny leaves, forms colonies
- Nonnative plants that I use that are not invasive
  - Hellebores - shade
  - *Hakonechloa* grass – part shade/sun
  - *Sarcococca hakeriana* (sweetbox) – excellent shade groundcover
  - Astilbe – part shade, good winter interest
  - *Edgeworthia chrysantha* - paperbush