



Maidenhair Fern

Adiantum pedatum

Full Shade

Rich, peaty, moist, acidic soil

12-20" tall; clump-forming

Delicate flat sprays of green leaflets on thin dark stems
Very attractive in summer breezes

May be deer resistant



Marginal Wood Fern

Dryopteris marginalis

Evergreen Perennial

Part Shade, Full Shade

Height: 18-24" Spread: 24-30"

Clump-forming

Average, moist, well-drained, humusy acidic soil

May be drought resistant once established

Golden-brown fiddleheads appear in spring

Deeply cut dark green arching fronds form a vase shape

Noticeable brown sori on the margins of the undersides

Attracts songbirds

Rabbit resistant

May be deer resistant



Ostrich Fern

Matteuccia struthiopteris

Deciduous Fern

Shade to Part Sun/Part Shade

Height: 2-3' Spread: 3-4'
(Much larger in its natural habitat)

Clump-forming

Fertile, moist to wet soils

Tolerates clay

Dark green fronds emerge from central crown

Feathery fronds are very showy

Best source for delicious fiddleheads!

May be rabbit and deer resistant



Christmas Fern

Polystichum acrostichoides

Evergreen Fern

Part Shade to Deep Shade

Height: 1 - 2'

Moist, slightly acidic soil

Will tolerate sandy and higher pH soils

Drought resistant and hardy

Perfect for shady areas

Good for borders or as ground cover

Useful for greenery on north-facing sides of structures

May be deer resistant



Appalachian Sedge

Carex appalachica

Perennial Semi-Evergreen Ornamental Sedge

Partial Shade to Full Shade

Height and Spread: 10 - 12"

Weeping, mop-like shape, clumping habit

Suited for all but poorly drained soil

Thrives in dry, shaded sites

Good for soil stabilization and erosion control

Dark green foliage, very fine texture

Blooms late spring with few flowers, not showy

Attracts birds and insects

May be deer resistant



Pennsylvania Sedge

Carex pensylvanica

Perennial Ornamental Sedge

Part Sun to Full Shade

Height and Spread: 6-12"

Forms a rounded tuft, may be used as groundcover

Light-textured, well-drained soil

Tolerates dry soil

Fine-textured glossy green foliage, year-round accent

Insignificant flowers in late spring, followed by airy seed stalks

Sandy tan foliage in fall

Attracts butterflies, birds, other pollinators

May be deer resistant



Northern Sea Oats/Indian Wood Oats

Chasmanthium latifolium

Ornamental Grass

Part Sun, Shade

Height: 2'-4' Spread: 1'-2'

Clump forming

Average, moist, well-drained, soil

Flat, nodding green seed heads, resembling oats,
appear in spring, turning bronze in the fall

Attractive when swaying in breezes

Will self-seed in optimal conditions

Larval host for butterflies

Food source for small mammals and birds

May be deer and rabbit resistant



Gold Dew Tufted Hair Grass

Deschampsia cespitosa 'Goldtau'

Semi-Evergreen Ornamental Grass
Clump form

Height: 1'-2' Spread: 2'

Sun, Part Shade

Moist to wet, well-drained humusy soil

Long-lasting airy sprays of chartreuse-yellow flowerheads
bloom in early summer, becoming bronze-gold
from autumn through to frost

Fine textured dark green foliage

Attracts songbirds and other pollinators
May be deer resistant



Shenandoah Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'

Perennial Ornamental Grass

Full Sun to Part Shade

Height and Spread: 3-4'
Narrow and upright form

Adaptable Soil: Clay, sandy, average
Medium to wet, well-drained

Blue-green early spring foliage turns burgundy-red in summer
Clouds of small red flowers in August, followed by
airy seed heads with tan foliage in winter

Attracts birds
May be deer resistant



The Blues Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium 'The Blues'

Perennial Ornamental Grass

Full Sun

Height: 2-4' Spread: 1.5-2'
Clumping form

Well-drained sandy or loamy soil
Tolerates clay, drought tolerant once established

Fine textured blue-tinted foliage on slender upright pinkish stems
White, shiny tufts of seeds in fall and winter
Excellent burgundy-red color in fall

Seeds feed small birds in winter
May be deer resistant