Woodland Plants
Natives for Shade to Part Shade
Goatsbeard

*Aruncus dioicus*

Height: 3-5 feet
Spread: 3 feet
Bloom Time: May to June
Light: Full sun to light shade
Soil: Medium

Wildlife Value: Butterfly nectar source.

Note: Can tolerate partial shade well.
Formerly *A. sylvestris*
Heart-leaved Aster

*Aster cordifolius*

Height: 2-3 feet
Spread: 1-2 feet
Bloom time: August-September
Light: Light to partial shade
Soil: Dry to medium

Wildlife value: Attracts butterflies, bees and beneficial insects.

Note: Large Heart-shaped leaves.
White Wood Aster
*Aster divaricatus*

Height: 2–4 feet  
Spread: 1 foot  
Bloom time: August to October  
Light: partial sun to shade  
Soil: Dry to medium

Wildlife value: Provides a late nectar source for butterflies and bees.

Note: The glossy, deep green leaves look great all season.
Tall Bellflower
Campanula americana

Height: 2-5 feet
Spread: 1 foot
Bloom Time: July-September
Light: Partial sun to shade
Soil: Medium to moist soil with rich, organic content.

Wildlife Value: Butterflies and hummingbirds.

Note: A self-sowing biennial.
Tall Blue Larkspur
*Delphinium exaltatum*

Height: 3-5 feet  
Spread: 1 foot  
Bloom time: July-August  
Light: Partial to full shade  
Soil: Dry to medium  

Wildlife Value: Hummingbirds love it!
Mistflower
_Eupatorium coelestinum_

Height: 1-3 feet
Spread: 1-2 feet
Bloom Time: July - October
Light: Partial shade to full sun
Soil: Medium

Wildlife Value: A nectar source for butterflies.

Note: Grows well in part shade but can tolerate full sun with adequate moisture.
Sweet Joe Pye Weed
_Eupatorium purpureum_

Height: 4–6 feet
Spread: 1–2 feet
Bloom time: August–September
Light: Shade to sun
Soil: Medium

Wildlife Value: Swallowtail butterflies and others love this plant when it is in nectar.

Note: Late to emerge in the spring, but grows quickly. Divide oversized clumps in the fall.
**Hepatica**

*Hepatica acutiloba*

- Height: 6-9 inches
- Spread: 8 inches
- Bloom time: March-April
- Light: partial to full shade
- Soil: medium/wet

**Wildlife Value:** Early spring flowers for woodland insects.

**Note:** Leaves provide interest after flowers are gone.
Sensitive Fern
*Onoclea sensibilis*

Height: 2-3 feet
Spread: 1-2 feet
Light: full sun to full shade
Soil: medium to wet

Note: Fertile spore producing frond is dark brown at maturity with a bead like formation at the top.
Solomon’s Seal

*Polygonatum canaliculatum*

- Height: 1-3 feet
- Spread: 1-2 feet
- Bloom time: May-June
- Light: part sun to shade
- Soil: Medium to moist

Wildlife value: Birds eat the berries.

Note: Adds leaf interest and structure to the woodland garden.
Wild Stonecrop
*Sedum ternatum*

Height: 6-12 inches
Spread: 6-8 inches
Bloom time: May to June
Light: Full sun to partial shade
Soil: Medium to moist

Note: Makes a nice groundcover in damp rocky soils
Round-leaf Ragwort

*Senecio obovatus*

Height: 1-2 feet
Spread: 1 foot
Bloom time: April-May
Light: full shade.
Soil: Medium to wet

Wildlife value: Early blooms for native pollinators.

Note: Evergreen foliage. Spreads by stolons to form a groundcover.
Foamflower ‘Oakleaf’  
_Tiarella cordifolia ‘Oakleaf’_

Height: 10-12 inches  
Spread: 1 foot  
Bloom time: May-June  
Light: Partial to full shade  
Soil: Medium

Wildlife value: Native bees.

Note: Different shape leaves from native. Nice clump forming and long blooming.
Uvularia grandiflora

Large-flowered Bellwort

Height: 1-2 feet
Spread: 10-12 inches
Bloom Time: May-June
Light: Partial shade
Soil: Medium to wet

Wildlife Value: Nectar a pollen source for native bees.

Note: May form colonies with rhizome root system. Protect from deer.