

A Garden IN YOUR Arms

BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

A call to action worth embracing

The writer Doug Tallamy, in his 2007 book *Bringing Nature Home*, described biodiversity as using “native species to create simplified vestiges of the ecosystems that once made this land such a rich source of life.”

To that end, we offer *A Garden in Your Arms*, developed in collaboration with noted ecological landscape designer Edwina von Gal, to increase native plantings and to follow Tallamy’s call that gardeners “become important players in the management of our nation’s wildlife.” With the help of our friends Page Dickey, Robert Reimer, and Deborah Munson, we hereby offer you plant lists tailored to a variety of site characteristics and growing conditions.

You can start small, perhaps by planting an alternative patch to the ecological “desert” that is the typical American lawn. Or, consider reclaiming an old meadow and woodlands, as we’re doing here at Berkshire Botanical Garden, in our two-and-a-half-acre meadow restoration project. Whatever you decide, your native garden will only add to our region’s precious biodiversity.

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Natives for a Wet Meadow

Designed by **Page Dickey**

TREES

Carpinus caroliniana, American hornbeam
Larix laricina, tamarack

SHRUBS

Ilex verticillata, winterberry
Cornus sericea, red osier dogwood
Cornus racemosa, gray dogwood

PERENNIALS

Symphyotrichum novae-angliae, New England aster
Symphyotrichum lanceolatum, panicled aster
Eupatorium maculatum, Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium perfoliatum, White boneset
Veronicastrum virginicum, Culver’s root
Lobelia syphilitica, great blue lobelia
Asclepias incarnata, swamp milkweed
Osmunda cinnamomea, Cinnamon fern



Symphyotrichum novae-angliae,
New England aster
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Eupatorium perfoliatum,
white boneset
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Native Woodland

Designed by **Robert Reimer**

TREES

Cornus florida, flowering dogwood
Cercis canadensis, redbud

SHRUBS

Hydrangea quercifolia, oak leaf hydrangea
Rhododendron maximum, rosebay rhododendron
Fothergilla major 'Mt. Airy', mountain witch alder
Leucothoe axillaris or *fontanesiana*, drooping leucothoe

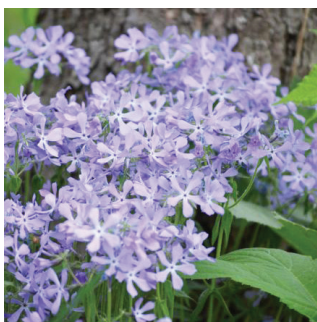
PERENNIALS

Phlox divaricata, woodland phlox
Polystichum acrostichoides, Christmas fern
Tiarella cordifolia, and T. 'Brandywine', foamflower
Spigelia marilandica, Indian pink
Gentiana andrewsii, bottle gentian
Solidago caesia, bluestem goldenrod



Gentiana andrewsii,
bottle gentian

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Phlox divaricata, Wild Blue Phlox

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Native Plants for a Sunny Dry Site

Designed by **Deborah Munson**

Monarda fistulosa, Wild Bergamot
Penstemon digitalis, Foxglove beardtongue
Campanula rotundifolia, Harebell
Asclepias tuberosa, Butterfly Weed
Symphyotrichum laeve, Smooth Blue Aster
Schizachyrium scoparium, Little Bluestem



Monarda fistulosa,
Wild Bergamot

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Schizachyrium scoparium,
Little Bluestem

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