

# Benefits of Native Plants

HELP SAVE BOTANICAL  
HERITAGE OF OUR REGION

REDUCE YOUR WATERING  
COSTS

REDUCE THE TIME AND  
MONEY YOU SPEND ON  
MAINTENANCE

REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE  
NEED TO SPRAY PESTICIDES

REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE  
NEED TO ADD FERTILIZERS  
TO YOUR SOIL

ATTRACT NATIVE SPECIES  
OF BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

CULTIVATE A GARDEN AT  
ONE WITH THE LAND ON  
WHICH YOU LIVE

The Bordentown City Environmental Commission (BCEC) has created a native plant demonstration garden in the parking area at the Bordentown Library on Union Street. Visitors will be able to see a variety of perennial wildflowers, grasses and shrubs that are native to New Jersey, and learn about why they are good choices for landscaping plants in their backyards.

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## BORDENTOWN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION...

...is comprised of volunteers who are residents of Bordentown City. The BCEC advises local officials and the Planning Board regarding environmental issues and acts as a watchdog for environmental problems and opportunities. They inform elected officials and the public, serve on committees, research issues, develop educational programs and advocate for sound environmental policies. Local issues include preservation of open space, promoting walking and bicycling trails and the RiverLINE, protection of wetlands and water quality, recycling and energy conservation, and environmental education. To learn more, visit [www.bcec.us](http://www.bcec.us).

# Native Plants of New Jersey at the Bordentown Library Demonstration Garden



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# BORDENTOWN CITY NATIVE PLANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

## Perennial Wildflowers and Grasses

**Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*):** Drought-tolerant perennial of fields and meadows. Bright yellow flowers, prolific bloomer. To 2 feet. Moist to dry. Sun to partial shade.

**Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*):** Pretty herb with striking red flowers and toothed alternate leaves. To 5 feet. Moist to wet. Sun to partial shade.

**Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*):** A striking bunch grass. To 6 feet. Very tolerant of most site conditions.

**Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*):** Low bunch grass. Colorful fall foliage. 2-3 feet. Moist to dry. Sun.

**New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*):** Attractive forb with lavender, blue or purple flower heads. Somewhat shade & drought-tolerant. 3-5 feet. Moist. Sun to partial sun.

**New York Aster (*Aster novi-belgi*):** Attractive forb with violet-blue flower heads. To 5 feet. Moist. Sun to partial sun.

**Purple Joe-Pye (*Eupatorium purpureum*):** Wildflower of moist woods and meadows with whorled leaves and dome-shaped clusters of pink flowers. 4-6 feet. Moist to wet. Sun to partial sun.

**Gray Goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*):** Fleshy perennial with yellow flowers in the fall. To 7 feet. Moist to dry. Sun.



**Spotted Horsemint (*Monarda punctata*):** Dry site perennial with yellow and pink flowers flecked with purple. To 2 feet. Sun to partial shade.

**Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*):** Deep pink flowers clustered at the top of a tall, branching stem, blooming mid-summer. 1- 4 feet. Dry to moist. A source of nectar for butterflies.

## Herbaceous Shrubs

**Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*):** Medium-sized shrub with white to pink flowers that develop into 1/4" black berries. 3-10 feet. Moist to wet. Sun to partial shade.

**Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*):** Mid-sized evergreen shrub of acidic soils. Prefers moisture but can tolerate dry conditions. Slow-growing, 6-8 feet. Moist to wet, sun to partial shade.

**Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*):** Medium-sized shrub with very fragrant white flowers that blossom in mid-summer. 3-8 feet. Dry to moist. Sun to partial shade.