



## TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES NATIVE TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

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This list is designed to be a simple reference for gardeners who would like to incorporate native woody plants into their gardens. There may be some discussion in regard to whether certain plants are actually native here, since much of Westchester County has been logged, cleared, or otherwise disturbed since European settlers arrived over 300 years ago, and certain species may have been lost through these activities. Some plants on this list may be very difficult to find or extinct in today's Westchester, but based on research, are believed to have once been more prevalent here.

### **Native Trees:**

Acer nigrum - Black Maple  
Acer rubrum - Red Maple  
Acer saccharum - Sugar Maple  
Acer saccharinum - Silver Maple  
Alnus rugosa - Hazel Alder  
Amelanchier arborea - Serviceberry  
Betula lutea - Yellow Birch  
Betula lenta - Black Birch  
Betula populifolia - Gray Birch  
Betula nigra - River Birch  
Carpinus caroliniana - Hornbeam  
Carya ovata - Shagbark Hickory  
Carya glabra - Pignut Hickory  
Carya tomentosa - Mockernut Hickory  
Carya cordiformis - Bitternut Hickory  
Castanea dentata - American Chestnut  
Celtis occidentalis - Hackberry  
Cornus alternifolia - Alternate-leaved Dogwood  
Cornus florida - Flowering Dogwood  
Crataegus pruinosa - Frosted Hawthorn  
Crataegus crus-galli - Cockspur Hawthorn  
Crataegus punctata - Dotted Hawthorn  
Diospyros virginiana - Paw-paw  
Fagus grandifolia - American Beech  
Fraxinus nigra - Black Ash  
Fraxinus americana - White Ash  
Fraxinus pensylvanica - Green Ash  
Hamamelis virginiana - Witch Hazel  
Ilex opaca - American Holly  
Juglans nigra - Eastern Black Walnut  
Juglans cinerea - Butternut

Juniperus virginiana - Red Cedar  
Liquidambar styraciflua - Sweetgum  
Liriodendron tulipifera - Tulip Tree  
Magnolia virginiana - Sweetbay Magnolia  
Morus rubra - Red Mulberry  
Nyssa sylvatica - Black Tupelo  
Ostrya virginiana - American Hop Hornbeam  
Pinus rigida - Pitch Pine  
Pinus strobus - Eastern White Pine  
Platanus occidentalis - American Sycamore  
Populus deltoides - Cottonwood  
Populus tremuloides - Quaking Aspen  
Prunus virginiana - Common Chokeberry  
Prunus serotina - Black Cherry  
Prunus pennsylvanica - Pin Cherry  
Quercus alba - White Oak  
Quercus rubra - Red Oak  
Quercus prinus - Chestnut Oak  
Quercus coccinea - Scarlet Oak  
Quercus palustris - Pin Oak  
Quercus bicolor - Swamp White Oak  
Quercus velutina - Black Oak  
Robinia pseudoacacia - Black Locust  
(Regulated as per NYSDEC rules 2014)  
Salix bebbiana - Bebb Willow  
Salix discolor - Pussy Willow  
Salix nigra - Black Willow  
Sassafras albidum - Common Sassafras  
Tilia americana - Basswood  
Tsuga canadensis - Eastern Hemlock  
Ulmus americana - American Elm

## Native Shrubs:

Alnus serrulata - Common Alder  
Amelanchier laevis - Alleghany Serviceberry  
Amelanchier canadensis - Shadblow Serviceberry  
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi - Bearberry  
Aronia prunifolia - Purplefruit Chokeberry  
Aronia arbutifolia - Red Chokeberry  
Aronia melanocarpa - Black Chokeberry  
Baccharis halimifolia - Groundsel Bush  
Ceanothus americanus - New Jersey Tea  
Cephalanthus occidentalis - Buttonbush  
Chamaedaphne calyculata - Leatherleaf  
Clethra alnifolia - Sweet pepperbush  
Comptonia peregrina - Sweetfern  
Cornus amomum - Silky Dogwood  
Cornus alternifolia - Alternate-leaved Dogwood  
Cornus sericea - Red-osier Dogwood  
Cornus racemosa - Red-panicled Dogwood  
Cornus rugosa - Roundleaf Dogwood  
Corylus cornuta - Beaked Filbert  
Corylus americana - American Filbert  
Diervilla lonicera - Bush Honeysuckle  
Dirca palustris - Atlantic Leatherwood  
Euonymus americanus - Brook Euonymus  
Gaylussacia baccata - Black Huckleberry  
Hibiscus moscheutos - Rose-mallow  
Ilex glabra - Inkberry Holly  
Ilex verticillata - Winterberry Holly  
Kalmia latifolia - Mountain Laurel  
Kalmia angustifolia - Sheep Laurel  
Lindera benzoin - Spicebush  
Lyonia ligustrina - He-huckleberry  
Myrica pensylvanica - Northern Bayberry  
Physocarpus opulifolius - Common Ninebark  
Prunus americana - American Plum  
Prunus maritima - Beach Plum  
Quercus ilicifolia - Scrub Oak  
Rhododendron viscosum - Swamp Azalea  
Rhododendron periclymenoides - Pinxter Azalea  
Rhus glabra - Smooth Sumac  
Rhus copallina - Shining Sumac  
Rhus typhina - Staghorn Sumac

Ribes americanum - American Black Currant  
Rosa palustris - Swamp Rose  
Rosa virginiana - Virginia Rose  
Rosa carolina - Pasture Rose  
Rubus odoratus - Fragrant Thimbleberry  
Rubus occidentalis - Blackcap Raspberry  
Rubus allegheniensis - Northern Blackberry  
Salix lucida - Shining Willow  
Salix humulis - Prairie Willow  
Sambucus pubens - Scarlet Elderberry  
Sambucus canadensis - American Elderberry  
Spiraea latifolia - Meadowsweet  
Spiraea tomentosa - Hardhack Spiraea  
Staphylea trifolia - American Bladdernut  
Vaccinium corymbosum - Highbush Blueberry  
Vaccinium angustifolium - Lowbush Blueberry  
Vaccinium macrocarpum - Cranberry  
Viburnum lentago - Nannyberry Viburnum  
Viburnum rafinesquianum - Rafineque Viburnum  
Viburnum dentatum - Arrowwood Viburnum  
Viburnum prunifolium - Blackhaw Viburnum  
Viburnum acerifolium - Mapleleaf Viburnum  
Viburnum stamineum - Common Deerberry  
Viburnum cassinoides - Witherod Viburnum

## Native Vines:

Celastrus scandens - American Bittersweet  
Clematis verticillaris - Rock Clematis  
Clematis virginiana - Virginsbower  
Lonicera sempervirens - Trumpet Honeysuckle  
Lonicera dioica - Limber Honeysuckle  
Menispermum canadense - Common Moonseed  
Parthenocissus quinquefolia - Virginia Creeper  
Smilax rotundifolia - Common Greenbrier  
Toxicodendron radicans - Common Poison Ivy  
Vitis riparia - Riverbank Grape  
Vitis lambrusca - Fox Grape

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