

Wildflowers Offered by OLA, 2015

Cardinal Flower (*lobelia cardinalis*)

1.2m (4ft)

This tall plant produces vibrant red flowers which bloom during the summer and fall. It enjoyed wet places, stream banks and swamps.

This plant can be propagated by seed or by the young plants which form around the older mature plants each year. They prefer moist soil in both sun and part shade.

Hummingbirds are attracted to its flowers

Quantity: 24

Swamp Milkweed (*asclepias incarnata*)

100-150cm (39-59")

This fragrant shoreline plant blooms in early to mid-summer producing pink to mauve coloured flowers. The plants have specialized roots for living in heavy wet soils and prefer full sun to partial shade and typically, is found growing wild near the edges of ponds, lakes, streams, and low areas—or along ditches. It is one of the best attractors of the Monarch Butterfly.

Quantity: 24

Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)

80cm (30")

This native to North America is common in meadows, marshes and along stream banks and shores. This tall slender Iris tends to form large root clumps from creeping rhizomes.

Flowers are usually light to deep blue and bloom during May to July.

*Quantity: approx. 10-12

Obedience Plant (*physostegia virginiana*)

120cm (4ft)

This plant is named for the way flowers that are moved to a new position on the stem stay in place, much to the delight of children. This plant produces showy, unusual flower spikes with little tubular flowers in white, pink, or purple. They're excellent as cut flowers. Obedient plant tolerates most soils and is excellent for shoreline stabilization. Full sun only. Blooms from July to August..

*Quantity: approx. 6

Canada Anemone (*anemone canadensis*)

30-60cm (11-23")

This perennial is native to moist meadows, thickets, stream banks and lakeshores in North America. It produces striking white flowers with deeply toothed leaves. Blooms from late May through the summer.

*Quantity: approx. 6

New to List: Fringed Yellow Loosestrife

This attractive wetland perennial usually grows 1-2 feet tall, forming large masses of pale-green, lance-shaped foliage. An erect stem bearing yellow flowers rising on the stalks. Blooms June through September. This plant prefers part shade to shade.

*Quantities, to be determined with supplier in the Spring.

Shoreline Shrubs Offered by OLA, 2015

Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

2-3 m. tall and wide

This is a deciduous shrub with attractive foliage, peeling bark and corymbs of white cup-shaped flowers. Ninebark grows best in acidic, well-drained soil in full or partial sun, but is adaptable to many soil conditions including sand. It is drought tolerant once established and requires little maintenance. (You can propagate it from hardwood cuttings!) It is attractive to birds, bees and butterflies.

1 gallon pot. 20 available

Sweet Gale (*Myricaceae*)

Up to 1-2 m.

This sub-shrub has simple, toothed leaves that are aromatic when rubbed, a traditional insect repellent. It grows at the edge of the water. It typically grows in acidic peat bogs, enjoying wet or moist areas with full sunlight. The flowers have male and female catkins on separate plants ([dioecious](#)) so it is advised to plant multiples. The fruit is a small [drupe](#). This plant requires protective caging as it is enjoyed by beavers.

1 gallon pot 20 available

Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)

Up to 2-3 m. Zones 3-8

Clusters of small white flowers appear in mid-July. White berries with red stems follow in the fall and remain through the winter, or until they are eaten by the birds. Narrow, dark green foliage turns red and orange in the fall. This shrub is easy to grow in a range of moist to somewhat dry soils, enjoying moist to partial sun. Remove suckers to limit it from spreading.

1 gallon pot 20 available

Smooth Arrow-Wood (*Viburnum recognitum*)

2-3 m.

This attractive native shrub is often multi-stemmed. Smaller branches are light brown to grey. Individual flowers are about .5 cm across, with 5 rounded lobes and blooming from late spring to early summer. Each is replaced by a small drupe that becomes dark blue-violet when it is ripe. It prefers partial sun with moist conditions.

2 gallon pot 20 available

Bebb's Willow (*Salix bebbiana*)

2-4 m. (Can be cut down to 3-5 cm above ground level in the late fall for new spring sprouts.)

The extensive root systems of willows are invaluable in reducing soil erosion. They are also great shelter shrubs and an important food source for many wildlife species including pollinating insects, birds and mammals. This long-beaked willow has 2-5 cm catkins, yellowish white, appearing in the spring with the leaves. Alternate leaves are simple and elliptical, 3-10 cm long and are dull dark green to gray-green in colour. This is a densely branched shrub with slender twigs and gray pointed buds.

1 gallon pot 20 available