

Native Plants

Black chokeberry

Botanical Name: *Aronia melanocarpa*

Sun Exposure: Full sun to partial shade

Blooms: May – June

Soil Types/Tolerance: Adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions, but prefers slightly acidic, medium moisture conditions.

Plant Habit: An open, upright deciduous shrub, 3-6' tall, with clusters of showy white flowers and black, drooping fruit clusters in fall. Dark green leaves turn beautiful red in the fall.

Other Notes: A good food source for songbirds and other wildlife. Flowers are very attractive to native pollinators. Fruits are high in antioxidants and can be used in baking, to make preserves, tea, wine, and syrups but are not particularly palatable raw.



Redosier Dogwood

Botanical Name: *Cornus sericea*

Sun Exposure: Full to partial sun

Flowers: May/June

Soil Types/Tolerance: Prefers moist, well-drained soils, but is adaptable to a range of soil conditions; cold hardy.

Plant Habit: Deciduous shrub growing 6-12' tall

Other Notes: Redosier dogwood is a loose, spreading, multi-stemmed shrub with conspicuous red twigs that offer striking winter color. Dense, flat-topped clusters of creamy-white blossoms are followed by umbrella-shaped clusters of pea-sized white berries. Autumn foliage is colorful. Supports numerous pollinator species and provides food and cover for many species of birds and other wildlife.

Sources: <https://qobotany.newenglandwild.org>,
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