

Native Trees, Shrubs and Vines of South Central Pennsylvania

The plants on this list have been compiled by Cumberland County Master Gardener Susan Skender and identified as native to south central Pennsylvania. Note that some may have been introduced so long ago that no one knows when they arrived. This list concentrates on Cumberland, Adams, Franklin, Perry, York and Dauphin counties. These plants have been selected because they are often (or sometimes) available from local retail stores. If you cannot locate a plant you'd like to try, ask your favorite garden center if it can order it for you. This is by no means a comprehensive list. It endeavors to list plants that are showy and suitable for the home landscape. If only one county is not listed for a designated plant, it is probably native to that county as well but has not been documented. On the other hand, if only one county is listed, the plant may have been introduced.

Legend for County Locations: A - Adams; C - Cumberland;

D - Dauphin; F - Franklin; P - Perry; Y - York

Botanical Name	Common Name	Location
Trees		
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box Elder	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>	Striped Maple	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Silver Maple	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio Buckeye	Y; scattered PA
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red Buckeye	Not PA; SE US
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Common serviceberry, shadbush, Juneberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny Serviceberry	C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	Hercules club; Devil's Walking Stick	F, P, Y
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Common Pawpaw	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Betula lenta</i>	Sweet Birch	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	C, D, P, Y
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	Bitternut Hickory	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Carya glabra</i>	Pignut Hickory	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark Hicory	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	Mockernut Hickory	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Castanea dentata</i>	American Chestnut	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud (S. PA)	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringetree	A, C, D, Y
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American hazelnut	A, C, D, F, P, Y

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<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>	Cockspur Hawthorn	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorn	C
<i>Crataegus punctata</i>	Dotted Hawthorn	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Crataegus succulenta</i>	Long-spined or fleshy hawthorn	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Common Persimon (spotty, more in SE PA)	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	A, D, F, P, Y
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honeylocust	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffee tree rare	A, C, F
<i>Halesia carolina</i> syn. <i>tetraptera</i>	Carolina Silverbell, Mountain Silverbell	A, F
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witchhazel	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Eastern Black Walnut	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	not local; SE PA*
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Malus coronaria</i>	Sweet crabapple	A, D, F, P
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber tree	F, P
<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	Umbrella tree	P, Y
<i>Morus rubra</i>	Red Mulberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Tupelo	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American Hophornbeam	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood (not local native; SE and SW PA)	not local
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	American Planetree	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Populus grandidentata</i>	Bigtooth Aspen	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	D, P, Y
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American Plum, Wild Plum	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Pin Cherry	C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus muhlenbergi</i>	Chinkapin Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus prinus</i> syn. <i>Q. montana</i>	Chestnut Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak	not local; SE PA
<i>Quercus velutina</i>	Black Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rhus copallina</i>	Flameleaf Sumac	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac	A, C, D, F, P, Y

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<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn Sumac	D, P, Y
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black Locust	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black Willow	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Sassafras albidum</i> ,	Common Sassafras	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Linden	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American Elm	A, C, D, F, P, Y

Evergreen Trees

<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly	D, F, P, Y
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	C, D, P, Y
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Easter Red Cedar	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	C, D, F
<i>Pinus pungens</i>	Tabletop pine	C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Pinus rigida</i>	Pitch pine	A, C, D, F, Y
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	Virginia pine	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Eastern hemlock	A, C, D, F, P, Y

Native Deciduous Shrubs for South Central Pennsylvania

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<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottlebrush buckeye	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Serviceberry	not local; SE PA
<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	Common Alder	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> syn. <i>Photinia pyrifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> syn. <i>Photinia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American beautyberry	not PA
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Eastern sweetshrub	F
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey tea	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Common Buttonbush	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet, Sweetpepper bush	not local; E PA
<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	Sweetfern	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood	A, C, D, F, P, Y

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<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry Dogwood	All SC rare in Cumberland
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Cornus rugosa</i>	Roundleaf Dogwood	D, P, Y
<i>Cornus sericea</i> ssp. <i>sericea</i> syn. <i>C. stolonifera</i>	Redosier Dogwood (spotty in PA, may be population)	
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American filbert	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf bush honeysuckle	A, C, D, F, Y
<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Trailing Arbutus	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Brook Euonymus	D, Y
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i> , <i>major</i>	Fothergilla	Not PA; native to SE USA
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	American witchhazel	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Smooth Hydrangea	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Oakleaf hydrangea	Not PA; native to So. USA
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Shrubby St. Johnswort	A, C, D, F, P, C, Y
<i>Hypericum punctatum</i>	Spotted St. Johnswort	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Common Winterberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Itea virginiana</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	C, D
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Common Spicebush	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Lyonia ligustrina</i>	He-huckleberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Morella</i> syn. <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry	A, D, F, Y
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Bayberry	A, D, F, Y
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Common Ninebark	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokeberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Quercus ilicifolia</i>	Scrub Oak	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rhododendron arborescens</i>	Sweet Azalea	D, Y
<i>Rhododendron nudiflorum</i> syn. <i>periclymenoides</i>	Pinxterbloom Azalea	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rhododendron roseum</i> syn. <i>R. prinophyllum</i>	Rosehill Azalea	A, D
<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	Swamp Azalea	C, D
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant Sumac	WEST C, P
<i>Rhus copallina</i>	Winged or Shining Sumac	C, D, F, Y
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn Sumac	C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Ribes americanum</i>	American Black Currant	C, D, F, Y
<i>Rosa carolina</i>	Carolina Rose	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rosa palustris</i>	Swamp rose	A, D, F, Y
<i>Rubus allegheniensis</i>	Allegheny Blackberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	Blackcap Raspberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	Fragrant Thimbleberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rubus strigosus</i>	American Red Raspberry	C, P
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow	not local; N and SE PA
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow - one of many willows	A, C, D, F, P, Y

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<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i> syn. <i>S. canadensis</i>	American Black Elderberry; Common Elderberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Spiraea alba</i>	Narrowleaf Meadowsweet Spirea	A, C, D, F, Y
<i>Spiraea prunifolia</i>	Bridal wreath spirea	C, P
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	Steeplechase spirea	D
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	American Bladdernut	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	P
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Indiancurrant Coralberry	D, F, P
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Lowbush Blueberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Vaccinium pallida</i>	Blue Ridge Blueberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Mapleleaf Viburnum	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Viburnum nudum</i> var. <i>cassinoides</i>	Witherod Viburnum	D, C, F, Y
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Viburnum recognitum</i>	Southern Arrowwood	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Vaccinium stamineum</i>	Common Deerberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberry	not local; scattered PA

Evergreen Shrubs

<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic White Cedar	not local; one county in west PA
<i>Leucothoe racemosa</i> syn. <i>Eubotrys racemosa</i>	Swamp doghobble	F, Y
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Checkerberry Wintergreen	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>	Black huckleberry	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry	not local
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Kalmia angustifolia</i>	Lambkill Kalmia	A, C, Y
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain laurel Kalmia	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>	Rosebay Rhododendron, Great Laurel	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Taxus canadensis</i>	Canada Yew	rare N Perry, N York, N Dauphin
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Arborvitae	not local, scattered PA

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Vines

<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	Dutchman's pipe	not local, scattered PA
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Common Trumpet creeper	C, F
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American Bittersweet	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	Virgin's bower	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Trumpet Honeysuckle	Not local, E PA only
<i>Menispermum canadense</i>	Common Moonseed	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper, Woodbine	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Smilax rotundifolia</i>	Common Greenbrier	A, C, D, F, P, Y
<i>Smilax tamnoides</i>	Bamboo Greenbrier	D, F, P, Y

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