

Recommended Upland Native Plant Species for Shoreland Re-vegetation

This is a brief list of common plant species native to Vilas County. Some of the plant species are commercially available in varieties that are not native to the county. The native varieties may be difficult to find at standard nurseries, however they should be available at nurseries specializing in native plants. These species grow in the drier lands above the shore edge; for best results match species to site conditions. Native species require some watering, weeding, and 2-3 years of protection from animal browse until they are established. Once established, these species do not require irrigation, but will grow faster when not stressed by drought.

Please do not remove plants from the wild, especially from public lands.

FORM	NAMES	FEATURES	USE	AVAILABILITY
TREE	Balsam fir <i>Abies balsamifera</i>	Sun to shade; mesic to moist soils; grows to 80ft.	Good for screening	Easy
TREE	Red maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	Sun to shade; dry to moist soils; grows to 40ft (80ft)	Very tolerant	Easy
TREE	Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; white flowers in early spring, purple berries; great fall color; 6-15ft.	Good for pollinators; Wildlife food	Easy
TREE	Paper birch <i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; grows less than 68ft.	Accent/Filler	Easy
TREE	Red pine <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Sun; dry soils; grows 50-80ft.	Wildlife habitat	Easy
TREE	White pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	Sun; dry soils; grows 80 - 110ft.	Wildlife habitat	Easy
TREE	Pin cherry <i>Prunus pennsylvanica</i>	Sun; dry soils; grows to 30ft; white flowers and red berries	Good for pollinators; Wildlife food	Easy
TREE	Black cherry <i>Prunus serotina</i>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; grows 80-100ft; white flowers, black cherries.	Good for pollinators; Wildlife food	Easy
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SHRUB	Kinnickinnick <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry, acid soils; 2-6 in. tall; trailing habit; flowers are white to pink, red-berries.	Rock gardens; hot dry soils	Native plant nurseries
SHRUB	Black chokeberry <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; flowers are white to pink, black berries.	Wildlife food	Easy
SHRUB	Sweet-fern <i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry and sandy soils; 2 – 3ft tall; great scent; likes more sterile soils	Clonal; Nitrogen fixer; hot dry soils	Native plant nurseries
SHRUB	Northern bush honeysuckle <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Sun to shade; dry soils; 1-3ft tall; good fall color.	Accent	Native plant nurseries
SHRUB	Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry to moist soils; 6 - 10ft tall; may have red berries.	Accent	Native plant nurseries
SHRUB	Smooth rose <i>Rosa blanda</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; 3-4ft tall; pink flowers.	Accent	Native plant nurseries
SHRUB	Red raspberry <i>Rubus ideaus</i>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; up to 6ft tall; decorative fruit.	Wildlife food	Easy

SHRUB	<u>Downy arrow-wood</u> <u><i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i></u>	Part-shade to shade; dry to mesic soils; 6-12ft tall; great fall colors, blue berries.	Wildlife food	Native plant nurseries
FORM	NAMES	FEATURES	USE	AVAILABILITY
PERENNIAL	<u>Yarrow</u> <u><i>Achillea millefolium</i></u>	Sun; dry to moist soils; 8-40 in. tall; flat-topped inflorescence of small white flowers	Filler	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Pearly everlasting</u> <u><i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i></u>	Sun; dry soils; 1-3ft tall; white flowers good for drying	Accent/Filler	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Wood anemone</u> <u><i>Anemone quinquefolia</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 2-8in. tall; white flowers fading to pink in spring.	Ground cover	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Plantain pussytoes</u> <u><i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i></u>	Sun; dry soils; white/pink flowers, 4-16 in tall	Ground cover	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Columbine</u> <u><i>Aquilegia canadensis</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 1-3ft tall; red & yellow flowers	Accent; Rain garden plant	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Common milkweed</u> <u><i>Asclepias syriaca</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; 3-6ft tall, pink to cream flower; monarch butterfly food.	Good for pollinators; clonal	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Smooth aster</u> <u><i>Aster laevis</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; 1-3ft tall; blue to purple flowers.	Accent; Rain garden plant	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Big leaved aster</u> <u><i>Aster macrophyllus</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 1-3ft tall; pale blue flowers.	Ground cover	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Fireweed</u> <u><i>Epilobium angustifolium</i></u>	Sun; dry to mesic soils; 2-6ft tall; pink to purple flowers.	Clonal	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Grass-leaved goldenrod</u> <u><i>Euthamia graminifolia</i></u>	Sun; dry to moist and sandy soils; 1-4ft tall, flat-topped yellow flower clusters.	Filler	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Wild strawberry</u> <u><i>Fragaria virginiana</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 4-6in tall, white flowers	Ground cover	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Wild geranium</u> <u><i>Geranium maculatum</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 12-28in tall; pink to purple flowers.	Accent; Rain garden plant	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Rough blazing star</u> <u><i>Liatris aspera</i></u>	Sun; dry to mesic soils; 1-3ft tall; pink flowers late summer – fall.	Accent	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Wild lupine</u> <u><i>Lupinus perennis</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic and sandy soils; 8-24in tall; blue to white flowers, early summer.	Karner Blue Butterfly food	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Wild bergamot</u> <u><i>Monarda fistulosa</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to moist soils; 2-4ft tall; pale purple to pink flowers.	Clonal; Filler; Good for pollinators	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Black-eyed Susan</u> <u><i>Rudbeckia hirta</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to moist soils; 1-3ft tall; yellow/brown flowers.	Accent/Filler	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Canada goldenrod</u> <u><i>Solidago canadensis</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; 1-3ft tall; yellow flowers.	Clonal	Easy
PERENNIAL	<u>Old Field goldenrod</u> <u><i>Solidago nemoralis</i></u>	Sun; dry and sandy soils; 1 to 1.5ft tall; yellow flowers, grey stems.	Accent/Filler	Native plant nurseries

PERENNIAL	<u>Starflower</u> <u><i>Trientalis borealis</i></u>	Part-shade to shade; dry to mesic soils; grows 4-8in flowers are white.	Accent/Filler	Native plant nurseries
PERENNIAL	<u>Barren strawberry</u> <u><i>Waldsteinia fragarioides</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 4-6in tall; yellow flower; nice fall color.	Clonal	Native plant nurseries
FORM	NAMES	FEATURES	USE	AVAILABILITY
GRASSES/SEDGES	<u>Drooping woodland sedge</u> <u><i>Carex arctata</i></u>	Part-shade to shade; dry to mesic soils; 1-2ft tall.	Accent	Difficult
GRASSES/SEDGES	<u>Pennsylvania sedge</u> <u><i>Carex pensylvanica</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; up to 8 inches tall.	Ground cover	Native plant nurseries
GRASSES/SEDGES	<u>Poverty oat grass</u> <u><i>Danthonia spicata</i></u>	Sun; dry and sandy soils; grows 1ft.	Ground cover; hot dry soils	Native plant nurseries
GRASSES/SEDGES	<u>Rough-leaved rice cut-grass</u> <u><i>Oryzopsis asperfolia</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to mesic soils; 1-2ft tall; evergreen bunchgrass.	Accent	Native plant nurseries
FERNS	<u>Lady fern</u> <u><i>Atherium felix-femina</i></u>	Part-shade to shade; mesic to moist soils; 1-2ft tall	Accent/Filler	Easy
FERNS	<u>Ostrich Fern</u> <u><i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; mesic to moist soils; 2-3ft tall; vase-like shape; fertile fronds overwinter.	Accent/Filler	Easy
FERNS	<u>Sensitive fern</u> <u><i>Onoclea sensibilis</i></u>	Sun to shade; mesic to moist soils; 1-2ft tall; good texture	Accent/Filler	Easy
VINES	<u>Virgin's bower</u> <u><i>Clematis virginiana</i></u>	Sun to part-shade; dry to mesic soils; white flowers	Good for pollinators	Native plant nurseries
VINES	<u>Virginia creeper</u> <u><i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i></u>	Sun to shade; dry to moist soils; woody vine; dark berries; fall color.	Accent/Filler	Easy