

Understory Shrubs

Lowbush Blueberry *Vaccinium angustifolium*

Native

Deciduous

6"-2" tall

Prefers moist, well-drained, highly acidic organic soil

Full sun to partial shade

Showy red/bronze fall color

Edible fruit attracts wildlife



Highbush Blueberry *Vaccinium corymbosum*

Native

Deciduous

4' to 10' tall

Prefers moist, well-drained acidic soil

Edible fruit attracts wildlife



Bottlebrush Buckeye *Aesculus parviflora*

Deciduous

8-12' tall, 8-15' wide

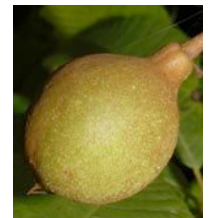
Prefers moist, slightly acidic, well-drained soil

Full sun but tolerant of partial shade

Showy white flowers bloom in mid-July

Pear-shaped, 2-3" in length, ripen in early fall

Yellow-yellow green fall color



Highbush Cranberry *Viburnum opulus*

Native

Deciduous

8-10' tall

Prefers fertile, moist soil

Full sun to partial shade

White flowers bloom May-June

Edible fruit



Understory Shrubs cont.

American Elder *Sambucus canadensis*

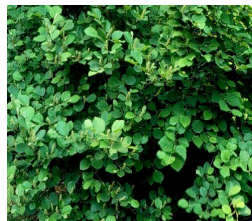
Native

Deciduous
5-12' tall
Prefers moist soil, adaptable
Full sun
Blooms in July, white flowers
Fast growth rate
Purplish-black edible fruit



Dwarf Fothergilla *Fothergilla gardenii*

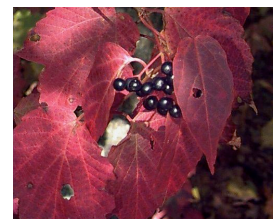
Deciduous
3-6' tall
Partial shade to full sun
Prefers moist, acidic, cool well-drained soil
Lightly fragrant, white flower clusters
Blooms early to mid-May
Excellent mix of yellow-orange-red purple fall color



Maple Leaf Viburnum *Viburnum acerifolium*

Native

Deciduous
4-6' tall and wide
Prefers well-drained soil
Full sun to shade
Moderate growth rate
Blooms in June



Mountain Laurel *Kalmia latifolia*

Native

5-12 feet tall and wide
Requires cool, moist acidic soil
Partial shade to full sun
Blooms late May and early June
lasting several weeks



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Summersweet Clethra *Clethra alnifolia*

Native

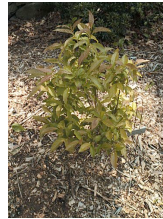
Deciduous
5-8 feet tall, 4-6 feet wide
Prefers moist soil
Full sun to partial shade
Blooms in July and August
Fragrant flowers



Sweetbells *Leucothoe racemosa*

Native to MA

Deciduous
4-6' tall and wide
Prefers moist, cool, acid soil, tolerates wet sites
Best in partial shade
White flowers blooming in May through June
Reddish fall color



Virginia Rose *Rosa virginiana*

Native

Deciduous
4-6' tall
Prefers well-drained, acidic soil
Full sun
Single pink flower blooms in June
Red hip fruit matures in August
Purplish to red fall color



Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*

Native

Deciduous
6-10 feet tall and wide
Prefers moist acidic soil
Full sun to partial shade
Fruit set only on pollinated female plants
Red berries are excellent winter food for wildlife.



Understory Shrubs, cont.

Fragrant Sumac *Rhus aromatica*

Native
2-6' tall, 6-10' wide
Prefers acidic, well-drained soil
Drought tolerant
Full sun to partial shade
Showy orange to reddish purple fall color
Slow growth rate



Oakleaf Hydrangea *Hydrangea quercifolia*

Wider than tall plants range from 4-8' tall
Prefers moist, organic soil
Full to partial shade
White pinnacle shaped flower blooms in July
Showy red to reddish purple fall color



Additional Choices: Red Buckeye