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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY

# Starter Plant List for



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## Wild Ginger

*Asarum canadense*



Red Bloom  
Early



1.5 ft



.5 ft

The hidden blooms attract diverse insects. A host plant and nice ground cover at the base of ferns, fall asters and goldenrods.



## Foam Flower

*Tiarella cordifolia*



White Bloom  
Early



1-2 ft



.5 ft

Early bloom for bees. Attractive season-long ground cover and larval host plant.



## Columbine

*Aquilegia canadensis*



Red Bloom  
Early

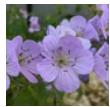


1 ft



1.5 ft

Dryer soils. Early nectar source for hummingbirds and long-tongued bees. Host plant for a specialist moth and butterfly. Prefers well-drained sites.



## Wild Geranium

*Geranium maculatum*



Purple Bloom  
Early-Mid

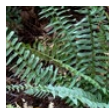


1 ft



1-1.5 ft

An early season pollinator powerhouse to plant amongst the later blooming asters. Watch it forcibly eject seeds to spread widely.



## Christmas Fern

*Polystichum acrostichoides*



Dark Green Fronds  
Early-Late

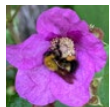


2 ft



1.5 ft

**Avoid wet soils.** Attractive clumps of shiny green fronds year round providing shelter and food for birds and mammals. Also a host plant.



## Flowering Raspberry

*Rubus odoratus*



Pink Bloom  
Mid



4 ft



3 ft

Moister soils. A spreading shrub with rose-like flowers and large maple shaped leaves; a pollen source for native bees and fruits for birds and humans.



## American Spikenard

*Aralia racemosa*



White Green Bloom  
Mid



3-4 ft



3-4 ft

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.



## Blue-stemmed Goldenrod

*Solidago caesia*



Yellow Bloom  
Late

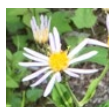


1-2 ft



1.5-2 ft

Floral wreath-like stems. Important nectar source for late season butterflies and next year's bumble bee queens pre-hibernation.



## Big Leaf Wood Aster

*Eurybia macrophylla*



White or Blue Bloom  
Late

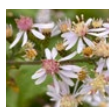


1-2 ft



2 ft

Attractive large-leaved ground cover and host plant. 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.