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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY

# Starter Plant List for



DRY TO MOIST SOIL



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## Pennsylvania Sedge

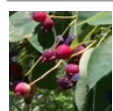
Carex pensylvanica

Green Blades  
Early

1-1.5 ft

8 in

Dryer soils. Spreading sedge that hosts many butterfly and moth species. Can be divided and spread for a “no-mow” shady lawn look.



## Service Berry

Amelanchier sp. Any species or cultivar offered.

White Bloom  
Early

10-20 ft

15-20 ft

Very early pollen and nectar source; tasty berries for humans and birds, host plant, fall color and winter bark interest.



## Golden Alexander

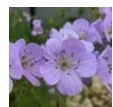
Zizia aurea

Yellow Bloom  
Early

1 ft

1-2 ft

Moister soils. Early season nectar and pollen for short tongued pollinators and host plant for swallowtail butterflies. Allow to reseed.



## Wild Geranium

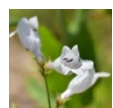
Geranium maculatum

Purple Bloom  
Early-Mid

1 ft

1-1.5 ft

Early season pollinator powerhouse to plant between the later blooming asters. Watch it forcibly eject seeds to spread widely.



## Foxglove Beardtongue

Penstemon digitalis

White Bloom  
Early-Mid

1.5 ft

1-3 ft

Nectar source for long-tongued bees, sphinx moths, and hummingbirds. Host plant for several moth species. Allow it to reseed.



## American Spikenard

Aralia racemosa

White Green Bloom  
Mid

3-4 ft

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Moister soils. Seems like a shrub but dies back to the ground each winter. Long trusses of flowers and berries are attractive to insects and birds.



## Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum sp. Any mountain mint species. P. virginianum prefers moister soils.

White Bloom  
Mid-Late

2 ft

1.5-2.5 ft

Slowly spreads. Fragrant foliage. Many weeks of floral resources for multiple insects; a golden digger wasp favorite. Lightly reseeds.



## Zig-zag Goldenrod

Solidago flexicaulis

Yellow Bloom  
Late

1-2 ft

1.5-2 ft

Important nectar source for late season butterflies and next year's bumble bee queens pre-hibernation. Attractive toothy leaves.



## White Wood Aster

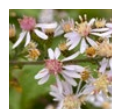
Eurybia divaricata

White Bloom  
Late

1-2 ft

2 ft

Attractive summer ground cover. Host plant and important nectar source for late season butterflies and next year's bumble bee queens pre-hibernation.



## Heart-leaved Aster

Symphyotrichum cordifolium

Blue Bloom  
Late

2-3 ft

2-4 ft

Clouds of blue flowers. Host plant. Important nectar source for late season butterflies and next year's bumble bee queens pre-hibernation.