



Promoting Native Plants since 2003 Certified Women Owned Business Enterprise

## Native Shrubs for Small Spaces

Many gardeners find that they want shrubs to stay 3 feet tall or lower. In most cases, native shrubs that stay this low are cultivars or even hybrids. A shrub by definition is generally up to 12 or 15 feet in height. We often suggest considering a tall growing perennial or warm season grass to fill the space. Consider pulling your planting bed away from the foundation of your home to allow the plants room to attain mature size.

In those cases where you absolutely must have a shrub of 3 feet in height or lower, we can suggest the following. Be sure to read the signage with each plant to make sure you are selecting a plant that will thrive in the site. Many of these plants are available at Edge of the Woods in limited quantities only.

<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Red Sprite'	- Winterberry Holly (requires 'Southern Gentleman' male for berries)
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low' and 'Lacette'	- Fragrant Sumac
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	- Shrubby Cinquefoil
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	- Inkberry Holly (species grows taller but can be trimmed, several dwarf cultivars are 3' or under)
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Hummingbird'	- Dwarf Summersweet
<i>Ceanothus americana</i>	- New Jersey Tea
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	- Bush Honeysuckle
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	- Dwarf Witchalder
<i>Itea virginica</i> 'Little Henry'	- Virginia Sweetspire
<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>	- Lowbush Blueberry
<i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>	- Yellowroot
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	- Shrubby St. John's Wort
<i>Rosa carolina</i>	- Pasture Rose (Suckers aggressively)
<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	- Flowering Raspberry (suckers aggressively)
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	- Coralberry
<i>Rhododendron atlanticum</i>	- Coastal Azalea
<i>Kalmia angustifolia</i>	- Sheep Laurel
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Grey Owl'	- Eastern Red Cedar
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Low Scape Mound' and 'Ground Hug'	- Dwarf Black Chokeberry

As the demand for native plants increases, growers are propagating more and more dwarf or compact species to meet the demand, and to help homeowners replace invasive species with comparable native species. This means new, lower growing, cultivars are continually hitting the market. At Edge of the Woods, we do our best to find and stock these varieties to meet the demand of our customers.

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### **6 Reasons to Use Native Plants in the Landscape**

**Provides beauty and four seasons of interest**  
**Saves on water and fertilizer**  
**Reduces disease**  
**Attracts beneficial insects**  
**Provides food for songbirds and butterflies**  
**Restores and balances the ecology of Lehigh Valley**

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### **Seven Reasons to Buy Native Plants at Edge of the Woods**

- All plants are nursery propagated. We do not deplete natural populations by collecting from the wild.
- Our staff is highly educated and knowledgeable. We know native plants and their life cycles. We've worked with them in gardens and landscapes for many years. The nursery has accurate and informative signage and literature to help you learn about native plants.
- We focus on the roots of the plant. Leaves come and go. Strong roots are needed for good establishment.
- We offer genetically diverse crops, and local genotypes whenever possible.
- We do not use artificial growth hormones.
- We use a minimal amount of pesticides. Our plants may have leaves that have been eaten --this means they are doing their job in the ecosystem