

If you've removed buckthorn from your woods, you may want to restore the site with native plants. Included here are a few attractive options that you may want to consider for your site.

Seeds are an inexpensive way to add plants. You could also use small plugs or larger potted plants. Contact native plant nurseries to see what's available. You could also wait and see which native plants return on their own!



Wild Plum

Prunus americana

Height: 10-12 ft.
Width: 10-12 ft.
Full sun to light shade
Tolerates poor soils
Edible fruits

SHRUB

P.W. Smith, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



Ostrich Fern

Matteuccia struthiopteris

Height: 3-4 ft.
Part to full shade
Medium to moist soils
Forms dense colonies

FERN

Sally & Andy Wasowski, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



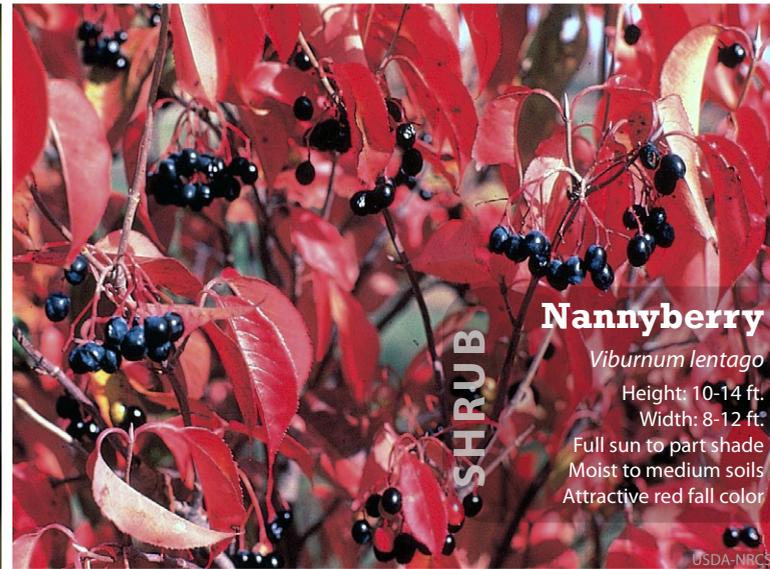
Virginia Wild Rye

Elymus villosus

Height: 2-4 ft.
Part to full shade
Medium soils
Showy seed head in summer

GRASS

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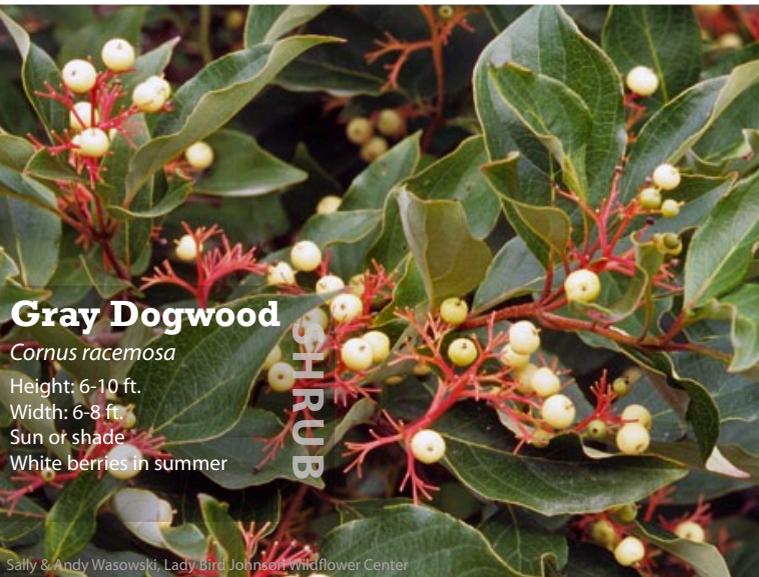
Nannyberry

Viburnum lentago

Height: 10-14 ft.
Width: 8-12 ft.
Full sun to part shade
Moist to medium soils
Attractive red fall color

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Gray Dogwood

Cornus racemosa

Height: 6-10 ft.
Width: 6-8 ft.
Sun or shade
White berries in summer

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Serviceberry

Amelanchier alnifolia

Height: 5-15 ft.
Width: 5-12 ft.
Full sun to part shade
Average to moist soils
Also known as Juneberry

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Jeff McMillian, USDA-NRCS

NATIVE WOODLAND PLANTS

Woodland Sunflower

Helianthus divaricatus

Height: 2-6 ft.
Part to full shade
Medium to dry soils
Produces seeds for songbirds

FLOWER

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Wild Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis

Height: 12-30 in.
Part shade
Moist to dry soils
Attracts hummingbirds

FLOWER

Heart-Leaved Aster

Aster cordifolius

Height: 2-3 ft.
Part to full shade
Medium to dry soils
Blooms in late summer

FLOWER

Thomas G. Barnes, USDA-NRCS

Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum

Height: 1-2 ft.
Part sun to part shade
Moist to dry soils
Will grow in clay soil

FLOWER

Wild Ginger

Asarum canadense

Height: 6-12 in.
Full to part shade
Prefers moist soils
Spreading groundcover

FLOWER

Jennifer Anderson, USDA-NRCS

Zig Zag Goldenrod

Solidago flexicaulus

Height: 1-3 ft.
Part to full shade
Wet to dry soils
Attracts butterflies

FLOWER

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Watch out for Garlic Mustard!

This exotic, invasive weed spreads quickly, outcompetes native plants, and is no good for wildlife.

Catch it early, before it seeds, and it's much easier to control. Then you can focus on restoring native plants in your woods.



Garlic Mustard infestation



Garlic Mustard flower



Garlic Mustard seedlings