



Calvin Ecosystem Preserve & Native Gardens

1st Annual Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

1750 East Beltline Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
www.calvin.edu/go/preserve

Prices

Cash and checks preferred.

Small 4 Inch Pots: \$4.50 each

X-Large Pots (1/2 gallon to gallon): \$18.00 each

Purchases of \$100+ earn a 5% discount (public)

*Proceeds benefit the educational programs and stewardship projects.
at the Calvin Ecosystem Preserve and Native Gardens. Thank you for
your support!*

Availability

Plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not offer early sales but do continue to sell plants through spring, summer, and fall. Check our website for information about our summer and fall sales.

This list is a projection of species that we will have available throughout the growing season. Please be aware that we do not have a full-scale commercial nursery, so quantities and sizes available for a given species may be quite limited and are not fully guaranteed. We are always in the process of propagating so our inventory changes. If you are looking for a species not available on Sept 9, you may send an email to preserve@calvin.edu with your wish list and we will let you know if the species is one we will have later in the season.

Tip: Bring your own boxes, wagon or cart, and old towels to move the plants and keep your car clean.



Our Plants

The majority of plants at this sale were grown from seeds collected in West Michigan and germinated in our greenhouses on campus by staff, college students and volunteers. To learn more about our volunteer opportunities visit: <https://calvin.edu/ecosystem-preserve/get-involved/volunteer/>.

Caring for Your New Plants

- Keep plants in a shady spot and the soil moist until you can plant them in the ground. If the plants are small, it may be best to let them continue to grow in their pots for several weeks before you plant them. This gives them more time to develop a strong root ball. When transporting them, try not to disturb the root ball too much.
- If a pot has multiple plants in it, do not spilt the root ball; instead, plant each pot as one single unit.
- Plant them in their preferred environment. However, many longtime gardeners have discovered that native plants are quite adaptable to a variety of soil, sun, and moisture conditions (see the note below for our recommended list).
- Water regularly at first until the plants are established. Once established, most native plants will thrive only on rainwater, but do water them during dry spells if they look wilted.

New to Gardening with Native Plants - 6 Tips

Plants highlighted in the list below with * in the SKU column indicate our recommended starter plants for the home gardener. These plants thrive in a variety of conditions and are favorites of our staff, especially for home gardeners who want an easy-care garden which supports a variety of pollinators. Many of these flowers and grasses also make great cut flowers.

Below are six tips to get you off to a great start:

1. Purchase most species in at least a set of three and plant together for mass planting. Pollinators are attracted to larger groupings of flowers blooming.
2. Add sedges and grasses to your garden to add texture, height, and winter interest. Small shrubs and trees also add demension to your garden and winter interest.
3. Chose a multitude of flowering species which bloom at different times so you have color in your garden from spring to fall and nectar for a variety of pollinators.
4. Plant goldenrods for lovely fall color and to provide nectar and pollinator for bees and other insects. Contrary to popular belief, goldenrods are not responsible for seasonal allergies. Ragweed, which often times grows with goldenrods along roadsides and fields, is the culprit for those dreaded seasonally allergies. Our plants are ragweed-free so add some goldenrods to your garden.
5. Once you plant your garden draw a map and label what you planted where. Remember to consult your map before you weed especially next spring.
6. If you chose to plant black eyed susans or cardinal flower remember that these are short lived pernnials. If you want them to come back in your garden, you need to allow the seeds to fall on the ground so new plants can grow.

Our website also has links to species databases and several educational resources to learn more: <https://calvin.edu/ecosystem-preserve/programs-events/native-plant-sale/>

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102	1A2			<i>Acorus americanus</i>	Sweet Flag	2-4 ft	X	X			X				X	June - July	Green								Semi aquatic, aromatic plant. Flower blooms for about a month. Spreads vegetatively, often forms colonies. Leaves give off a sweet scent when broken.
105	1A7			<i>Agastache nepetoides</i>	Giant Yellow Hyssop	3-6 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X		June - Oct	Greenish yellow	X	X	X					A robust member of the mint family. Native to moist open woods, thickets, woodland edges.
108*	1A16			<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	1-2 ft	X	X			X		X	X		July- Aug	Pink		X	X			X		Small flower clusters face downwards as if nodding. Onion-like scent. Blooms for a long time. Plant in groups.
113	1A19			<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Pearly Everlasting	2 ft	X	X			X		X	X		July-Sept	White	X	X						Narrow leaves are green to woolly white. Flowers are small and clumped together.
114*	1A21			<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Canada Anemone	1-2 ft		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	May- June	White		X						An attractive ground cover. Opportunistic plant that colonizes aggressively without competition.
115	1A22			<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	Thimbleweed	1-2 ft	X			X		X				June - July	White						X	X	Thimble-like fruits develop during the summer, then transform into cottony tufts during the fall.
118	1A25			<i>Anemone virginiana</i>	Tall Thimbleweed	1-2 ft	X	X		X	X	X	X			June	White						X		Thimble-like fruits develop during the summer, then transform into cottony tufts during the fall.
126	1A33			<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	1-2 ft		X		X		X				May - June	Red & yellow	X	X	X	X				Showy flowers with lacey leaves. Plant dies back after blooming. Self-seeds easily for more plants.
128	1A35			<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard	2-6 ft	X	X	X		X		X			June - Aug	White	X	X	X					Flowers produce deep purple berries in late summer. Behaves more like a shrub and is an understory plant in woodland gardens. Allow room for it to grow. Prefers rich soil.
140*	1A44			<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed, Rose Milkweed	3-4 ft		X			X	X	X	X		July - Aug	Pink	X	X		X	X	X		Great plant for home gardens. Very adaptable.
144	1A48			<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed	1-2 ft	X			X		X	X			July	Orange	X	X	X	X				Likes it hot and dry. Does not like to be transplanted.
145	1A49			<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Whorled Milkweed	1-3 ft	X	X		X		X	X			July- August	White	X	X		X				Excellent plant for nutrient-poor sites. Leaves are thin and thread-like. Plant 10-15 together for visual impact.
183*	1C26			<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance Leaf Coreopsis, Sand Tickseed	1-2 ft	X			X		X	X	X		June - Aug	Yellow		X	X					Easy to grow. May bloom again if you deadhead spent flowers.
184	1C27			<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis	1.5- 2.5 ft	X			X	X	X	X	X		May - Aug	Yellow	X	X				X		Very tolerant of humid weather or drought. Can be encouraged to bloom again by deadheading. Plant 3+ together for visual impact.

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185	1C28		Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Coreopsis	5-7 ft		X			X	X					July - Sept	Yellow		X	X			X		In prairie-like settings, plant in groups with grasses & beebalm to support its growth.
190	1D1		Dalea purpurea	Purple Prairie Clover	2 ft	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		July - Sep	Purple	X	X						Blooms for a long time. Drought resistant. Give room for it to grow and become bush-like.
193	1D3		Desmodium canadense	Showy Tick-trefoil	2-4 ft	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		July-Aug	Pink		X		X				Seed pods are sticky to latch on passing animals for seed dispersion.
202	1D17		Doellingeria umbellata	Flat Topped Aster	2-3 ft	X	X			X		X	X	X		Aug-Sept	White	X	X	X					This plant has erect stems with flat-topped flowers similar to many asters.
203	1E1		Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower	2-4	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		June-July	Pale Purple	X	X	X			X		This plant has more slender leaves and flowers than purple coneflower. Plant 5-10 together for visual impact.
204*	1E2		Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	2-4 ft	X			X			X	X	X		June - Aug	Purple with orange center	X	X	X			X		Easy to grow, has big showy flowers. This plant is one of the showier species of native flower and is extremely popular.
210	1E6		Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	2-4 ft		X			X		X	X	X	X	July - Aug	White	X	X						It has button-like flowers & yucca-like leaves.
213	1E9		Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	2-4 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X		Aug - Sep	White	X	X	X					Plant with Joy-pye Weed (which blooms at the same time) for a lovely pink and white mix.
215	1E11		Eurybia macrophylla	Big Leaf Aster	1-2 ft		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		July - Aug	Violet	X	X	X					Provides a hearty ground cover in shaded areas.
225	1G7		Gentiana andrewsii	Bottle Gentian	1-2 ft	X	X		X	X		X	X			Aug-Sept	Blue Purple		X				X		Bumblebees are the primary pollinators of the flowers, as they are one of the few insects that can force their way past the closed corolla.
232	1G16		Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke	1-2 ft	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		July-Aug	Pink		X						Spring blooming perennial, also known as three flowered avens, or old man's whiskers. It's named for the feather like whiskers it forms in the summer months
235	1H1		Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	3-5 ft	X				X	X		X	X		Aug	Yellow	X	X	X			X		In the past, the powdered disk flowers and leaves of this species have been dried and used as snuff, thus giving rise to its common name.
245	1H9		Helianthus tuberosus	Jerusalem Artichoke	6-10 ft	X	X			X		X	X			Jul-Aug	Yellow	X	X						Large flowers. Edible tuber that was cultivated by Native Americans and is still eaten today.
250	1H14		Heuchera americana	Coral Bells, Alumroot	1-2 ft		X	X	X			X	X	X		June-Aug	Yellow		X						Known for its showy leaves.
251	1H15		Heuchera richardsonii	Prairie Alumroot	1- 2 ft	X	X		X	X			X			May - July	Green						X		Grown for its leaves. Mass together to form a beautiful ground cover. Divide clumps in the spring every 3-4 yrs.

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252	1H16			Hibiscus moscheutos	Swamp Hibiscus, Swamp Rose Mallow	3-7 ft	X	X			X	X		X			July - Sep	Pink		X		X					A shrub-like plant with beautiful, large, showy flowers.
262	1I1			Iris virginica	Southern Blue Flag	2-3 ft	X	X				X	X	X	X	May - June	Blue	X		X			X	X			Perfect for water gardens, along streams or ponds, or in low-lying areas that are subject to periodic flooding.
279	1L11			Liatris spicata	Marsh Blazing Star	1.5- 2.5 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X	July - Aug	Pink	X	X	X	X						Extremely showy spiked flowers. Usually purple; however, we occasionally grow a native version that is white. Plant in mass for a striking show.
283*	1L22			Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia	1-3 ft		X			X	X	X	X	X	June - July	Blue	X	X		X						Great plant for late summer color. Beautiful when planted in mass.
302	1M11			Mimulus ringens	Monkey Flower	1-3 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	June - Sept	Blue	X	X								Prefers moist, rich soil. Naturalizes in optimum growing conditions by self-seeding and creeping rhizomes.
304*	1M14			Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot, Beebalm	2-3 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X	Aug - Sept	Lavender	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Easily cultivated. Opportunistic plant that colonizes aggressively without competition. Mix with False Sunflower, Grayhead Coneflower, and grasses for a beautiful effect.
305	1M15			Monarda punctata	Horsemint, Spotted Beebalm	1.5- 2.5 ft	X				X					July - Sept	Yellow	X	X								Forms clumps with attractive flowers. Drought resistant.
317	1P2			Packera obovata	Round-leaved Ragwort	1-2 ft	X	X		X	X		X	X		May - July	Yellow	X	X					X	X		Provides a nice groundcover for sunny areas. Foliage is highly toxic to mammals.
322*	1P10			Penstemon digitalis	Foxglove Beardtongue	3-4 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X		June	White	X	X	X	X						Native foxglove. Adaptable plant.
323*	1P11			Penstemon hirsutus	Hairy Beardtongue	1-2 ft	X			X	X		X	X		May - July	Lavender	X	X	X	X	X					This versatile plant is excellent for home landscaping and works well as a groundcover in sunny areas.
335	1P21			Polemonium reptans	Jacob's Ladder	1-1.5 ft	X	X	X		X		X	X		April - June	Pink - Blue	X	X				X	X			Beautiful leaves & flowers. Good ground cover.
353	1P38			Pycnanthemum virginianum	Mountain Mint	2-3 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X	July - Sept	White	X	X				X	X			A pollinator magnet. Minty fragrance.
357	1R2			Ranunculus hispida	Swamp Buttercup	1-3 ft	X	X			X	X		X		May - June	Yellow						X	X			Excellent ground cover for rain gardens. Will spread.
360*	1R4			Ratibida pinnata	Yellow Coneflower, Grayhead Coneflower	4-6 ft	X				X		X	X		July - Aug	Yellow with brown center	X	X	X							Benefits from growing with grasses & beebalm to provide support, or it will require staking. Plant in mass. Great for cut flowers.

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363*	1E6		Rudbeckia fulgida	Orange Coneflower	1-2 ft	X				X	X		X	X	X	July - Aug	Yellow-orange with black center	X	X	X		X		Our favorite black-eyed susan for gardens. Short-lived perennial. Allow seeds to self-sow for more plants to grow. Great for cut flowers.
364*	1R7		Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	1-2 ft	X			X			X	X	X	July - Aug	Yellow with black center	X	X	X		X		Short-lived perennial. Allow seeds to self-sow for more plants to grow.	
365	1R8		Rudbeckia laciniata	Cut-leaved Coneflower, Green-headed Coneflower	4-8 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	July - Sept	Yellow	X	X	X		X	X	In good growing situations with plenty of moisture, plants may spread aggressively from rhizomes. Plant with Joe-pye Weed.	
367	1R10		Ruellia humilis	Wild Petunia	1.5-2 ft	X			X	X		X	X		June - Aug	Lavender	X	X					Groundcover for sunny areas. Blooms throughout hot dry summers. Native to southwest Michigan but not Kent County.	
377	1S8		Senna hebecarpa	Wild Senna	3-4 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X		July - Aug	Yellow	X	X		X			A shrub-like plant excellent for home landscaping. Pollinators love its flowers. Seed pods provide winter interest.	
382	1S13		Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Dock	5-7 ft	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	July	Yellow	X	X	X	X		X	Giant sunflower-like plant. Extremely drought-resistant and long-lived.	
383	1S14		Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Blue-eyed Grass	6-24 in	X	X			X		X			April - June	Blue	X	X					Beautiful groundcover. Should be divided every 2-3 years to promote vigor and increase its life span.	
386*	1S16		Solidago caesia	Bluestem Goldenrod	1-3 ft	X	X	X	X	X		X			Aug - Oct	Yellow	X	X	X				One of our favorite goldenrods. Great for fall color in a shade garden. Plant with Big Leaf Aster.	
388	1S17		Solidago flexicaulis	Zig Zag Goldenrod	2-4 ft		X	X		X		X			Aug - Oct	Yellow	X	X	X				One of our favorite goldenrods. Great for fall color in a shade garden. Plant with Big Leaf Aster.	
391	1S21		Solidago nemoralis	Gray Goldenrod, Old Field Goldenrod	1.5-2 ft	X			X			X	X	X	Aug- Oct	Yellow		X	X				Blooms later than other goldenrods. Shorter height than most goldenrods.	
392	1S22		Solidago ohioensis	Ohio Goldenrod	2-3 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X	Aug - Sept	Yellow	X	X	X		X		Compact form. Beautiful planted in mass. Excellent in moist clay.	
394	1S24		Solidago riddellii	Riddell's Goldenrod	Up to 3 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X	Aug - Sept	Yellow	X	X	X				Beautiful planted in mass. Tolerates and may prefer calcareous soils, which are alkaline with a pH of 7-8.	
-	1S30		Solidago ulmifolia	Elm-leaved Goldenrod	1-3 ft	X	X			X		X	X		July-Oct	Yellow	X	X			X		This plant has unusually wide wrinkly leaves for a goldenrod species and provides great foliage.	
409	1S42		Symphotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster	4-5 ft	X				X	X		X		Sep - Oct	Purple with orange center	X	X					Our flowers bloom pink or purple. Plant this tall aster in the back of the garden with other tall plants that can support it.	
410	1S43		Symphotrichum oolentangiense	Prairie Heart-leaved Aster	2-4 ft	X			X			X	X	X	Aug - Sep	Blue with yellow center	X	X					Drought tolerant. One of our favorite asters for home gardens.	

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419		1T5		<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Purple Meadow Rue, Tall Meadow Rue	4-5 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	May - June	White		X				X	X	Features lacy, fine-textured, medium green, compound foliage (superficially resembling columbine or maidenhair fern). Good background plant in mass.
422		1T7		<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foam Flower	10-12		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	May-July	White	X	X						A Herbaceous perennial known for it's cultivars. Flowers cover the stem similar to a liatris or lupin.
437		1V3		<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Missouri Ironweed	3-6 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X	July - Aug	Magenta	X	X				X	X	Forms colonies and may become aggressive in small gardens.	
440		1V5		<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	3-6 ft	X				X	X	X	X		July - Sep	White	X	X						Beautiful cut flower. Excellent choice for middle or back of a garden bed.	
450		1Z1		<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander	2-3 ft	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		May - June	Yellow	X	X						Excellent for a native garden because it tolerates a variety of conditions. Allow space and it will form beautiful compact plants. Good replacement for hostas. Beautiful cut flowers.	

Grasses, Sedges & Rushes

614		2B6		<i>Bromus latiglumis</i>	Ear-leaved Brome	1-3 ft		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	July-Aug	Green						X	x	An attractive draping grass
726		2C15		<i>Carex bicknellii</i>	Bicknell's Sedge	1-3 ft	X				X	X		X	X	April-July	Green-Yellow				X		X	X	More drought-resistant than most sedges, good for sunny gardens.
727		2C16		<i>Carex blanda</i>	Wood Sedge	2 ft	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		May - June	Green						X	X	May spread aggressively.
735		2C36		<i>Carex eburnea</i>	Ivory Sedge, Bristle-leaved Sedge	0.5-1 ft		X	X		X	X	X			May - July	Green						X		A wonderful groundcover as it forms small clumps and spreads via rhizomes. Green all year long.
736		2C45		<i>Carex gracillima</i>	Graceful Sedge	3 ft		X	X		X	X				May - June	Green						X		Cool season sedge. Attractive seed head. Deadhead after seeds are set.
739		C252		<i>Carex hystericina</i>	Porcupine Sedge, Bottlebrush Sedge	0.5-1.5 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X		May - June	Green	X			X				A short wetland species that produces notably thick pendant spikes in late spring.
744		2C64		<i>Carex lupulina</i>	Hop Sedge	3 ft		X			X	X	X	X		June - Aug	Green					X		X	Attractive sedge perfect for rain gardens.
745		2C65		<i>Carex lurida</i>	Sallow Sedge	3 ft	X	X			X	X				May - Oct	Green	X			X		X		Attractive seed head.

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747						2069	Carex muskingumensis	Palm Sedge	1-3 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	May-June	Green	X		X		X	X	Native to woodland lowlands; does best in moist shaded areas. Thrives in clay. One of our favorite sedges. Mix with ferns.
749						2C77	Carex plantaginea	Plantain-leaf Sedge			X			X	X				May-June	Green			X		X	X	Has purple-red bases and flowers early in the spring. Great for adding texture and evergreen color to woodland gardens. Has a thicker blade than most other Carex species.	
754						2084	Carex rosea	Golden Star Sedge, Rosy Sedge	1 ft		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		June	Green					X		Great for landscaping; use as a groundcover. Fine, narrow leaves.	
759						2C94	Carex stricta	Tussock sedge	2-3 ft	X				X	X	X	X		May-June	Green	X		X		X	X	Grows in tufts. Collects water as the tufts increase, allowing other water plants to grow.	
764						2C107	Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	3 ft		X	X		X	X	X	X		May - June	Green	X		X		X	X	Strong, dense clumping sedge. One of our favorite sedges to grow.	
619						2D3	Diarrhena obovata	Beakgrass	2-3 ft			X		X	X		X		July - Aug	Green			X		X		Very attractive, dark green grass with shiny foliage and brown seeds.	
624						2E7	Elymus hystrix	Bottlebrush Grass	3-4 ft		X	X		X		X			June - July	Green			X				Plant multiples for best showing.	
630						2E14	Eragrostis spectabilis	Purple Lovegrass	Up to 1 ft	X			X		X	X			June - July	Green	X		X		X		This drought-tolerant grass has foliage that turns purplish-red in the fall. Seed heads break off and "tumble." Plant in waves for greatest impact.	
637						2P3	Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	4-5 ft		X		X	X	X	X	X		July - Aug	Green	X		X				Great grass for landscaping. as it forms large clumps.	
641						2S2	Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	1-3 ft	X			X	X		X	X		Aug	Green	X		X		X		One of our favorite grasses for a home garden. Attractive throughout the seasons. Plant in mass.	
647						2S23	Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	2-3 ft	X			X	X		X	X		Aug-Sep	Pink		X			X		Plant this showy, warm season grass in mass plantings along garden edges for a lovely sight. One of our favorite grasses.	
648						2T2	Tridens flavus	Purpletop	2-4 ft	X			X		X	X	X		July - Aug	Green	X		X				Hardy plant. Purple seed heads.	

C U	X U	S U	N E	Scientific name	Common name	Height (ft.)	SUN			WATER			SOIL				BLOOM		Attract				Resist		Notes
							Full	Part	Shade	Dry	Avg	Wet	Sand	Loam	Clay	Muck	Time	Color	Butterfly	Bee	Songbird	Hummingbird	Deer	Rabbit	

Shrubs & Vines

801	3A3			Amorpha canescens	Leadplant	1-3 ft	X			X	X		X	X	X		June - Aug	Purple	X	X	X			X			A great small shrub for a home garden with interesting foliage, flowers & seed heads.
976	5C1			Clematis virginiana	Wild Clematis, Virgin's Bower	2 to 15 ft	X				X	X	X	X	X		Aug - Sep	White	X	X		X					This native vine is great for trellises, mailboxes, and fences. Plants are dioecious; if you want seed, plant at least 3-5 vines near each other so there is opportunity for pollination.
815	3D1			Dasiphora fruticosa	Shrubby Cinquefoil	1-4 ft	X				X		X	X	X		June-Sept	Yellow	X	X							Attractive woody shrub with gray-green compound leaves. Prefers well-drained soil.
844	3R15			Rosa pallustris	Swamp Rose	3-7 ft	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		June-July	Pink		X				X	X		Shrub. One of our only native roses. Flowers produce rose hips.