



# **PLANT FACT SHEETS**

for Rain Gardens / Bioretention Systems

Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Water Resources Program

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**Herbaceous, Perennial**

## *Amsonia tabernaemontana*

Eastern blue star [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Spread:** 0.75 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May

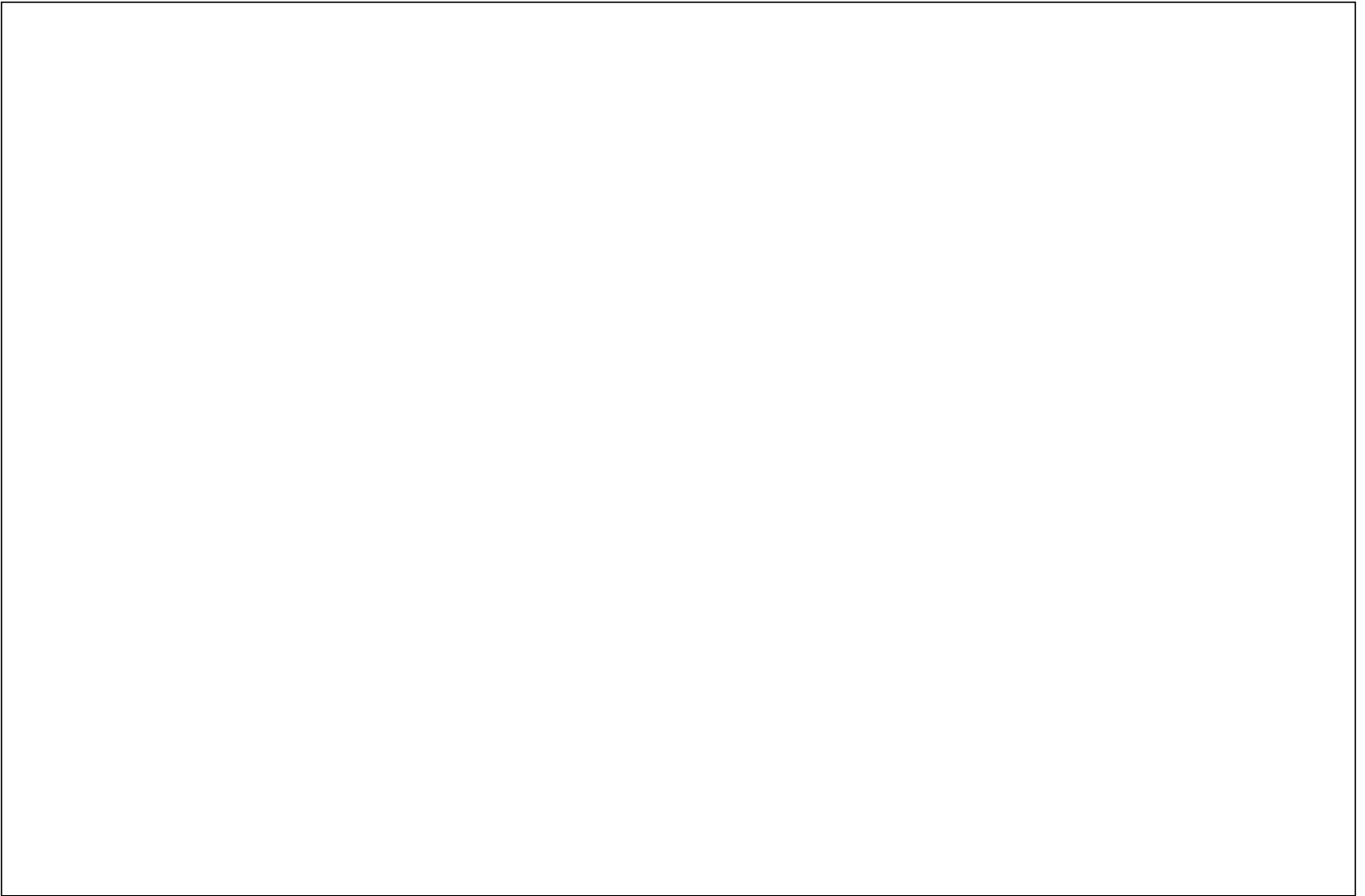
### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Wet, sandy sites in thin woods & on plains.

## *Aquilegia canadensis*

Red columbine [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Dry Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red, Pink, Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds

**Habitats:** Partly shaded to shaded woodland habitat with calcareous soils that are not too rich. Central Texas populations primarily in solution-pitted limestone areas in shade.

## *Arisaema triphyllum*

Jack-in-the-pulpit [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Heavy Shade, Wet Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Green, Purple, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May, Jun

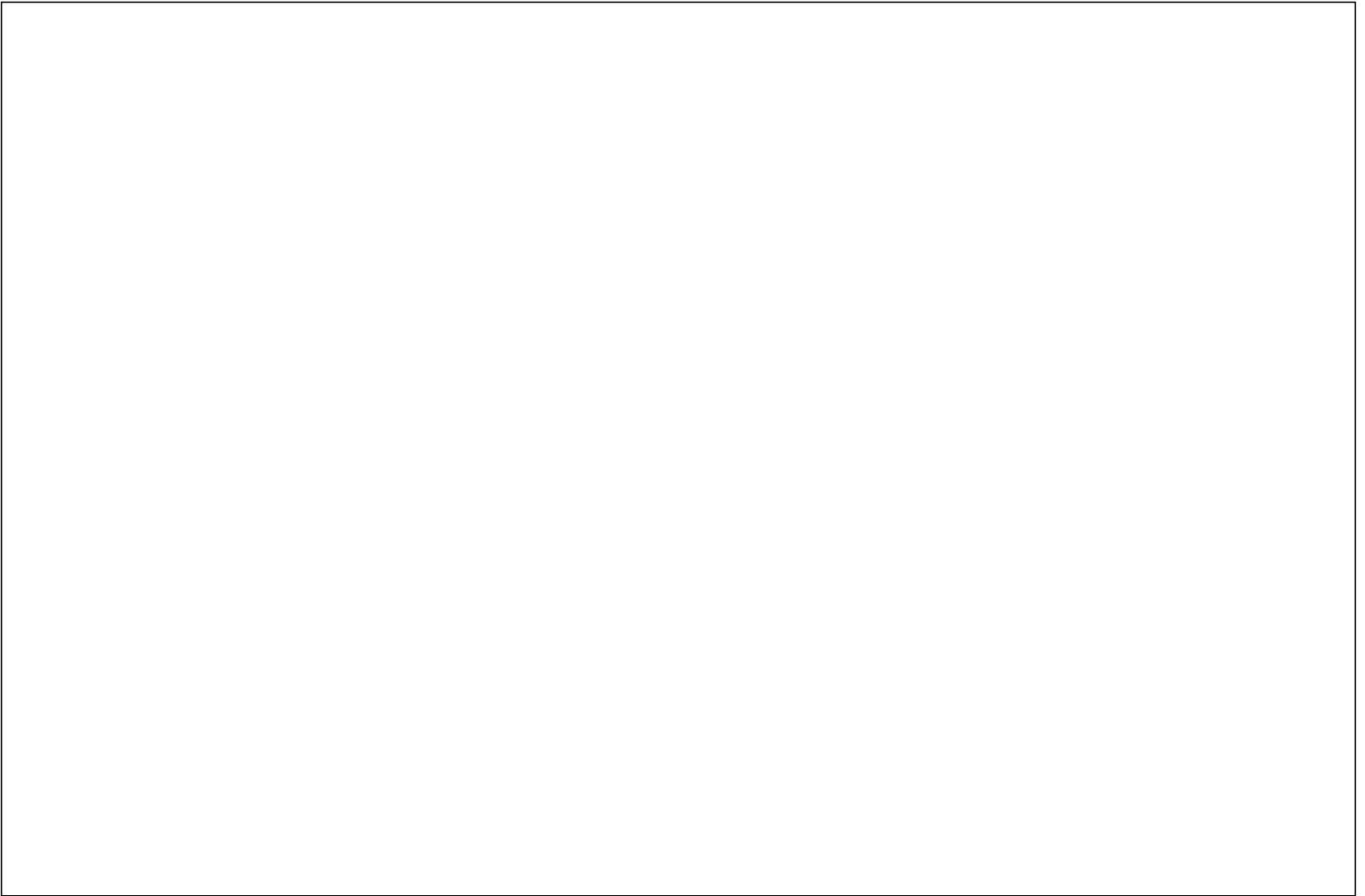
### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Forest, Woodland, Swamp, Marsh

*Asclepias incarnata*

Swamp milkweed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 6

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Wet Meadow, Prairie, Field, Riparian, Swamp, Marsh. Most often found on the margins of flooded plains, lakes, ponds, waterways, marshes, swamps, and other wet areas.

## *Asclepias syriaca*

Common Milkweed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 0.75 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Old fields, roadsides, and waste places.

*Asclepias tuberosa*  
Butterfly Milkweed [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 2.50 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Orange, Yellow | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Grows in prairies, open woods, canyons, and hillsides throughout most of the state, common in eastern two thirds of Texas, uncommon in the Hill Country. Plant in well-drained sand, loam, clay, or limestone.



## *Baptisia australis*

Blue Wild Indigo [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Erosion, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

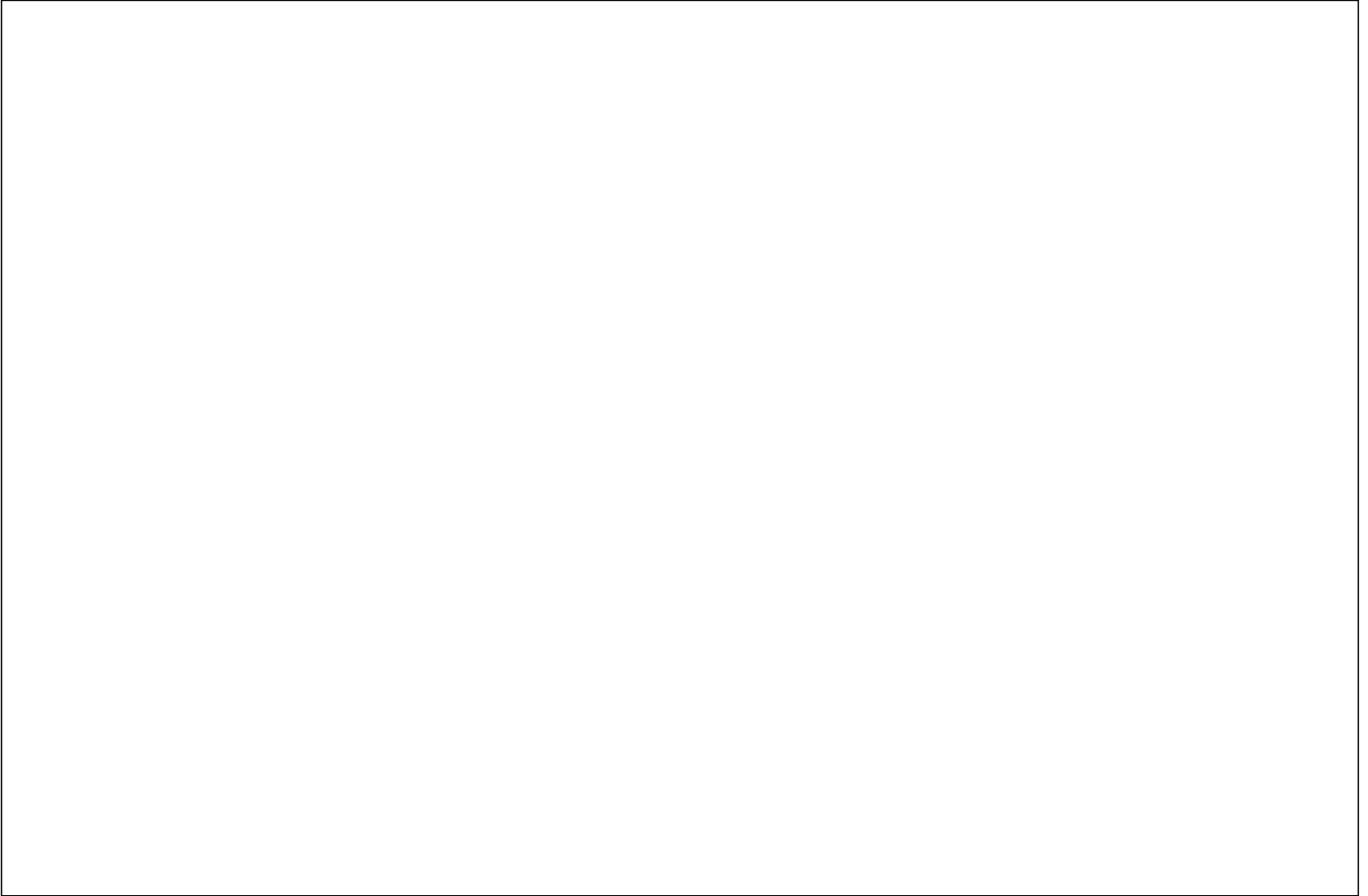
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Wood edges; limestone glades; prairies

## *Caltha palustris*

Marsh Marigold [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 7

**Habitats:** Wet woods, marshy hollows, stream edges

## *Chelone glabra*

Turtlehead [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Brushy marshes; stream banks; wet ditches; low meadows; woodlands

## *Coreopsis lanceolata*

Lanceleaf tickseed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Open woodlands, Prairie, Plains, Meadows, Pastures, Savannas

## *Echinacea purpurea*

Purple Coneflower [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Well-drained limestone, sand, clay, loam. Rocky, open woods; thickets; prairies.

## *Eupatorium coelestinum*

Blue mistflower [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 1.50 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

### Site & Wildlife Details

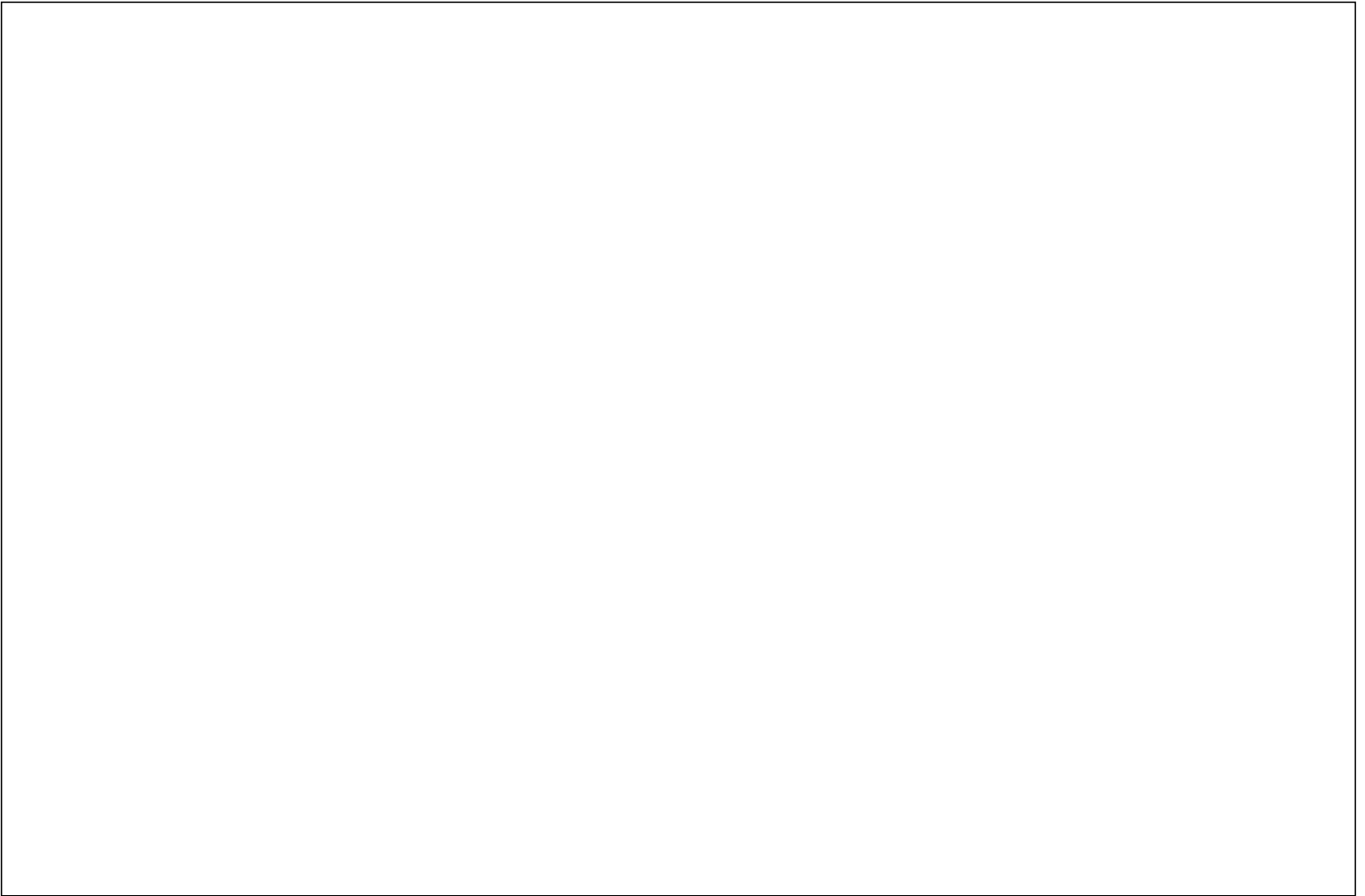
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 10

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Wood margins; stream banks; low woods; wet meadows; ditches

## *Eupatorium dubium*

Little Joe Pye weed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** moist, usually sandy acidic soil of swamps, bogs, marshes, swales

## *Eupatorium maculatum*

Spotted Joe Pye weed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 4 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist prairies; wood edges; wooded slopes



*Eupatorium perfoliatum*

Common boneset [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 4 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

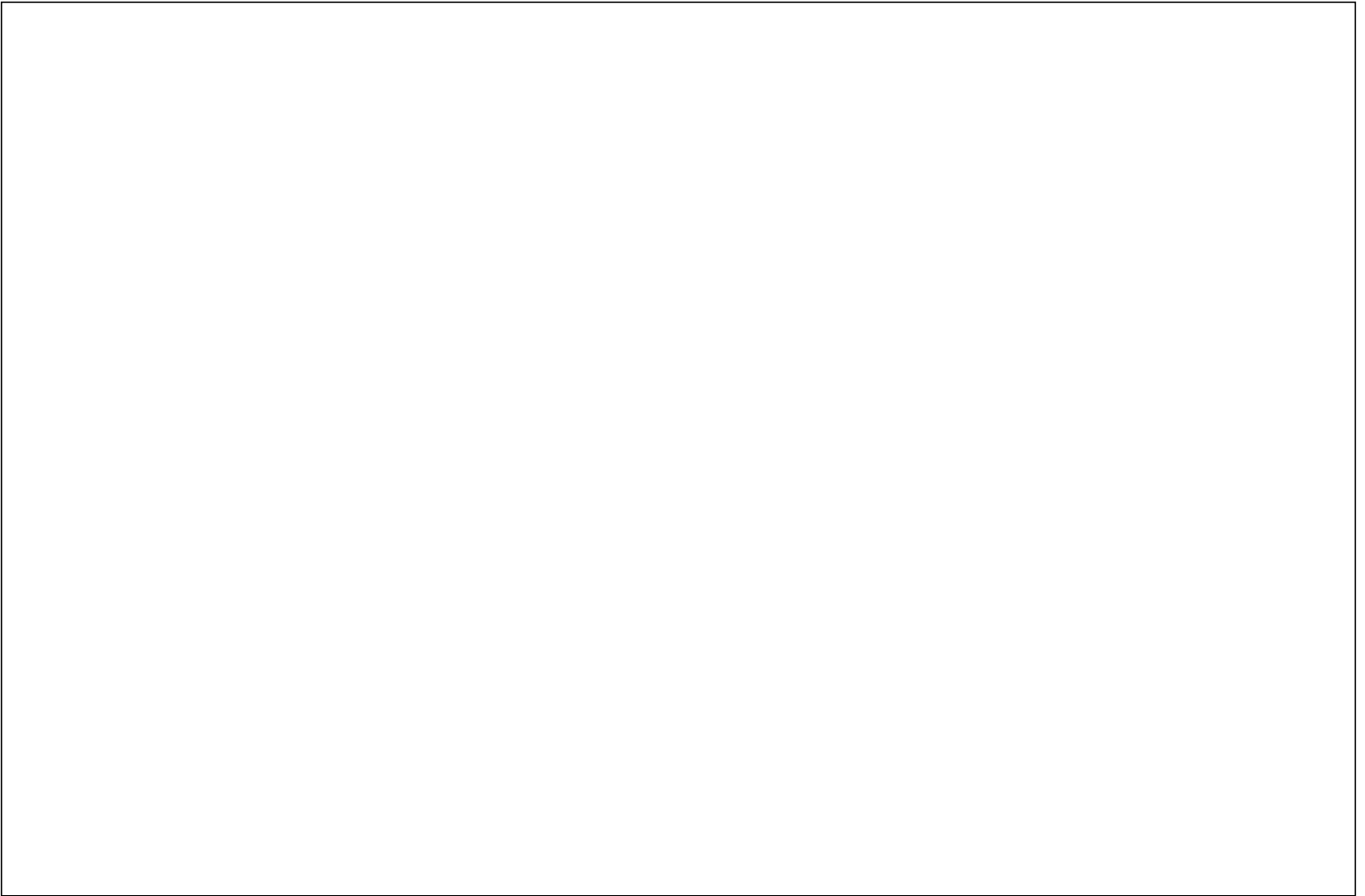
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Damp prairies; alluvial woods; bogs

## *Eupatorium purpureum*

Joe Pye Weed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 5 - 7 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist prairies; wood edges; wooded slopes

## *Eurybia divaricata*

White wood aster [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Heavy Shade, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 2.50 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Woodland

## *Helenium autumnale*

Common Sneezeweed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist, open areas along streams & ponds; wet meadows

*Heliopsis helianthoides*

SMOOTH OXEYE [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Erosion, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist to dry, open woodlands; prairies; fields

## *Hibiscus moscheutos*

Hibiscus [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 7 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Swampy forests; wet meadows; marshes

*Iris versicolor*

Blue flag, Blue water iris [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 2.50 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Habitats:** Meadows; stream banks; marshes; swamps

*Liatris spicata*

Dense blazing star [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1.50 - 2.50 ft | **Spread:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist, wood openings; mesic prairies; marsh edges



*Lilium superbum*

Turk's Cap Lily [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 4 - 7 ft | **Spread:** 0.50 - 0.75 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red, Orange, Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

**Site & Wildlife Details**

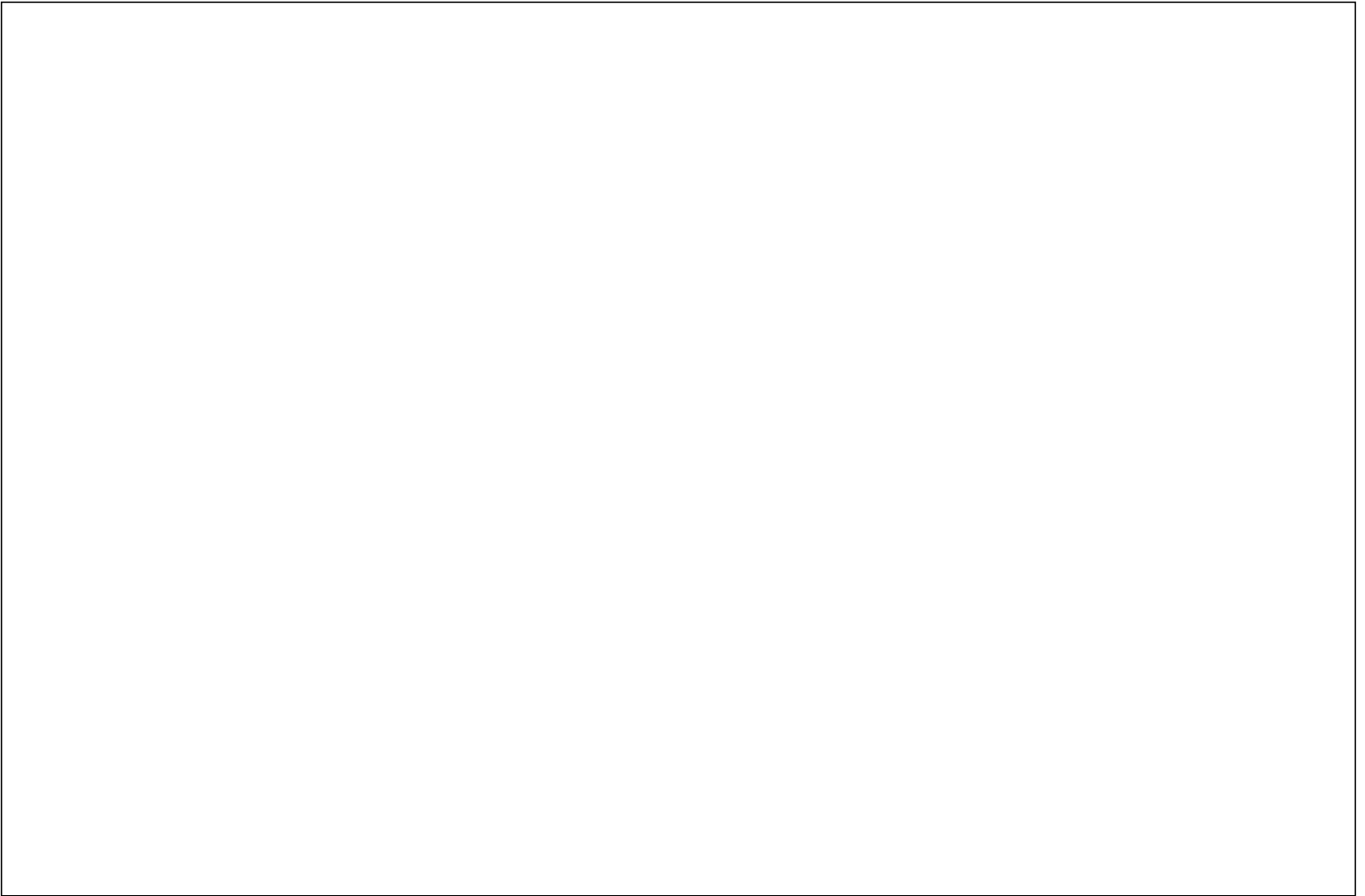
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds

**Habitats:** Wet meadows, swamps, and woods.

*Lobelia cardinalis*

Cardinal flower [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

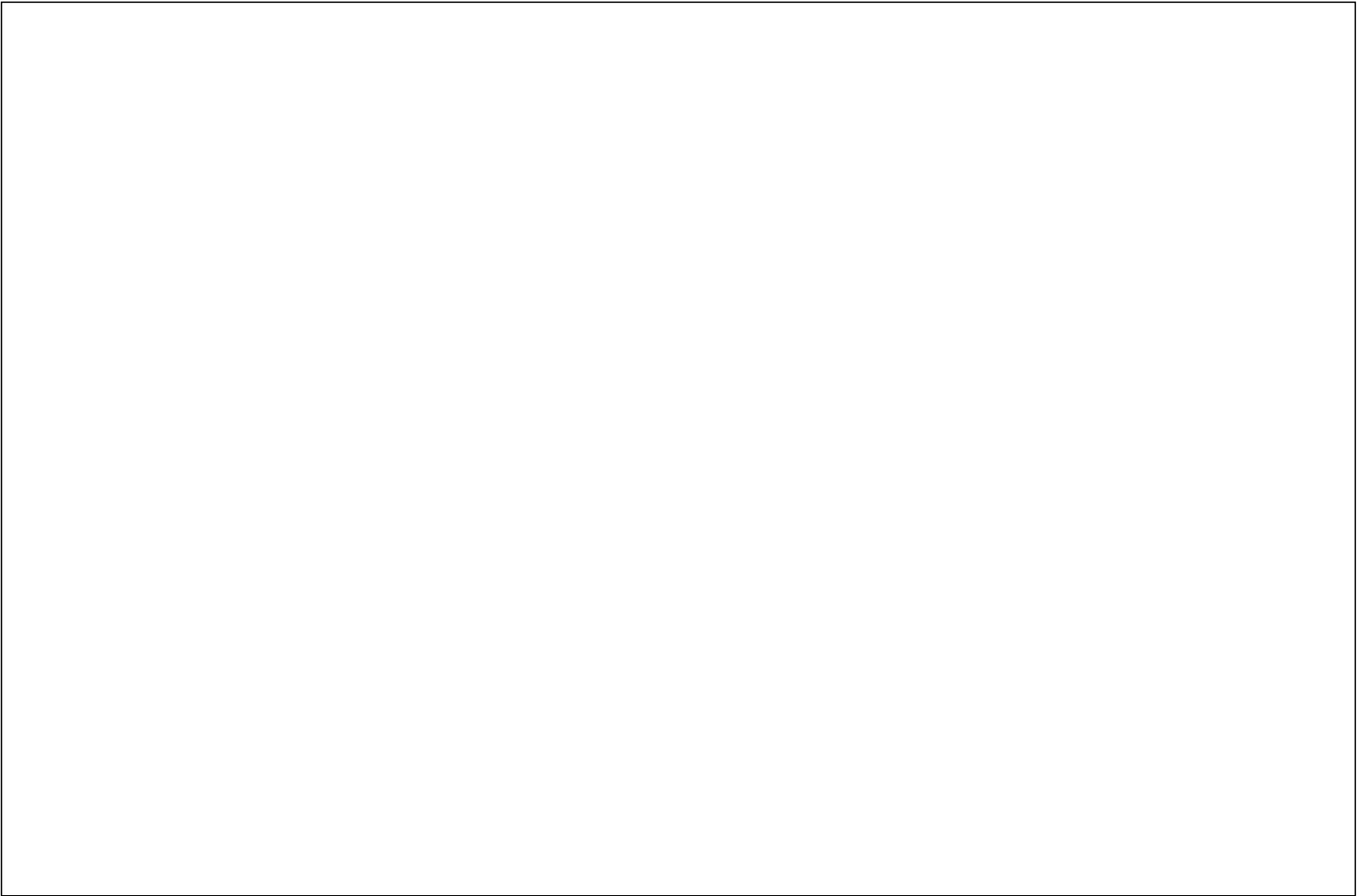
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Ditches, Ravines, Depressions, Woodlands' edge, Opening, Stream banks, Roadsides, Prairie, Plains, Meadows, Pastures, Savannas, Near lakes or ponds, Swamps

*Lobelia siphilitica*

Blue Lobelia [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

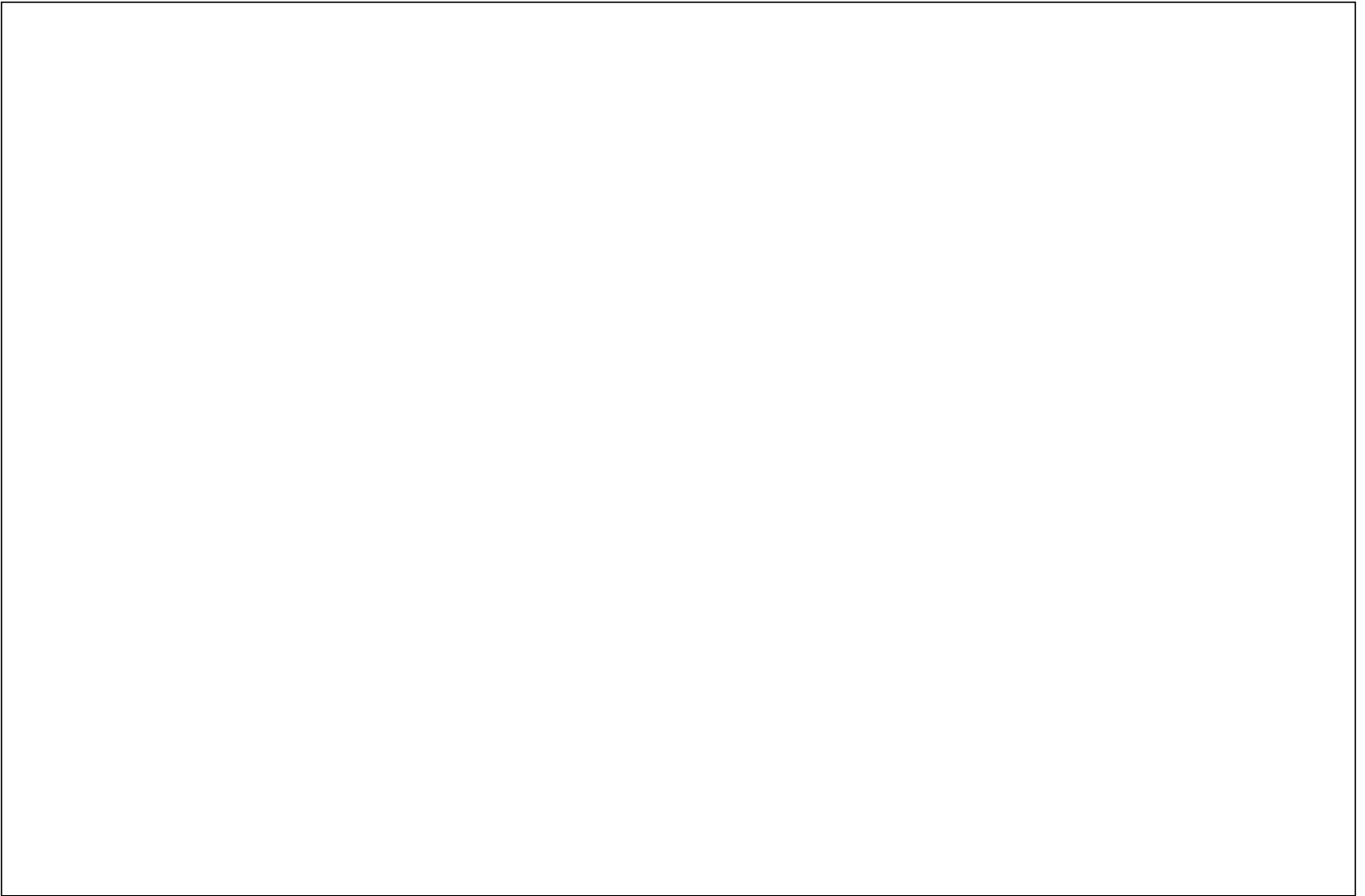
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 8

**Habitats:** Open, wet woods; stream banks; marshes; meadows

## *Mimulus ringens*

Monkey Flower [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 0.75 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red, Pink, Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Habitats:** Wet meadows and streambanks.

## *Monarda didyma*

Scarlet beebalm [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds

**Habitats:** Moist, open woods; meadows; stream banks; mountains to 6500 feet

## *Monarda fistulosa*

Wild bergamot [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Grows in dry open woods, fields, wet meadows and ditches, and at the edges of woods and marshes in the eastern fourth of Texas. Well-drained but moist sand, loam, clay; acidic or calcareous soils. Zones 4 to 8.

*Penstemon digitalis*

Foxglove Beardtongue [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Dry Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Low, moist areas; prairies; open woodlands

*Phlox divaricta*

Woodland phlox [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Dry Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 0.75 - 1 ft | **Spread:** 0.75 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Red, Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

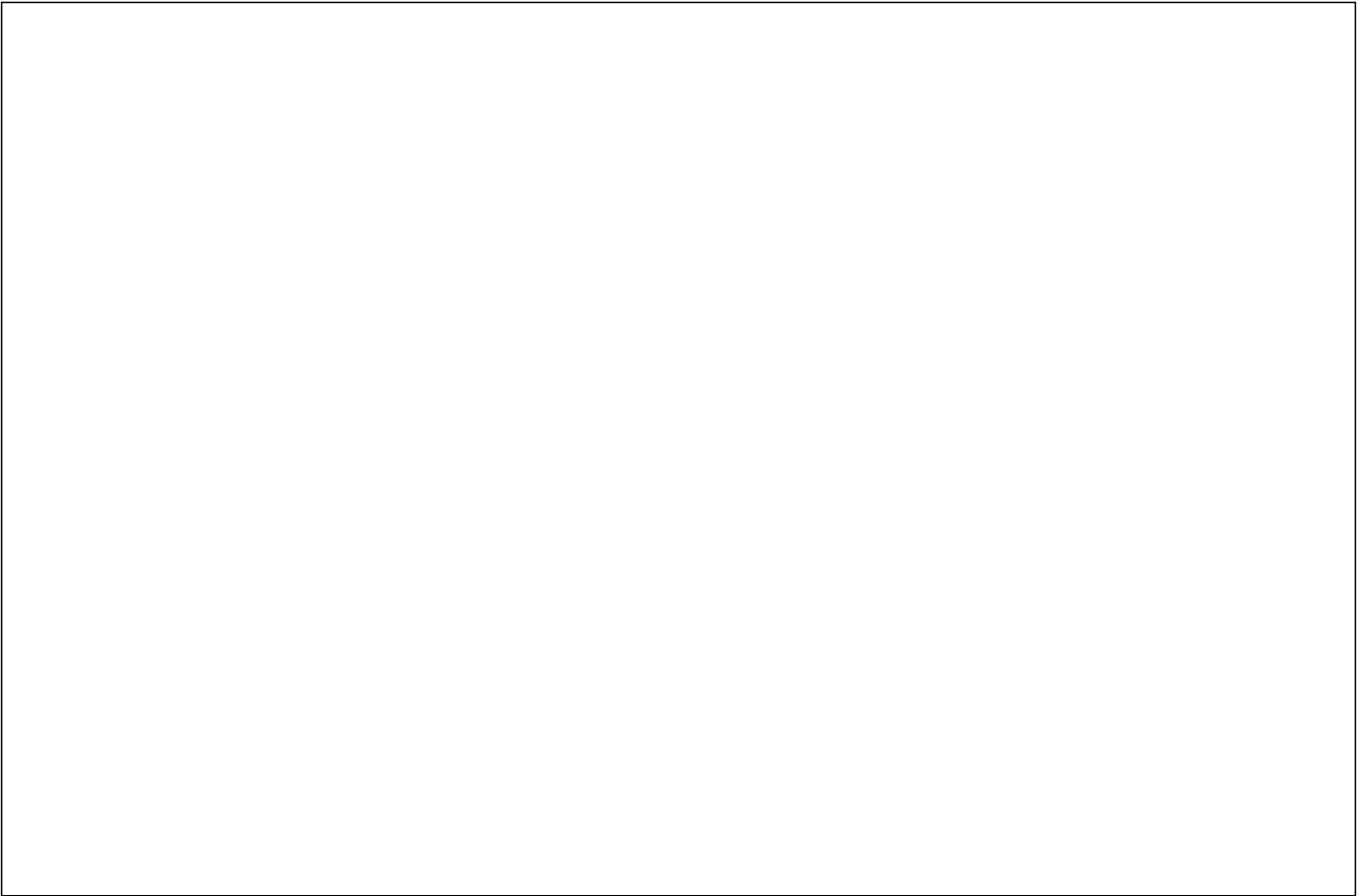
**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist, rich,



*Phlox paniculata*

Garden Phlox [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug

**Site & Wildlife Details**

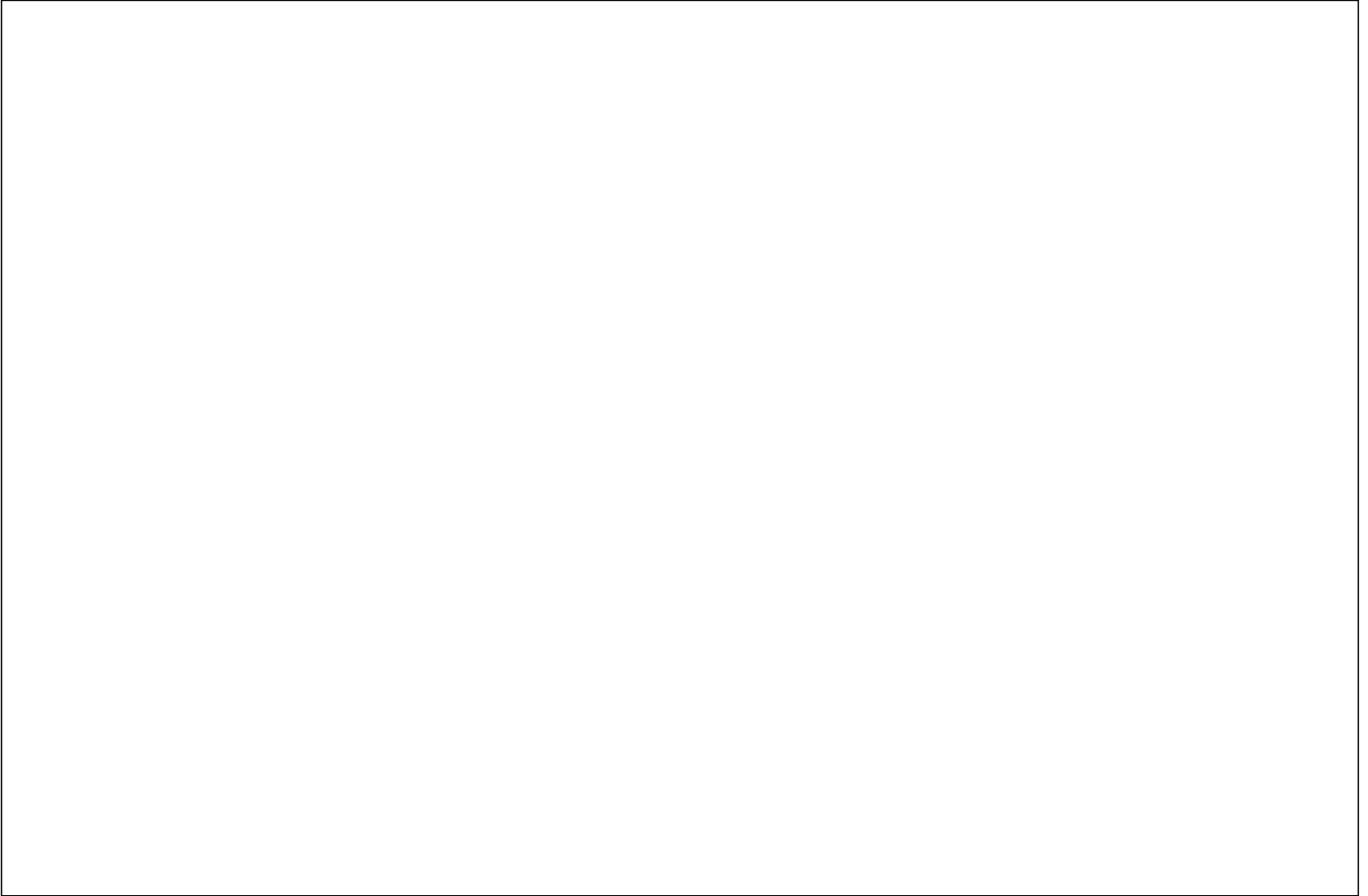
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Rich, open woods; thickets; meadows; moist roadsides

*Phlox stolonifera*

Creeping phlox [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Spread:** 0.75 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May

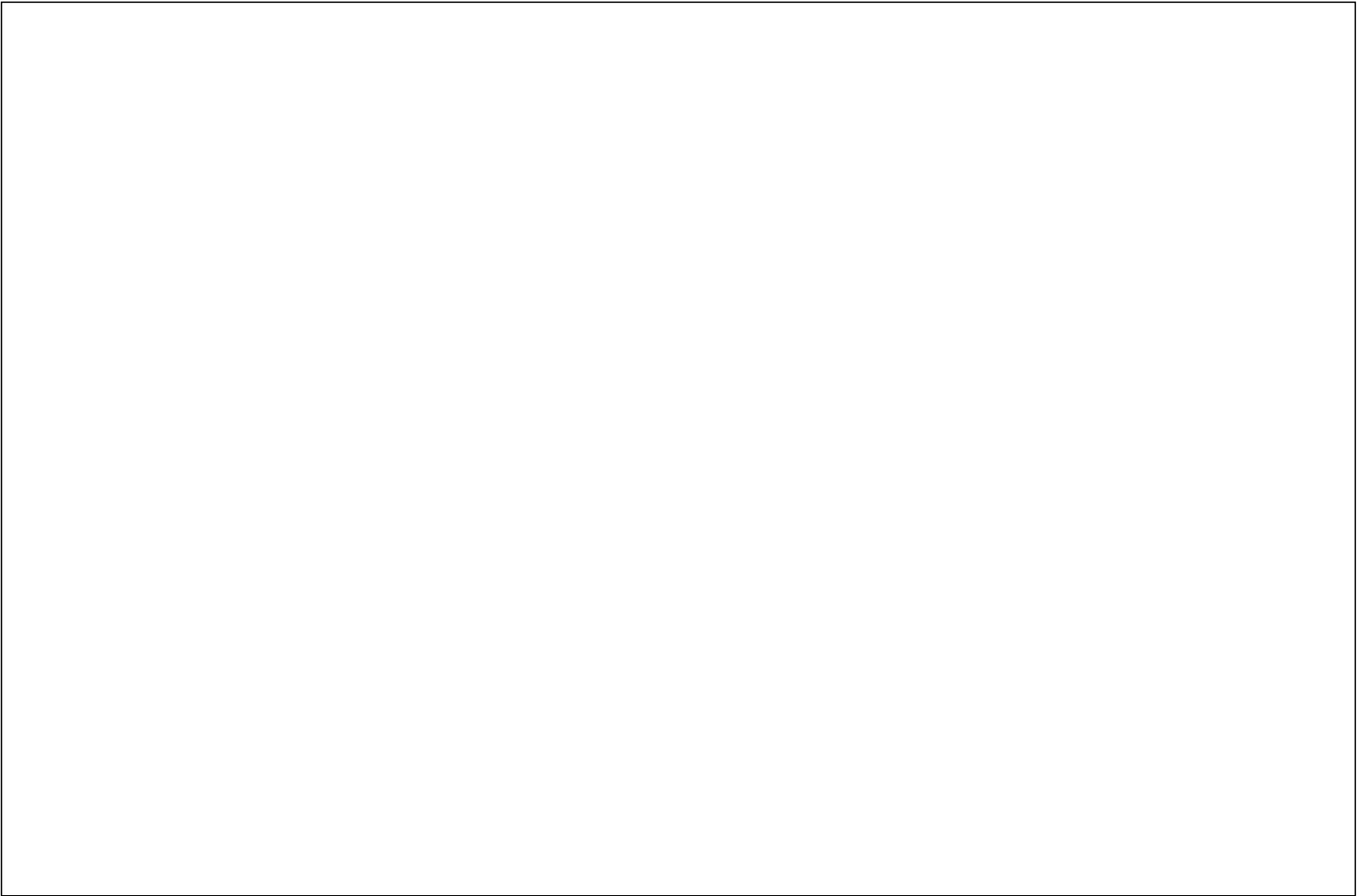
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Woods & wooded stream banks

## *Physostegia virginiana*

Obedient Plant [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds

**Habitats:** River banks; wet thickets; prairies, River banks, swamps, and low grounds in East and North Central Texas. Sand, clay, limestone; poor drainage okay.

*Pycnanthemum virginianum*

Mountain Mint [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 7

**Habitats:** Thickets; pastures

## *Rudbeckia fulgida*

Orange coneflower [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Orange, Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Open woods; meadows; pastures

*Rudbeckia hirta*

Black-Eyed Susan [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Prairie, Plains, Meadows, Pastures, Savannas, Woodlands' edge, Opening

*Rudbeckia laciniata*

Cutleaf Coneflower [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 9 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Low, rich woods; wet fields; alluvial thickets

## *Siphium perfoliatum*

Cup-Plant [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 4 - 8 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist woods; prairies; low ground



*Smilacina raceosum*

False Solomons Seal [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

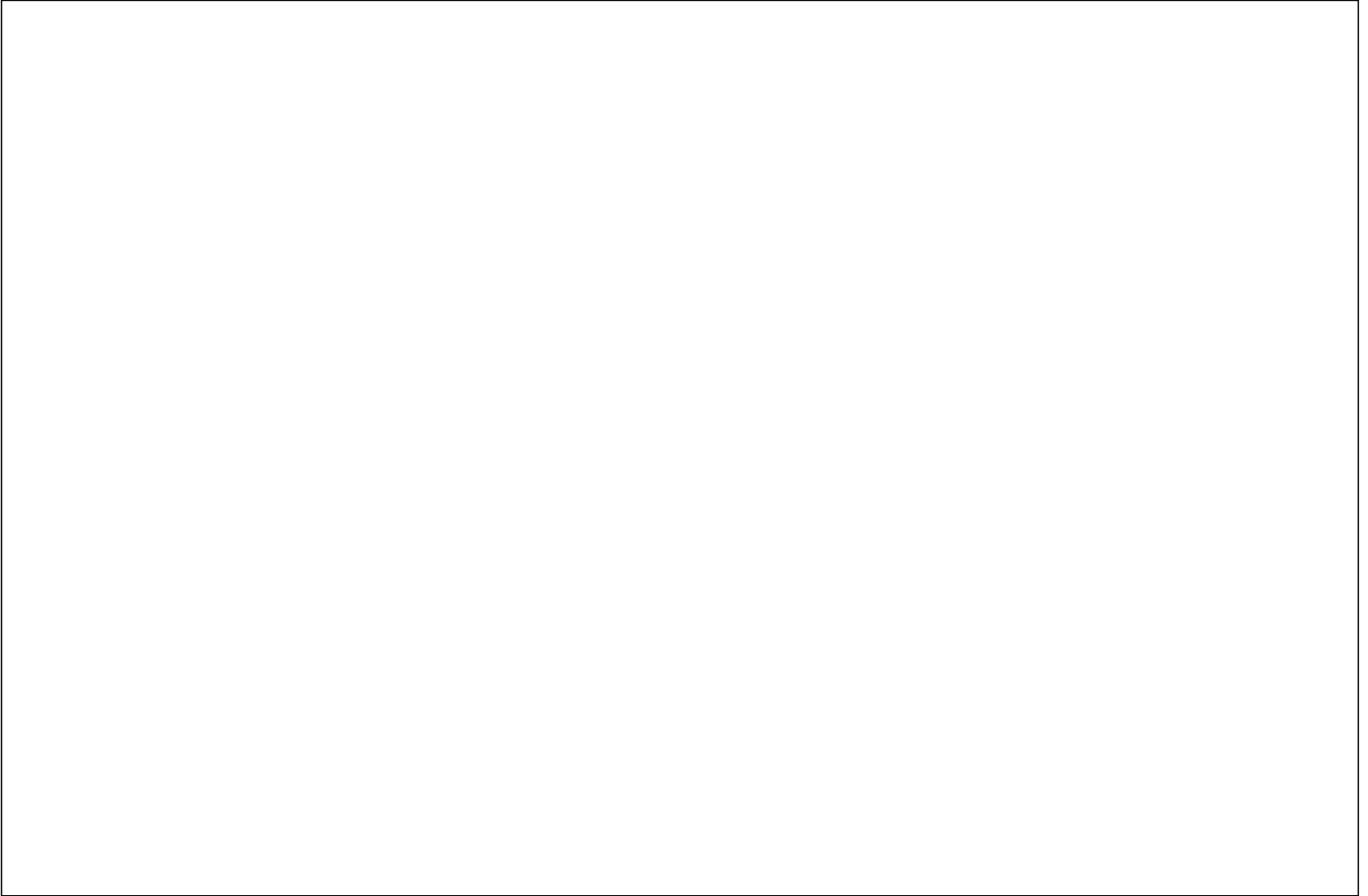
**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** White

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

## *Solidago nemoralis*

Gray Goldenrod [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 0.50 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 0.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

## *Solidago sempervirens*

Goldenrod [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

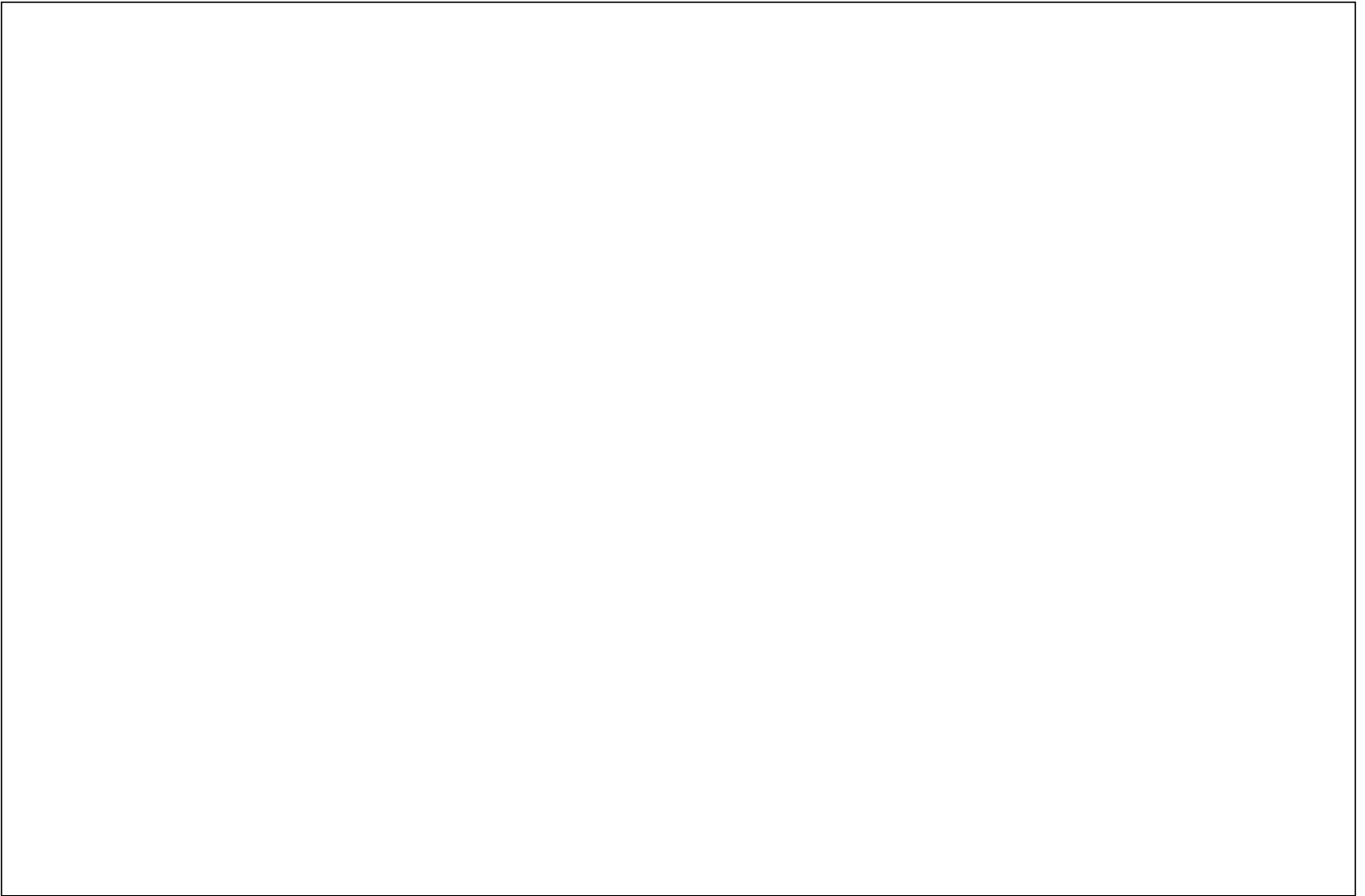
**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Saline places along the coast

## *Stokesia laevis*

Stokes aster [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Drought
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 1.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Coastal plains, bogs, pine savanna, and open woodlands.

## *Symphyotrichum laeve*

Smooth Aster [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

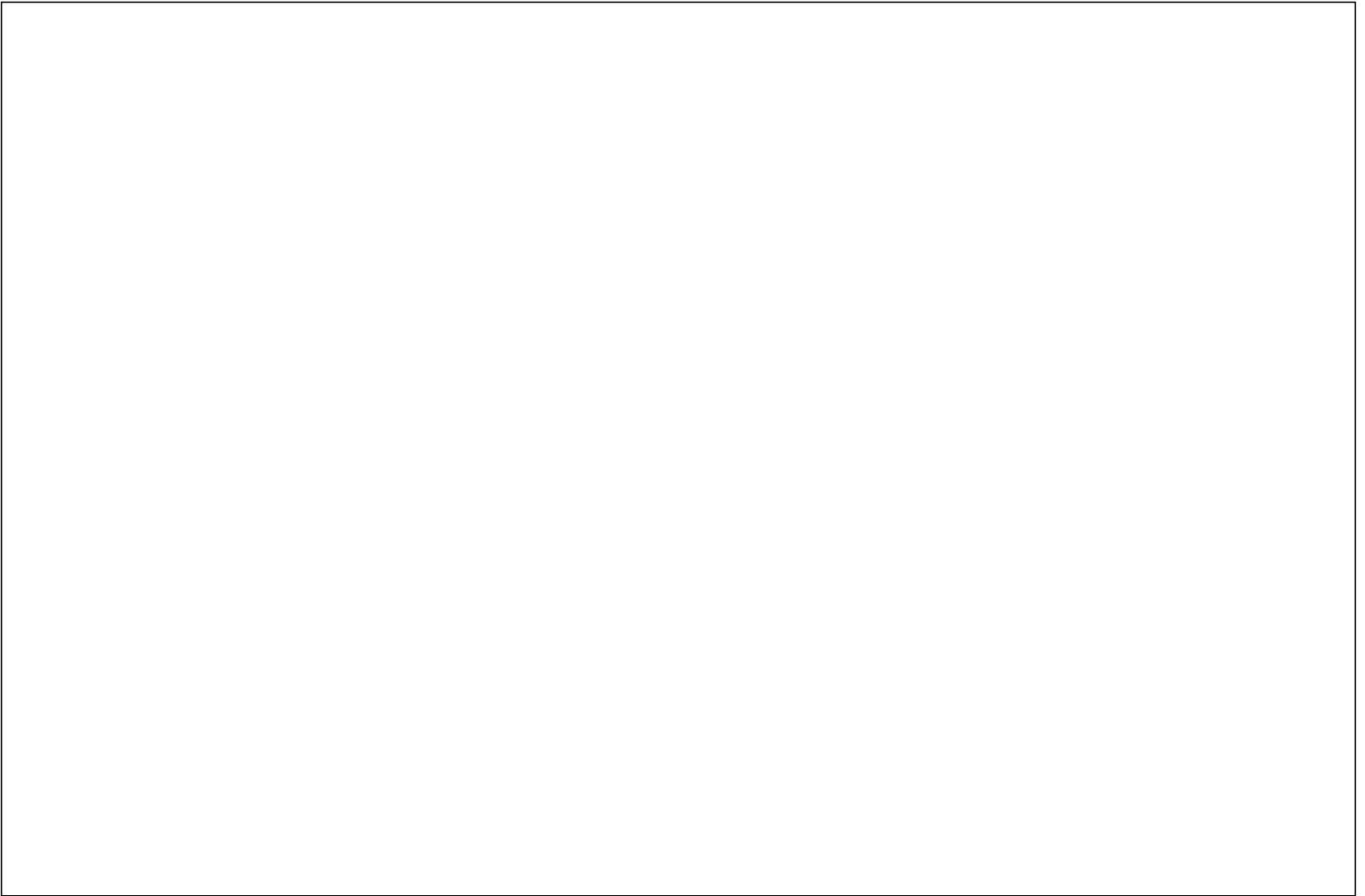
**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Open woods; dry to mesic prairies

## *Symphotrichum novae*

New England Aster [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist, open, wooded areas; meadows; mesic prairies; disturbed sites; stream banks

## *Symphyotrichum novi*

New York Aster [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

*Tiarella cordifolia*

Foam Flower [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 0.75 - 1 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul

**Site & Wildlife Details**

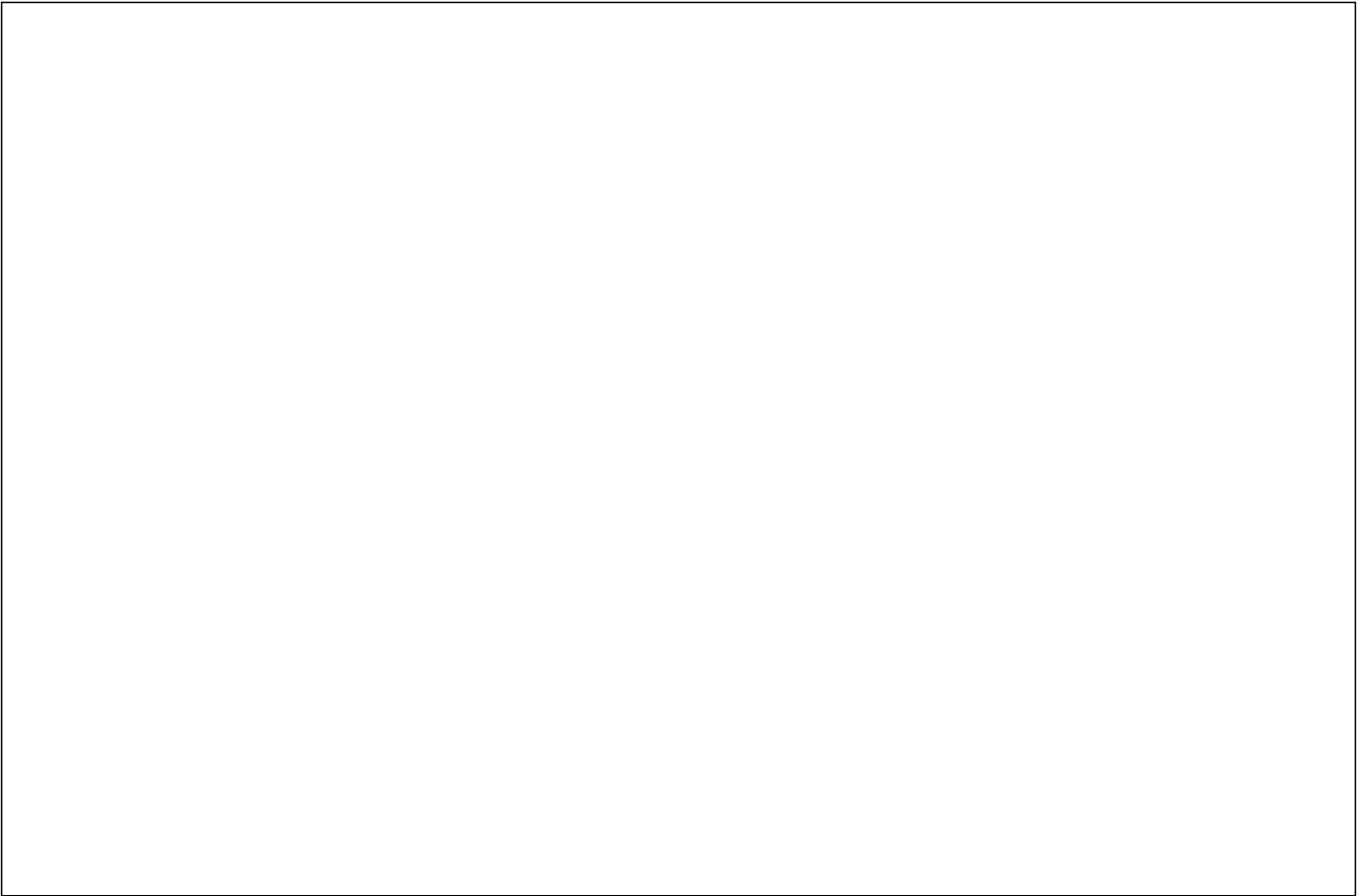
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**Habitats:** Cool, moist,



*Verbena hastata*

Blue Vervain [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

**Site & Wildlife Details**

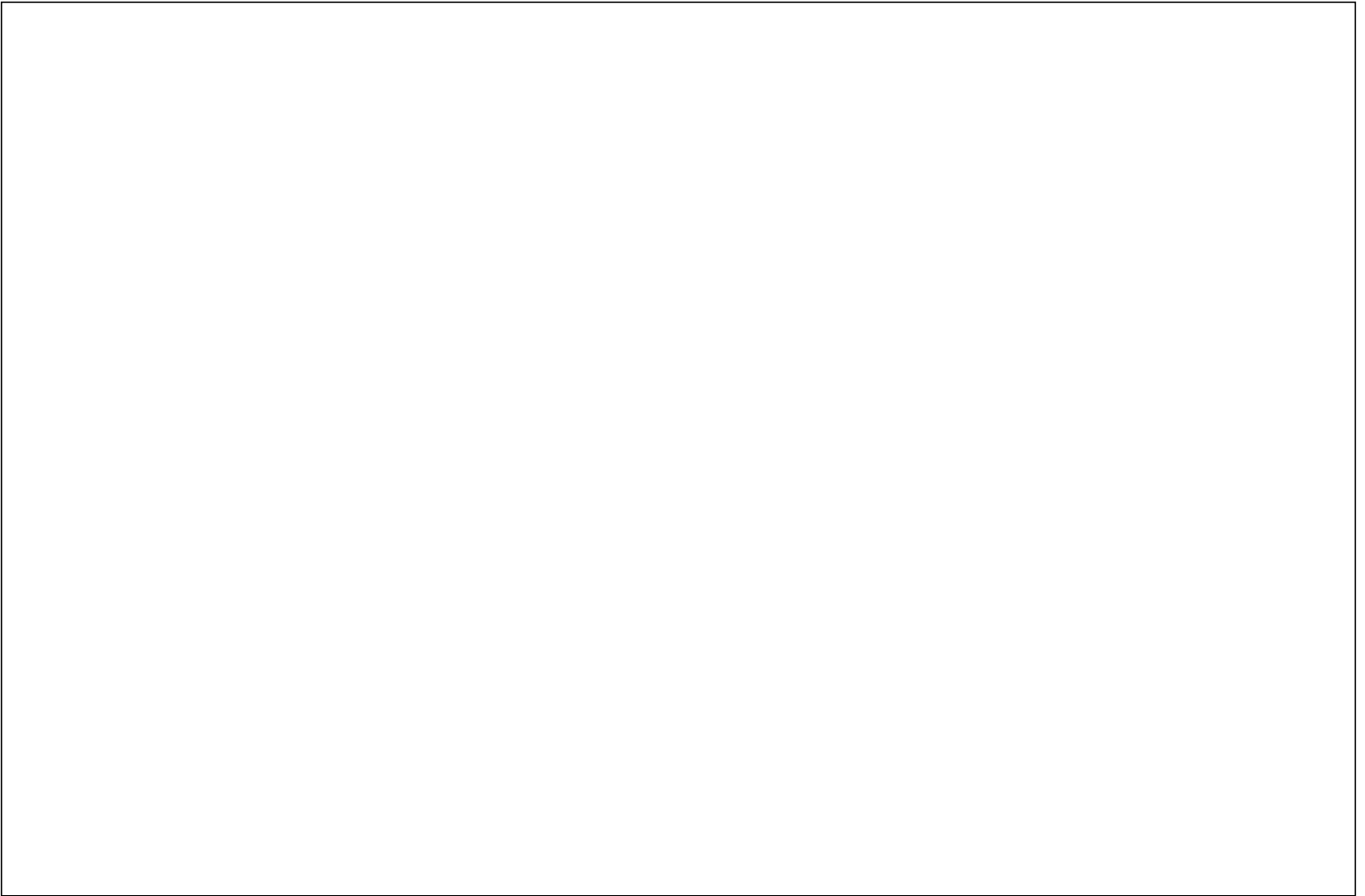
**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist prairies; damp thickets.

*Vernonia noveboracensis*

New York Ironweed [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 4 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Wet Meadow, Prairie, Field, Riparian, Swamp, Marsh. Most often found on the margins of flooded plains, lakes, ponds, waterways, marshes, swamps, and other wet areas.

## *Veronicastrum virginicum*

Culvers Root [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 4 - 7 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink, Blue | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

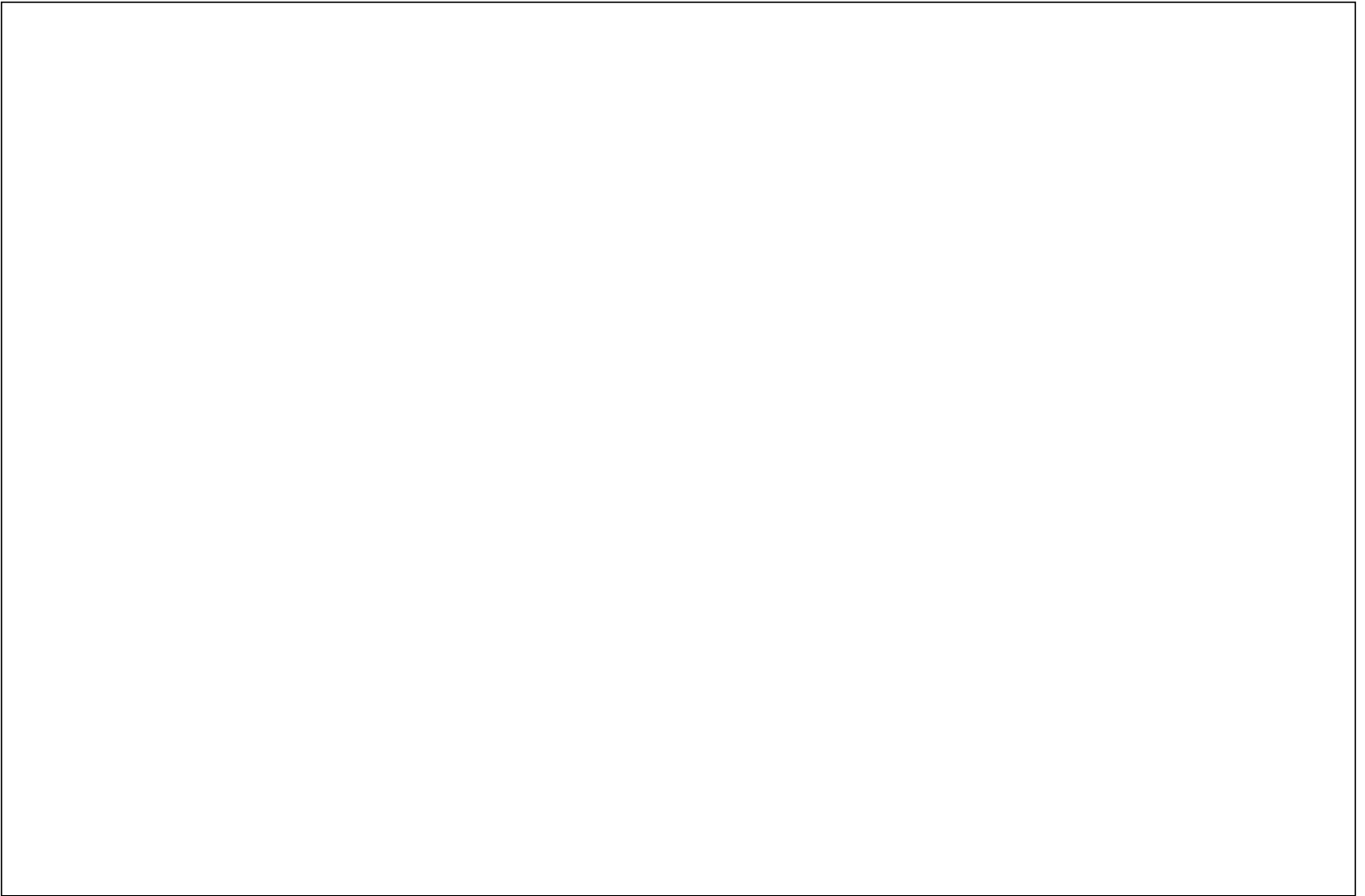
**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist prairies; woods; stream banks

# Ferns

*Athyrium filix*

Lady Fern [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Heavy Shade
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Habitats:** Forest, Woodland, Wet Meadow, Prairie, Field, Swamp, Marsh, Lakeshores

*Dryopteris marginalis*

Marginal woodland fern [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Heavy Shade
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun

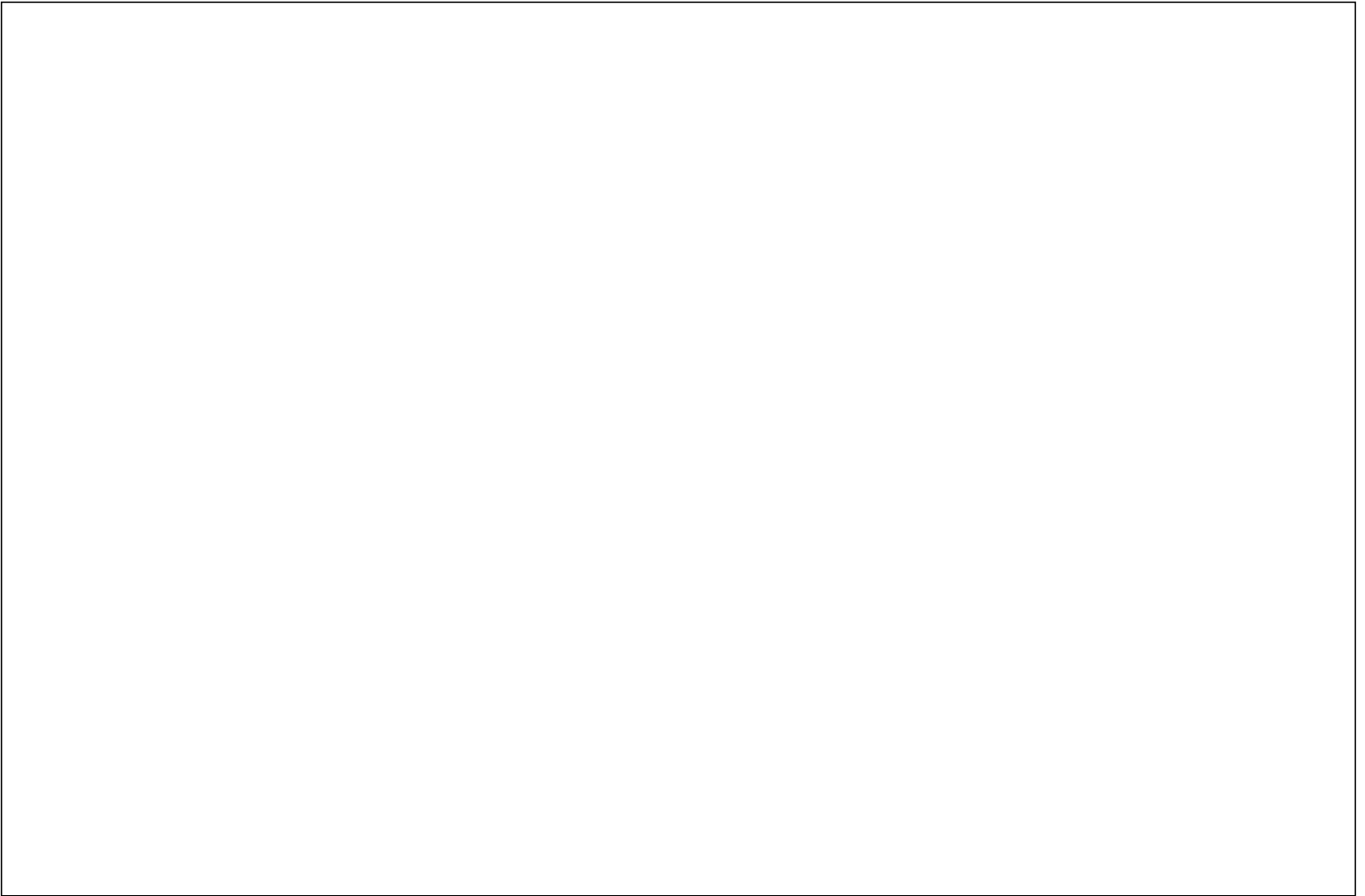
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Habitats:** Boggy areas; shaded ledges; bluffs

*Matteuccia struthiopteris*

Ostrich Fern [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Heavy Shade, Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 5 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 7

**Habitats:** Swamps; bottomland woods & thickets

## *Onoclea Sensibilis*

Sensitive Fern [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Heavy Shade, Clay Soil, Wet Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

### Site & Wildlife Details

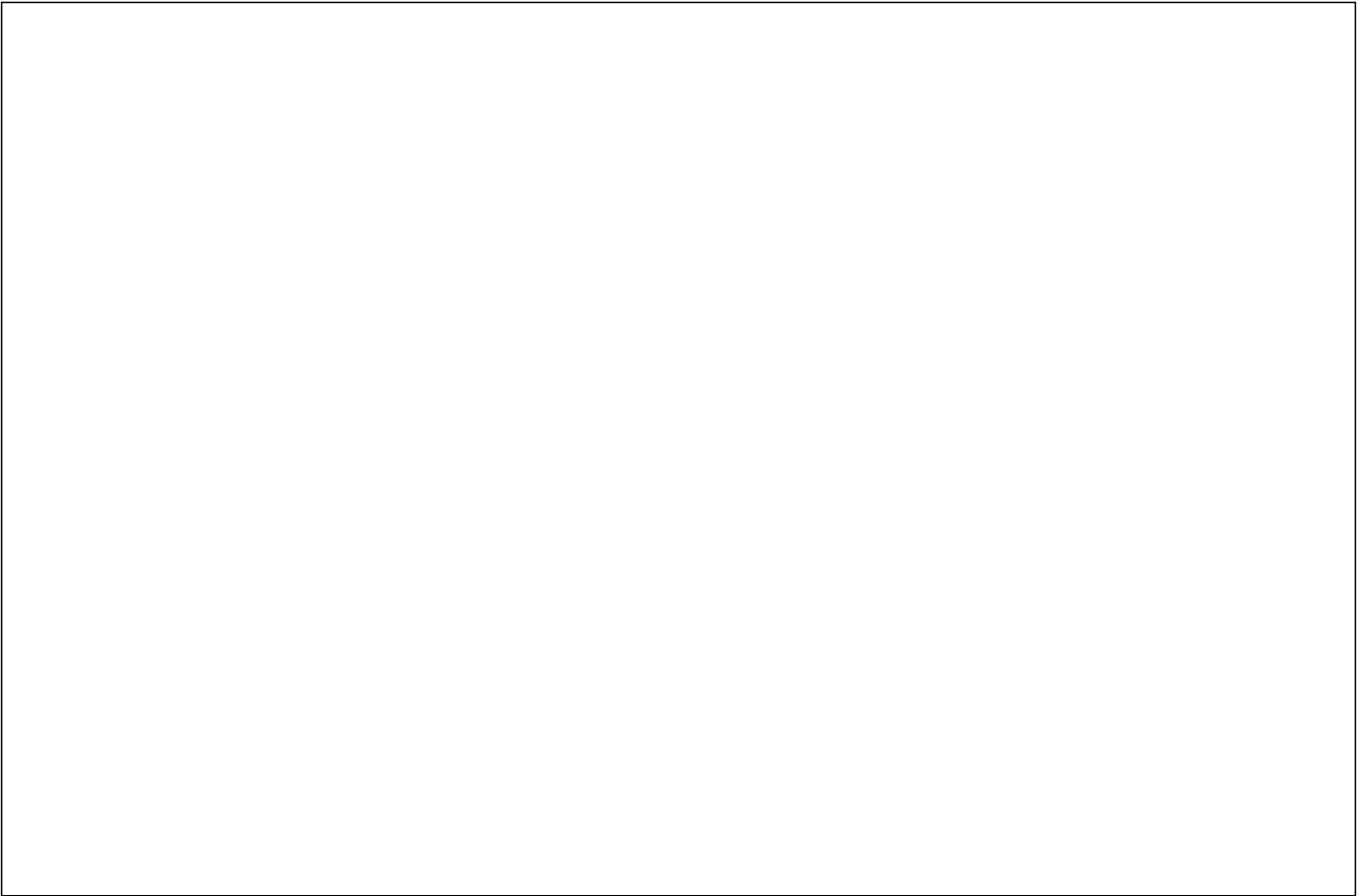
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**Habitats:** Moist woodlands, floodplains, stream banks, swamps, marshes



## *Osmunda cinnamomea*

Cinnamon fern [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Heavy Shade, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun

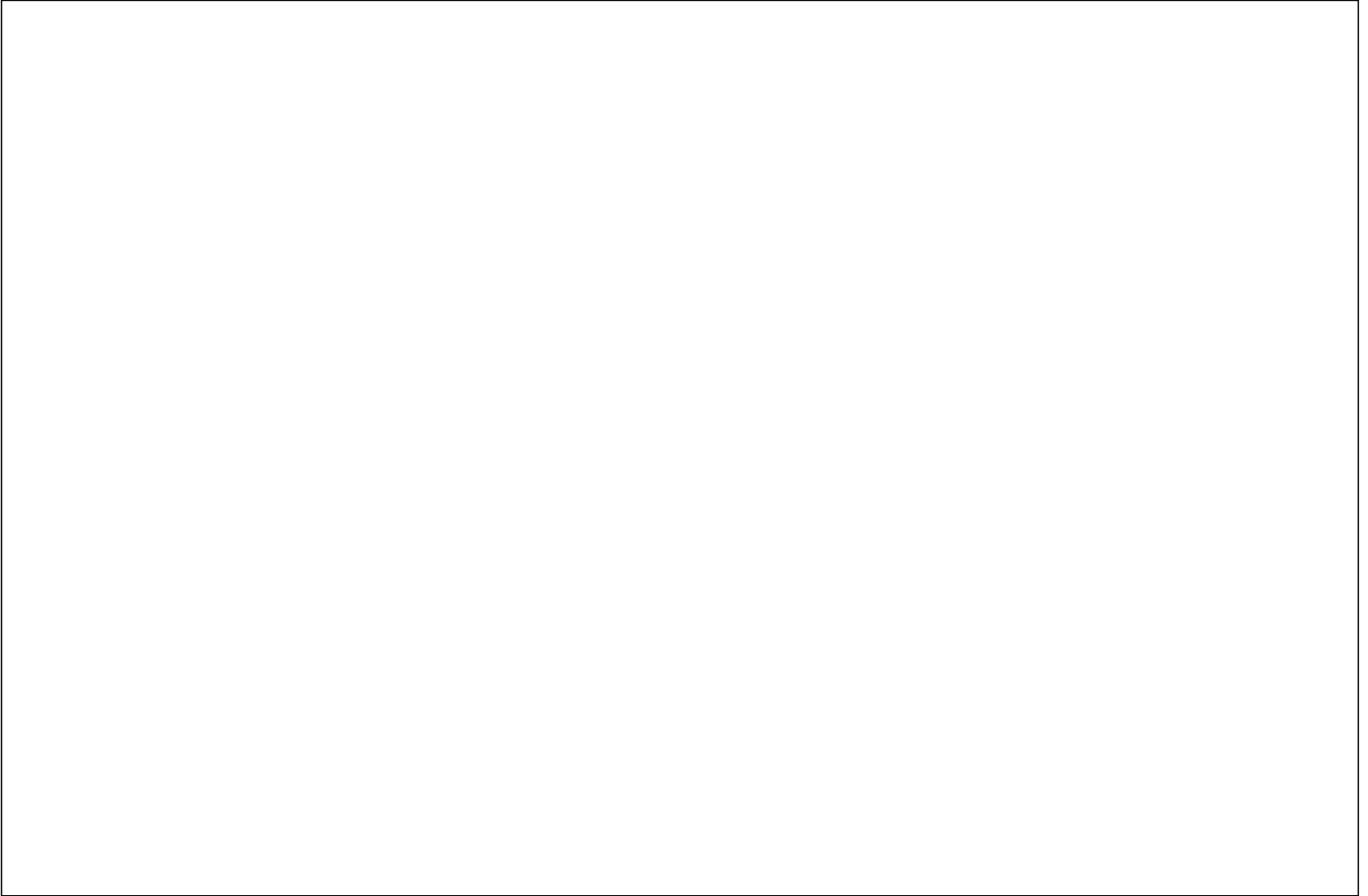
### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Habitats:** Boggy areas; shaded ledges; bluffs

*Osmunda regalis*

Royal Fern [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Heavy Shade, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Habitats:** Swamps; marshes; stream banks; moist depressions in savannas & prairies

*Polystichum acrostichoides*

Christmas Fern [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Heavy Shade, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable

**Site & Wildlife Details**

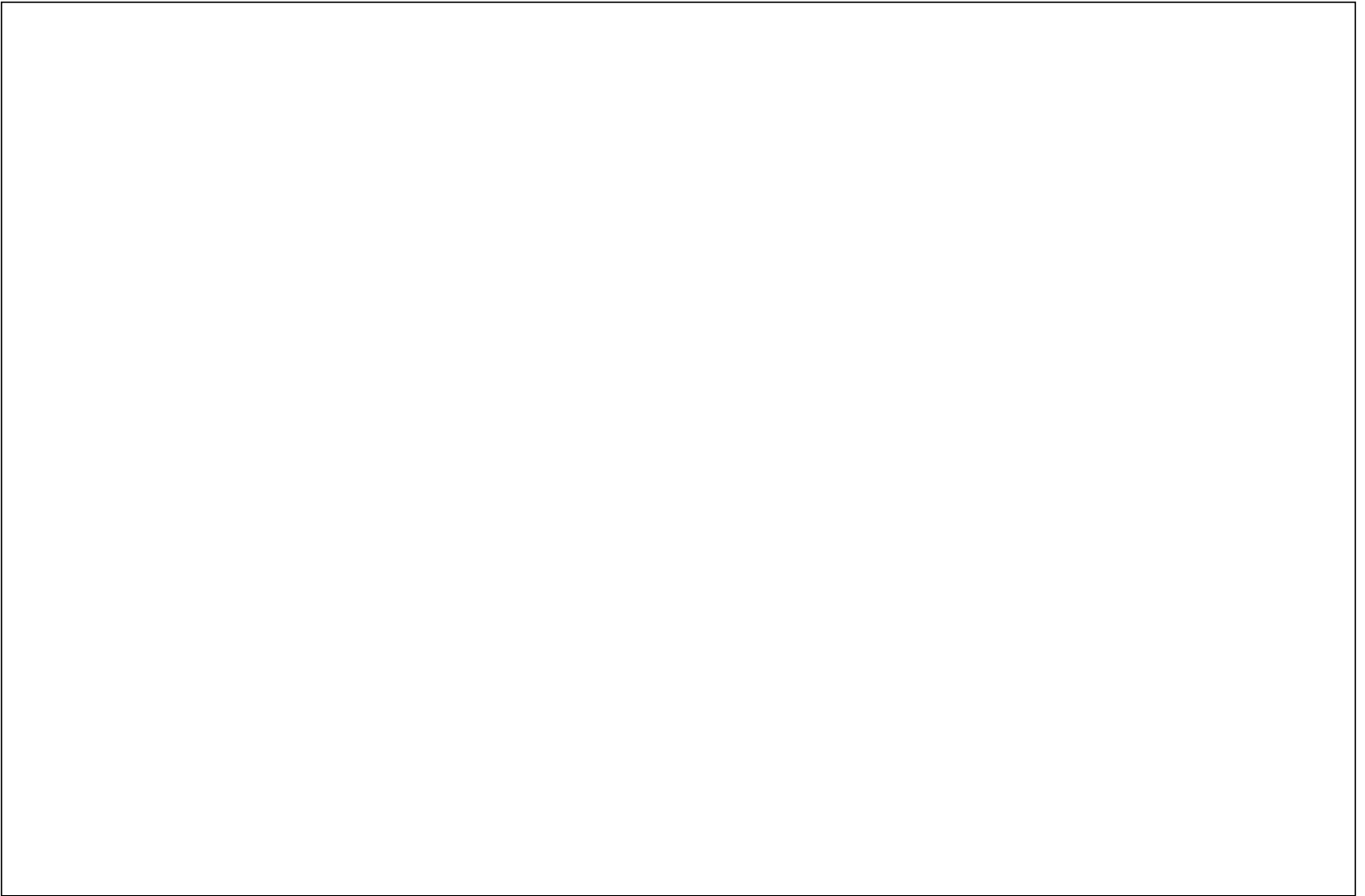
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**Habitats:** Rich, rocky woods; stream banks; swamps; thickets

## **Grasses, Sedges, And Rushes**

*Andropogon gerardii*

Big Bluestem [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 4 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red, Blue, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Usually in low meadows and prairies, rare in extreme west. Most abundant in the central plains but also a prairie component in moist grasslands all the way to the east coast.

## *Carex amphibola*

Creek sedge [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Heavy Shade, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Spread:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

## *Carex crinita*

Fringed Sedge [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Riparian

## *Carex grayi*

Gray Sedge [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9



## *Carex laxiculmis*

Creeping Sedge [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Heavy Shade, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Spread:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May, Jun

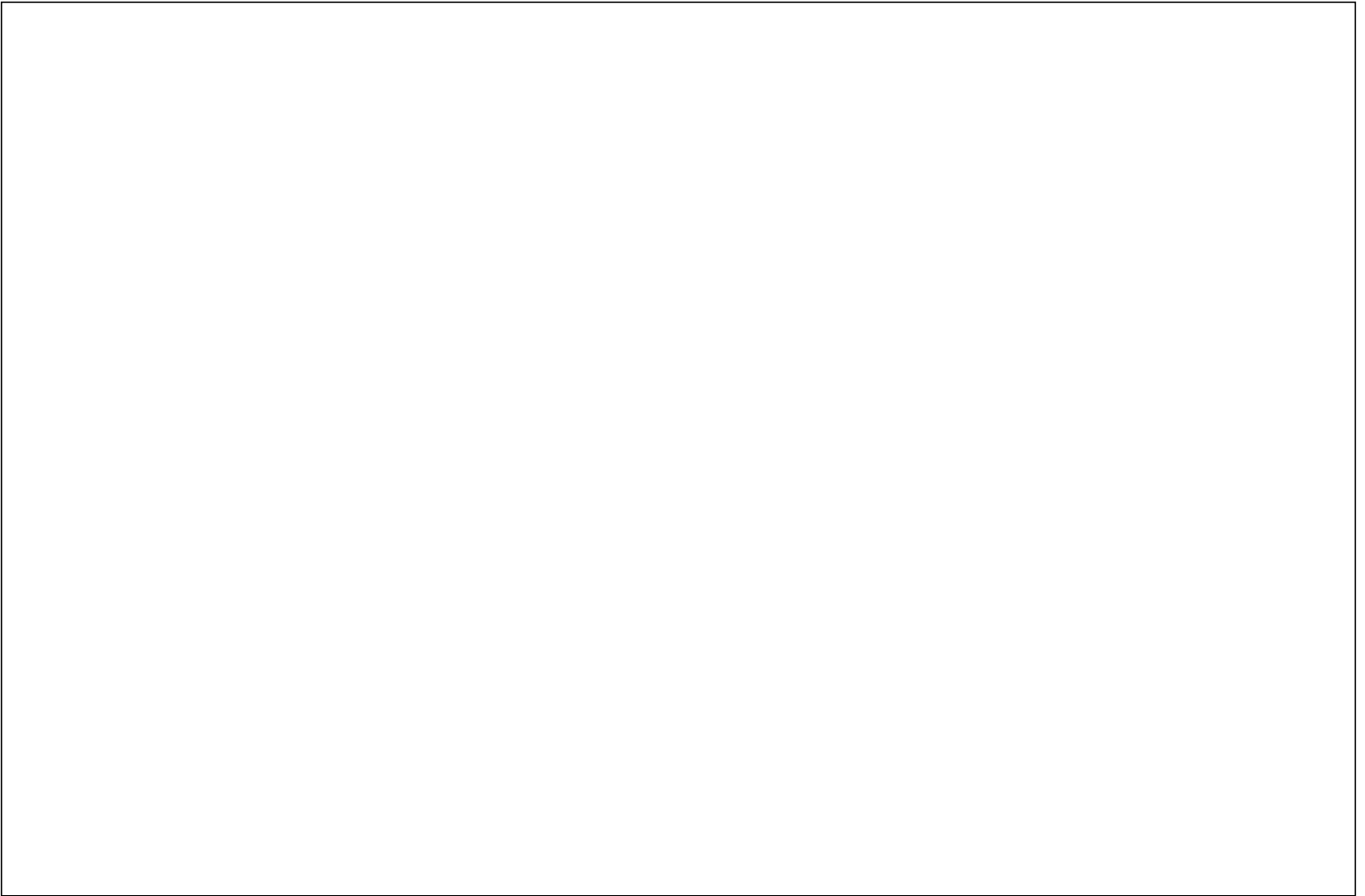
### Site & Wildlife Details

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**Habitats:** Low, wet,

## *Carex pensylvanica*

Pennsylvania sedge [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Heavy Shade, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Spread:** 0.50 - 1 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Part Shade, Full Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Habitats:** Dry to moist woods

## *Carex plantaginea*

Seersucker Sedge [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

## *Carex stipata*

Awl-fruited sedge [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Habitats:** Low, wet grounds

## *Carex stricta*

Tussock Sedge [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Habitats:** Acid or neutral swamps; swales; low woods

## *Carex vulpinoidea*

Fox sedge [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 1 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 7

**Habitats:** Wet Meadow/Prairie/Field, Swamp/Marsh

## *Chasmanthium latifolium*

Northern sea oats [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2.50 ft | **Bloom Color:** Blue, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Moist prairies; damp thickets.

*Deshampsia cespitosa*

Tufted hairgrass [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Low, moist areas; prairies; open woodlands



*Elymus virginicus*

Virginia wild rye [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Not Applicable

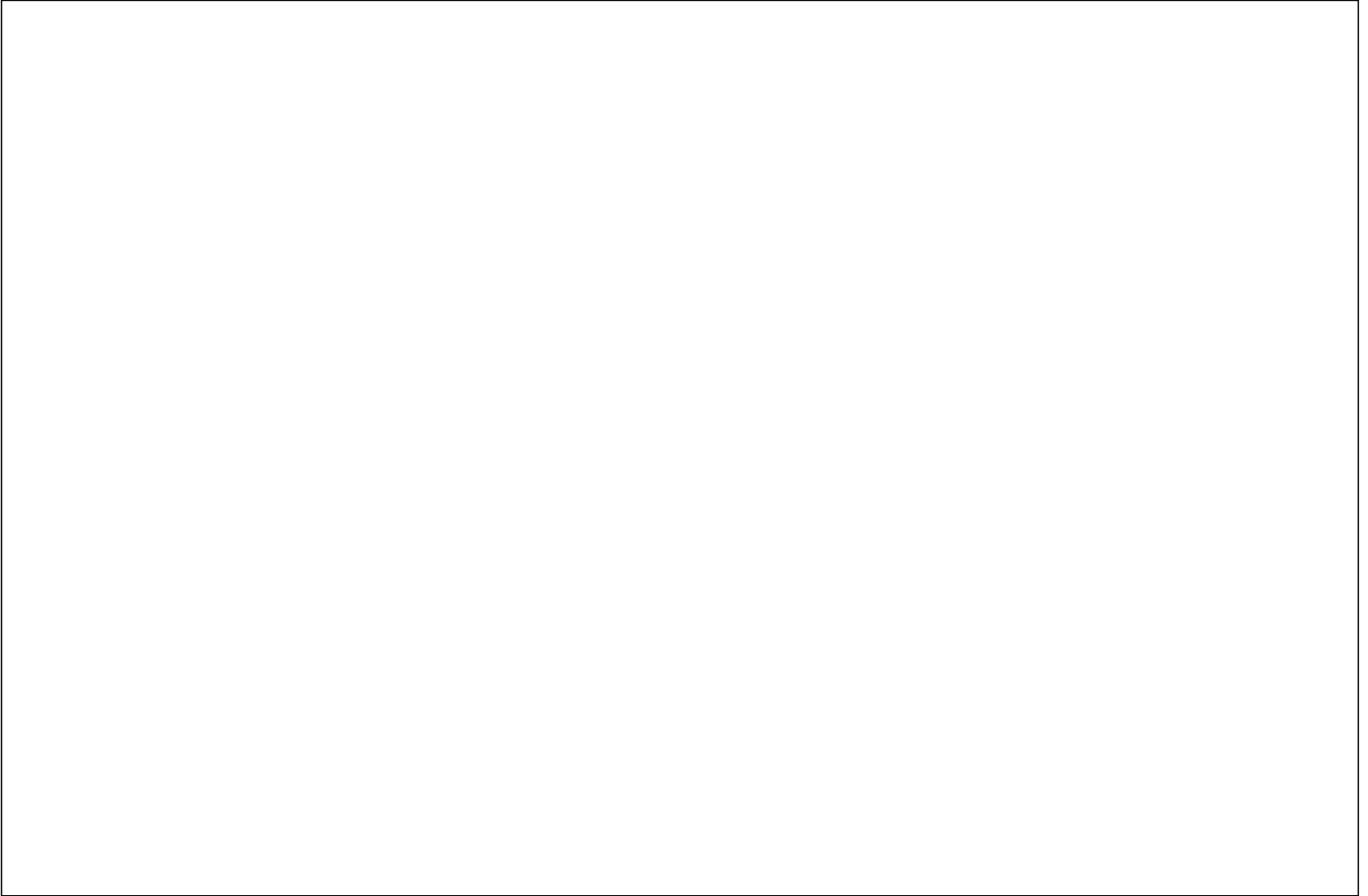
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**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

*Eragrostis spectabilis*

Purple lovegrass [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Sandy or disturbed sites; plains; open woods

*Juncus effusus*

Soft rush [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

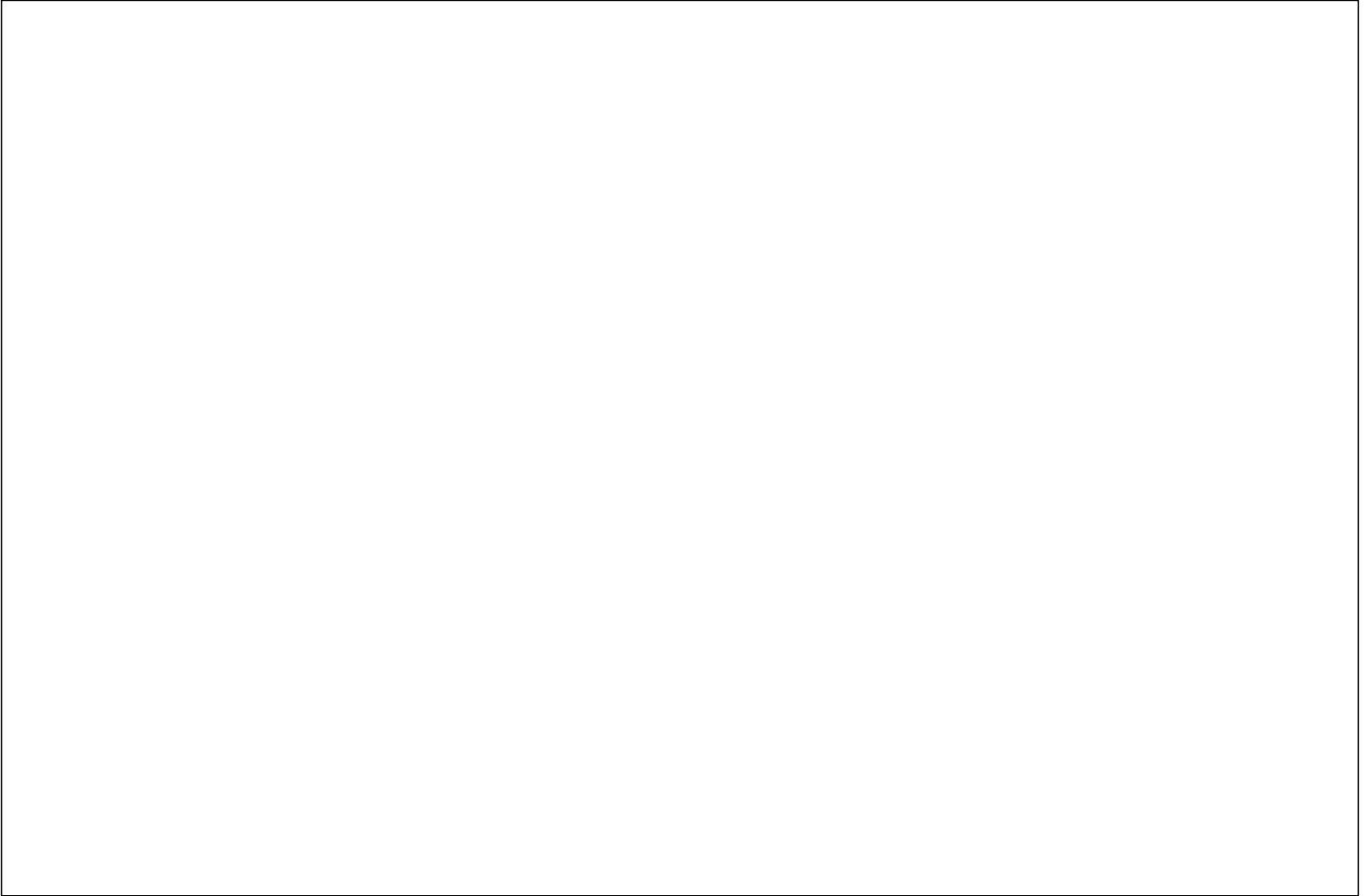
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**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Swamps, damp open ground.

*Panicum virgatum*  
Switchgrass [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Wet Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

### Site & Wildlife Details

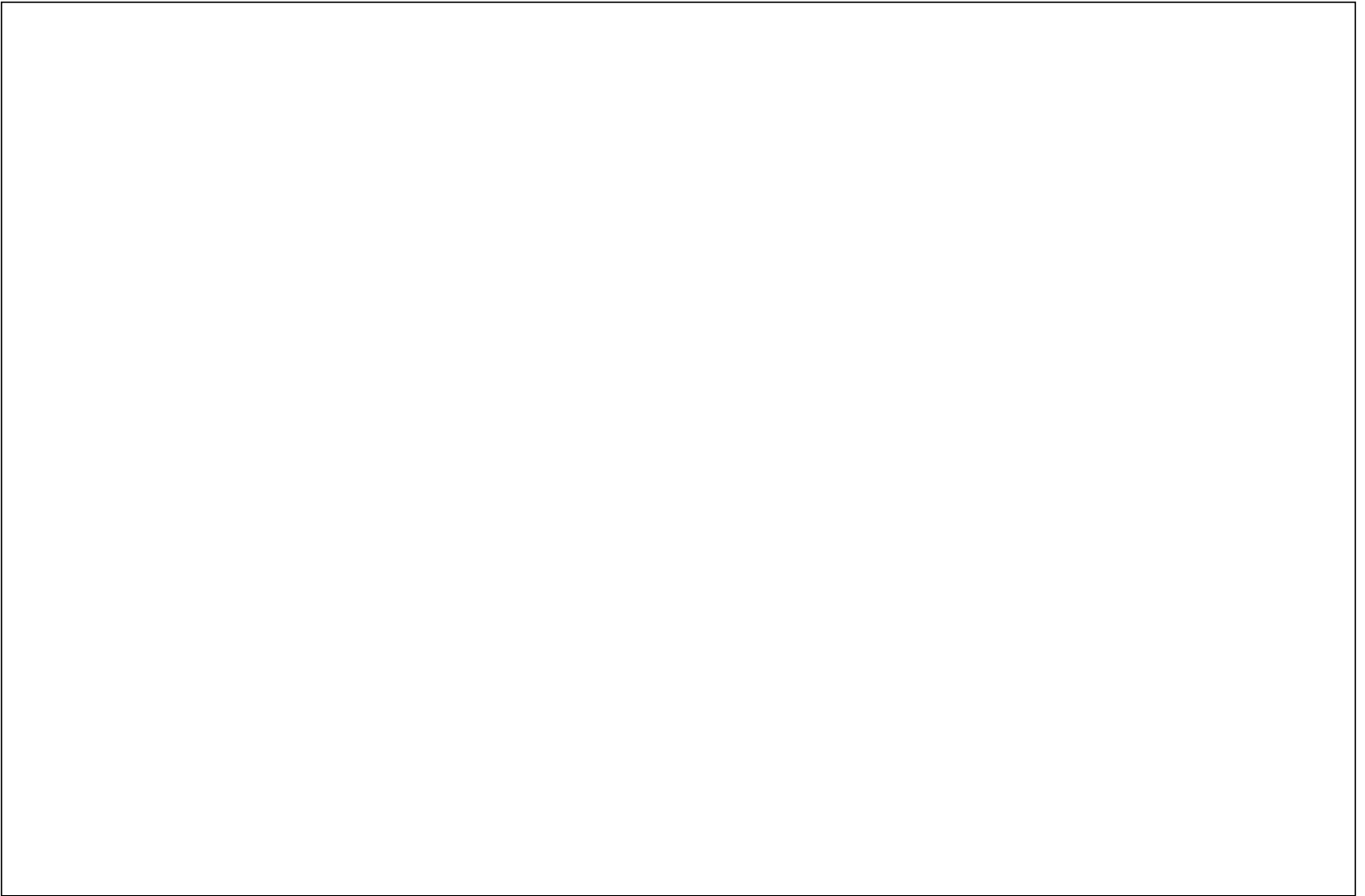
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### Wildlife Benefits: Birds

**Habitats:** Dry or moist prairies; bluffs; stream banks; open woods. In moist and seasonally damp open places throughout Texas, except for Trans-Pecos. Sand, loam, clay, limestone; poor drainage okay.

## *Schizachyrium scoparium*

Little Bluestem [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 1.50 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

### Site & Wildlife Details

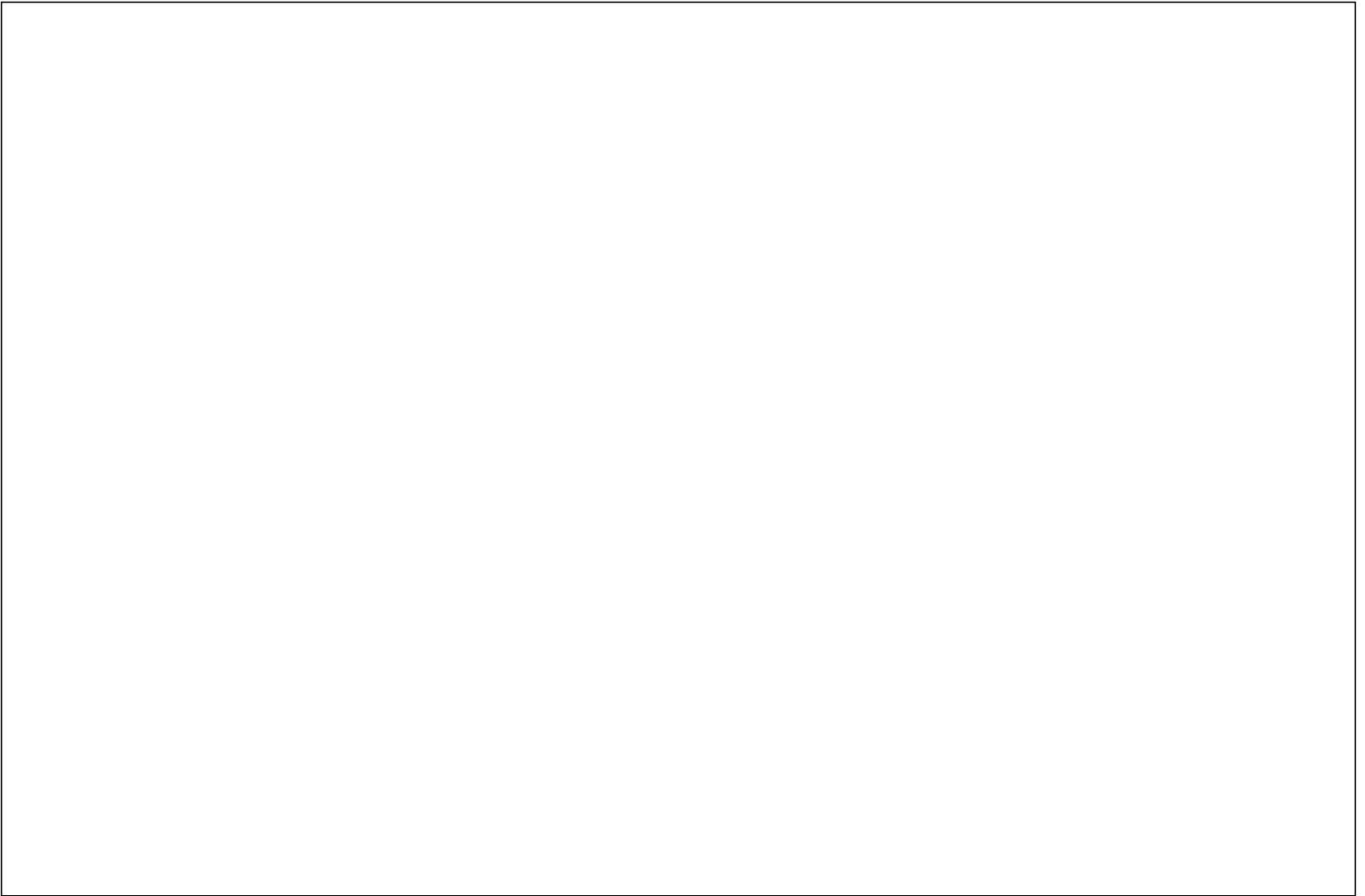
**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Woodlands' edge, Opening, Hillsides, Slopes, Prairie, Plains, Meadows, Pastures, Savannas

## *Sorghastrum nutans*

Indiangrass [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 1 - 2 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Aug, Sep, Oct

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

### Wildlife Benefits: Birds

**Habitats:** Prairies; open woods; fields; dry slopes. Frequent in north central Texas, Edwards Plateau, and Plains Country. Sand, loam, clay, limestone; seasonal poor drainage okay.

## *Sporobolus heterolepis*

Prairie Dropseed [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 3 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 3 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Well-drained limestone, sand, clay, loam. Rocky, open woods; thickets; prairies.

## **Shrubs**



*Andromeda polifolia*

Bog Rosemary [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Fruit Type:** Capsule, Leaf Retention: Evergreen

**Appearance**

**Height:** 1 - 2 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 6 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul

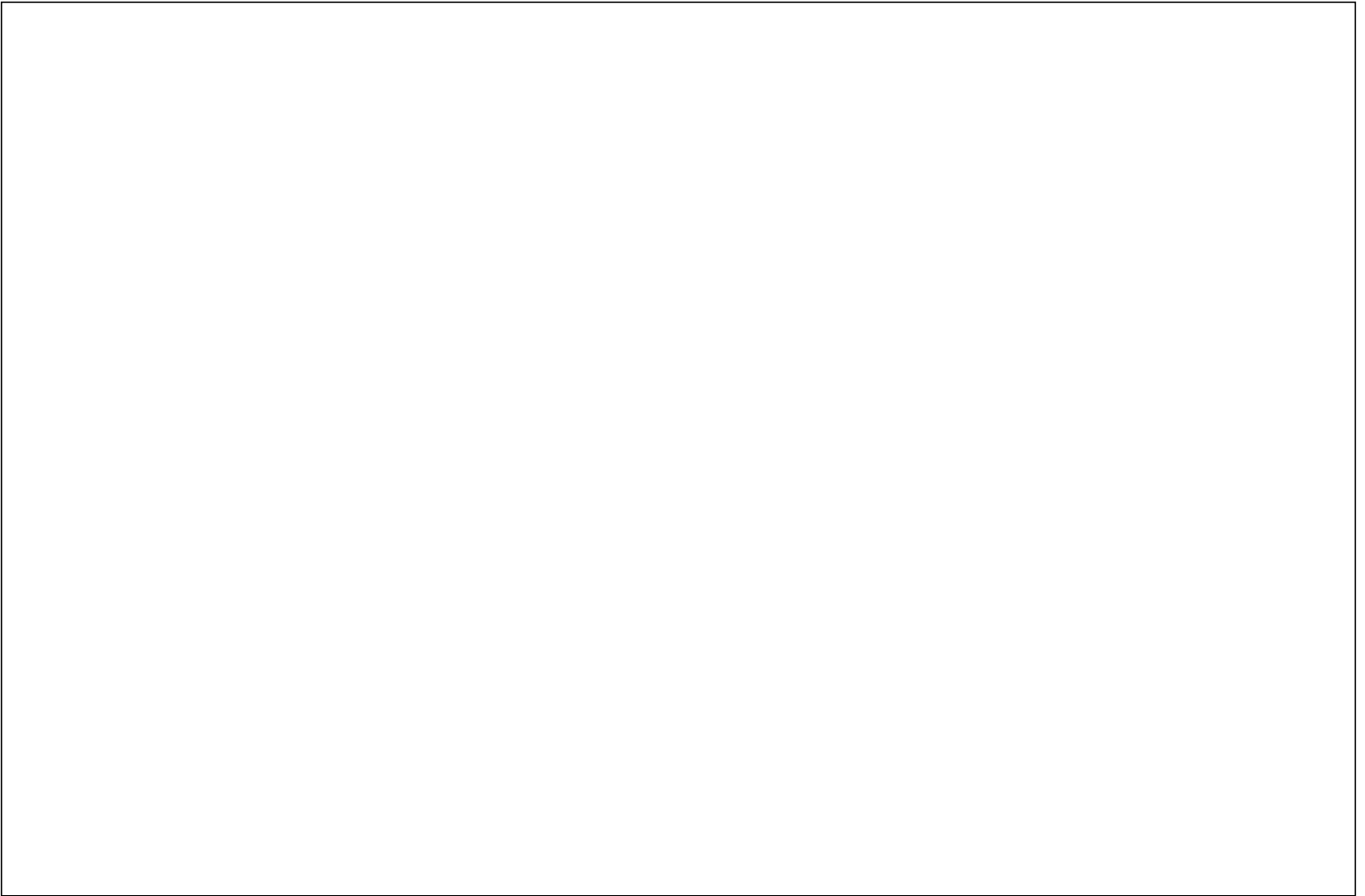
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**Sun:** Sun, Part Shade, Shade | **Water:** moist, wet

**Habitats:** Acid bogs

*Aronia arbutifolia*

Red chokeberry [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 6 - 10 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 6 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May

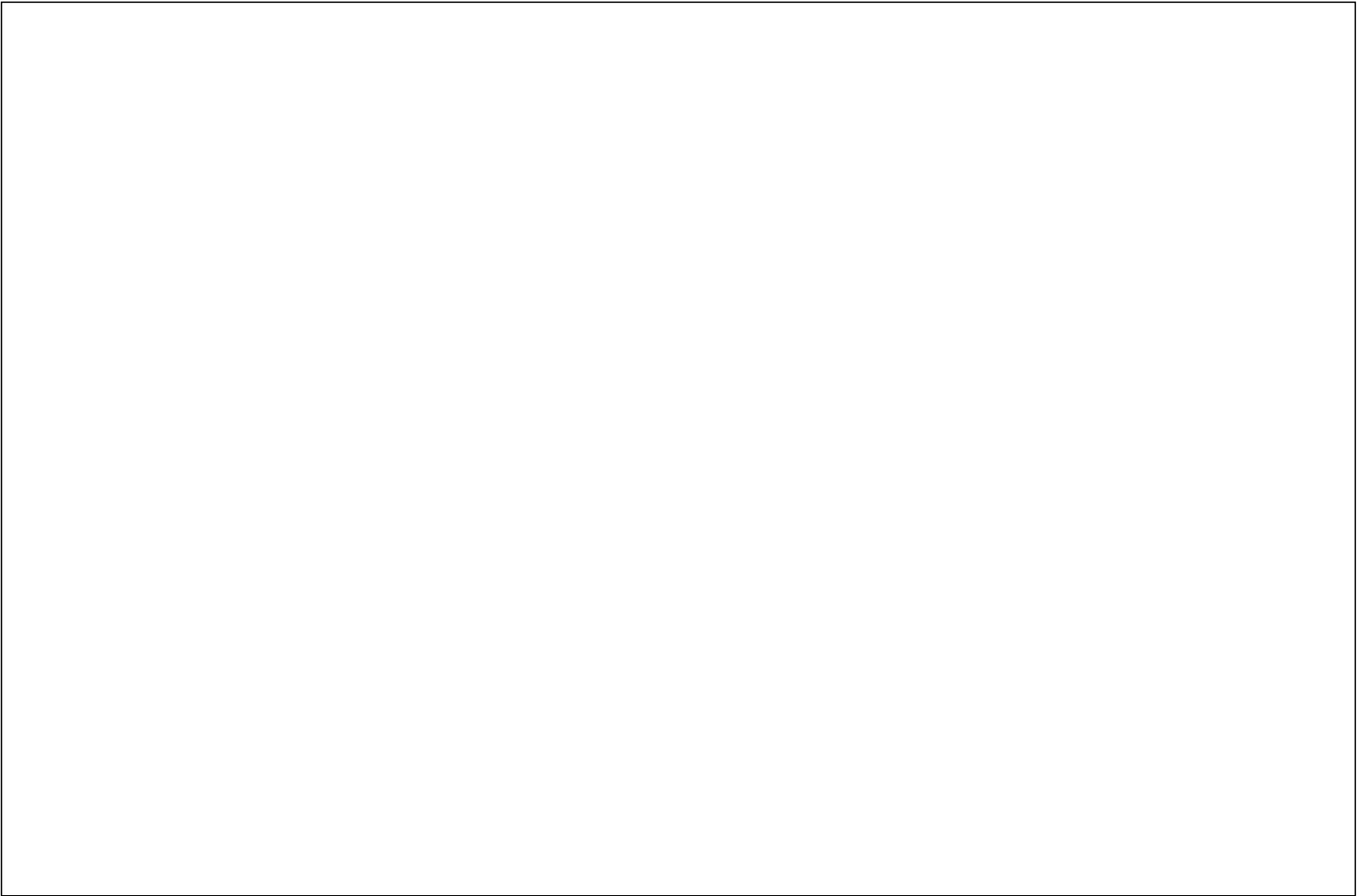
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Pine bottomlands; swamps; open bogs

*Aronia melanocarpa*

Black chokeberry [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Erosion
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 4 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 8 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May

**Site & Wildlife Details**

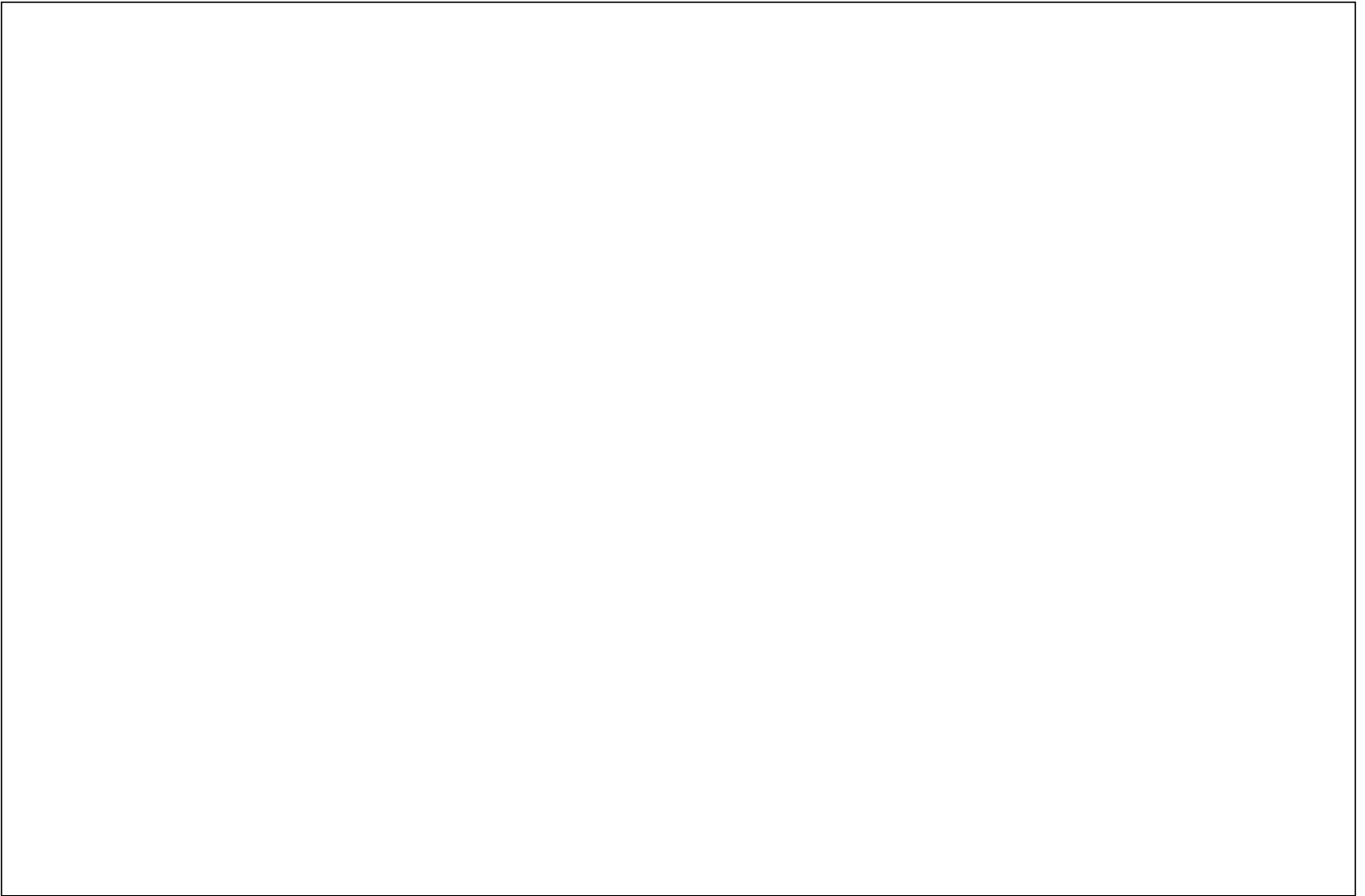
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**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Lowlands; bogs; dunes; bluffs

## *Cephalanthus occidentalis*

Buttonbush [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 5 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 4 - 8 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** In swamps, around ponds and margins of streams throughout the state. Sand, loam, clay, limestone; moist, poor drainage or standing water okay. Prairie swales; lake, marsh, creek & swamp margins; dry, limestone bluffs

## *Clethra alnifolia*

Sweet Pepperbush [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Heavy Shade, Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 8 ft | **Spread:** 4 - 6 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Swamps; sea shores; stream banks; hillside bogs

*Cornus amomum*

Silky Dogwood [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion, Wet Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 6 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Jun

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Swamps; damp thickets; wet prairies

## *Cornus racemosa*

Graystem dogwood [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 10 - 15 ft | **Spread:** 10 - 15 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Green | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Thickets; river bank woods; wet to dry, low, open areas

## *Cornus sericea*

Red-osier Dogwood aka Red-twig Dogwood [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 6 - 9 ft | **Spread:** 7 - 10 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 7

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** River banks; lake shores; wooded or open, wet areas



## *Hamamelis Virginiana*

Witchhazel [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion, Clay Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 15 - 20 ft | **Spread:** 15 - 20 ft | **Bloom Color:** Orange, Yellow, Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

### Site & Wildlife Details

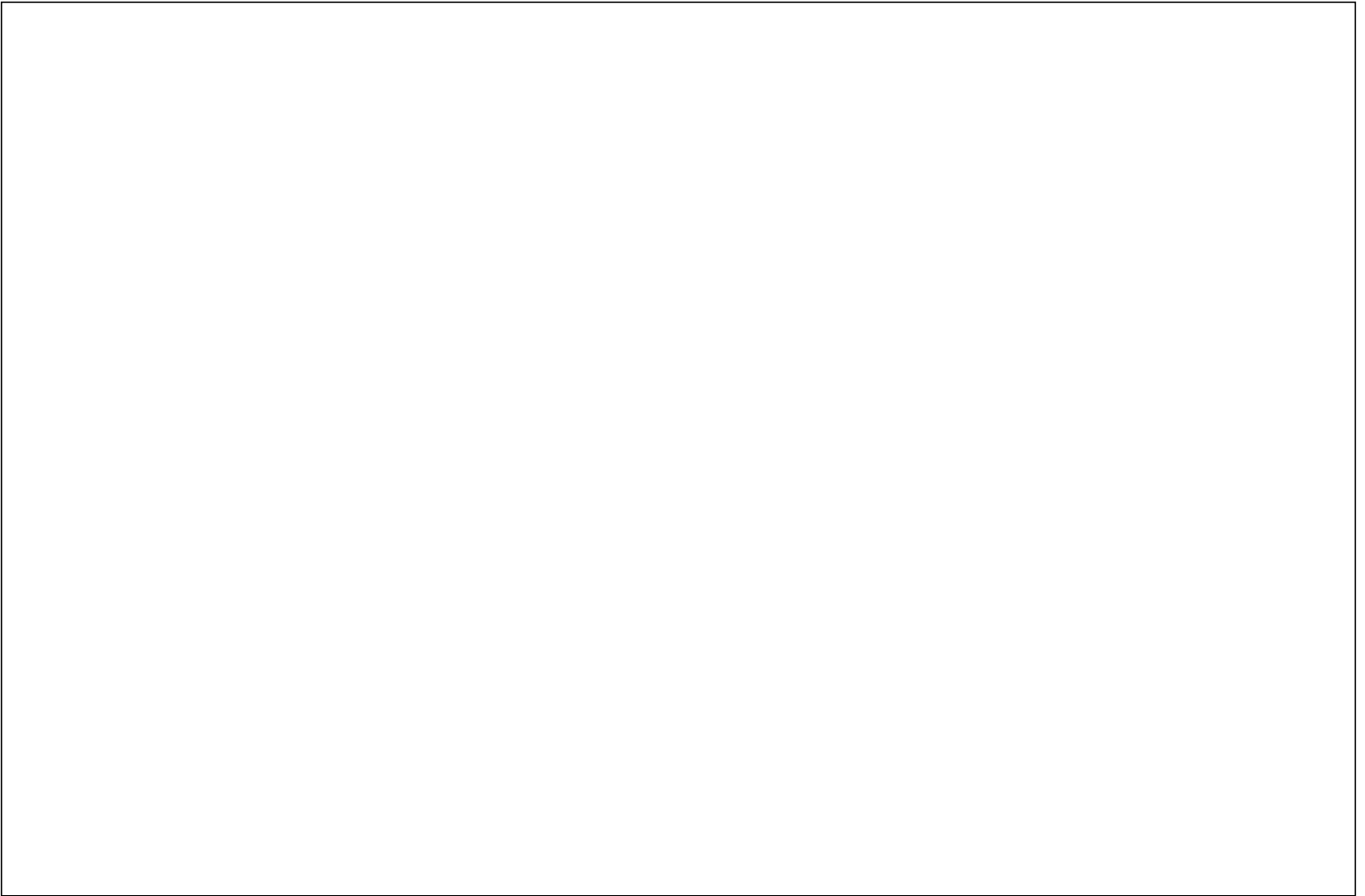
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Moist woods, thickets, bottomlands

*Hydrangea quercifolia*

Oakleaf Hydrangea [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 6 - 8 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 8 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Green, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul

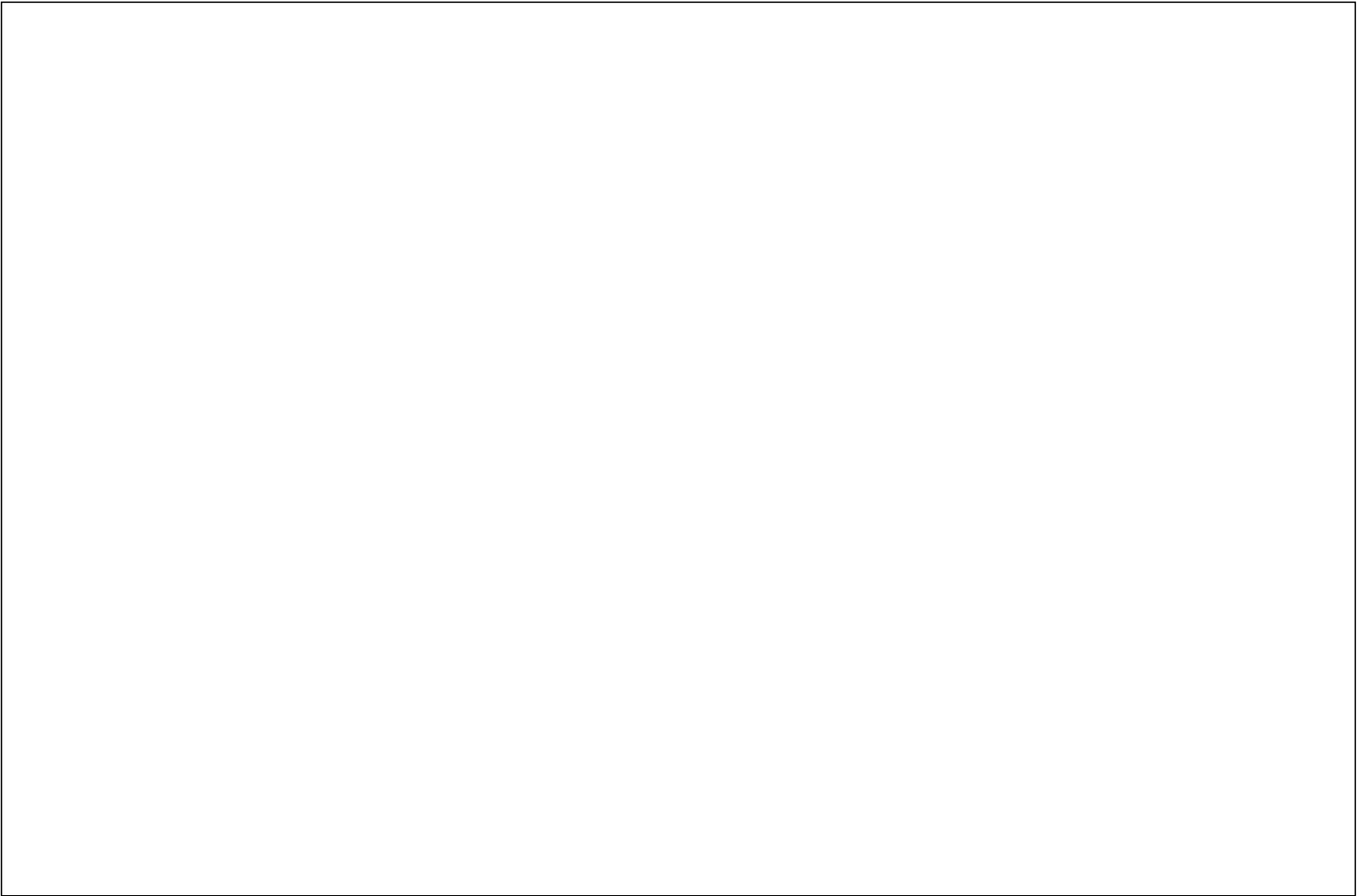
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Damp woods; river banks

## *Ilex glabra*

Inkberry [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer, Erosion, Wet Soil, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 5 - 8 ft | **Spread:** 5 - 8 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Bogs; wet woods of coastal plains

## *Ilex verticillata*

Common winterberry [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 6 - 8 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 8 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Yellow, Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Swamps, Stream, river banks, Near lakes or ponds

## *Itea virginica*

Virginia Sweetspire [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Heavy Shade, Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 5 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun

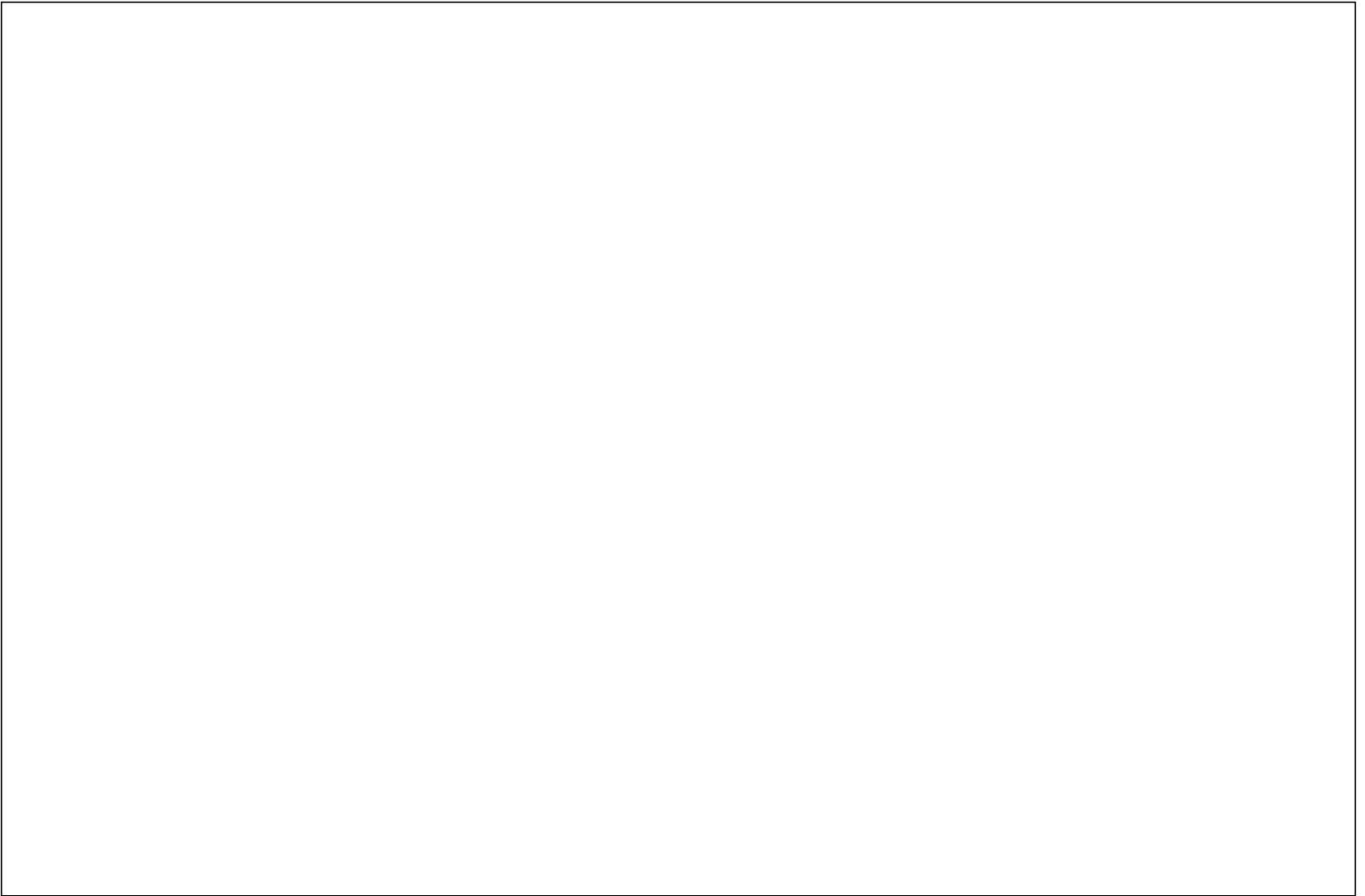
### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Wet, wooded stream banks; swamps; low pine barrens

*Kalmia latifolia*

Mountain laurel [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Deer
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 5 - 15 ft | **Spread:** 5 - 15 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul

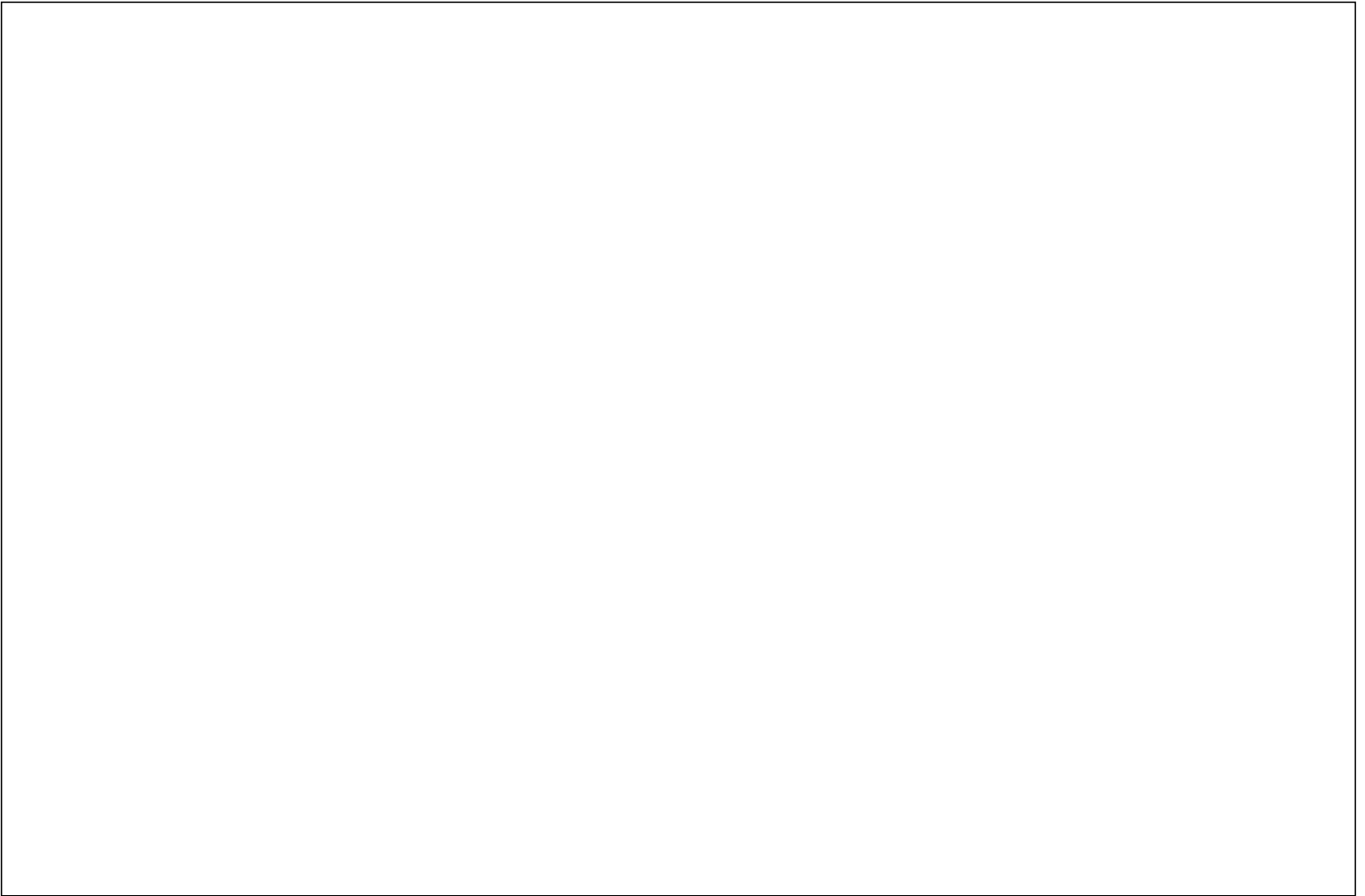
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Wet to dry woods & pastures; cool meadows & slopes

*Leucothoe racemosa*

Fetterbush [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Erosion
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 8 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May

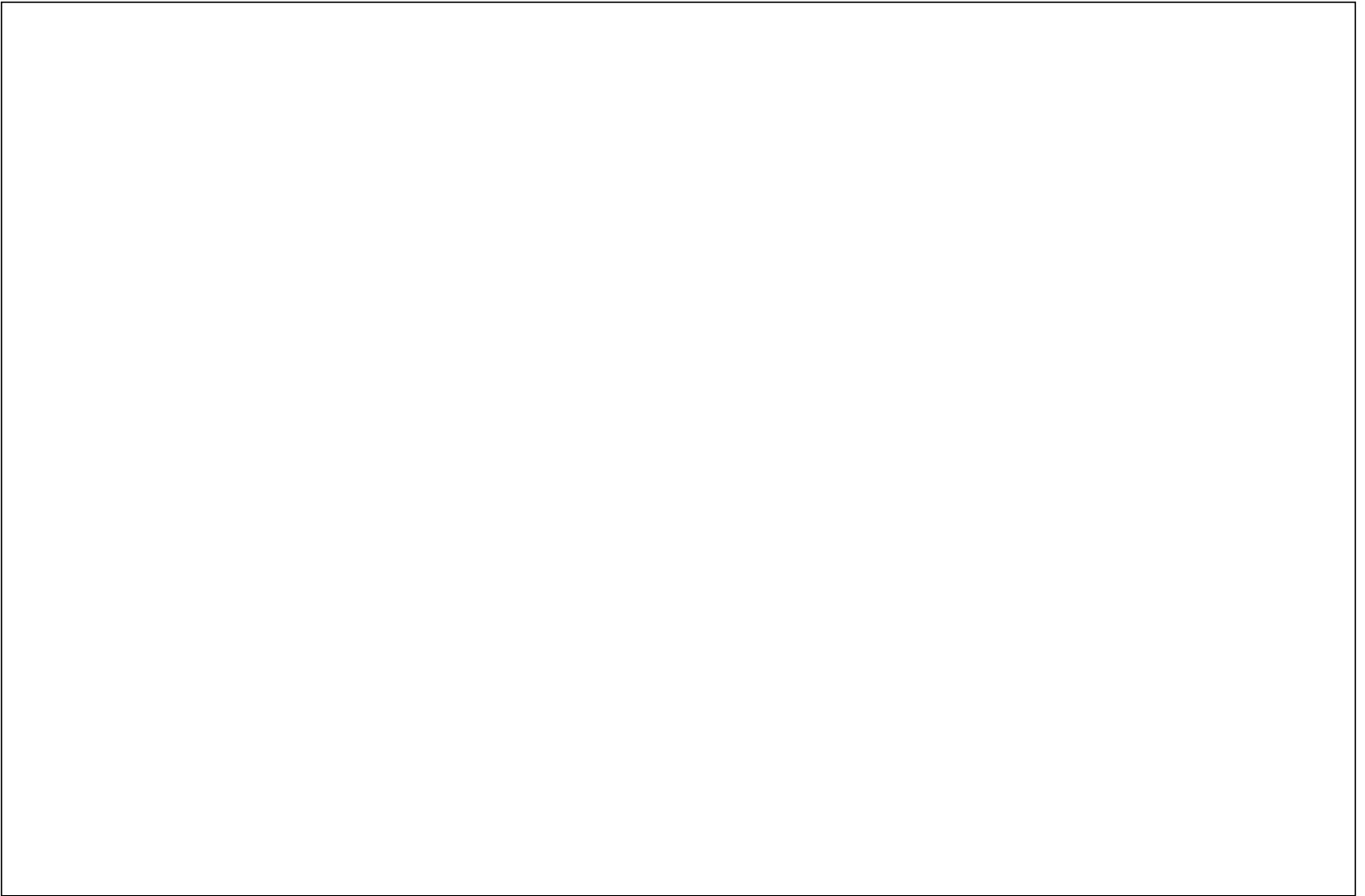
**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Pocosins; low woods; shrub-tree bogs & bays

*Lindera benzoin*

Spicebush [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Drought, Heavy Shade, Clay Soil, Wet Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 6 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Apr

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Low,



*Myrica pensylvanica*  
Northern Bayberry [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Erosion, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 4 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 5 - 7 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Site & Wildlife Details**

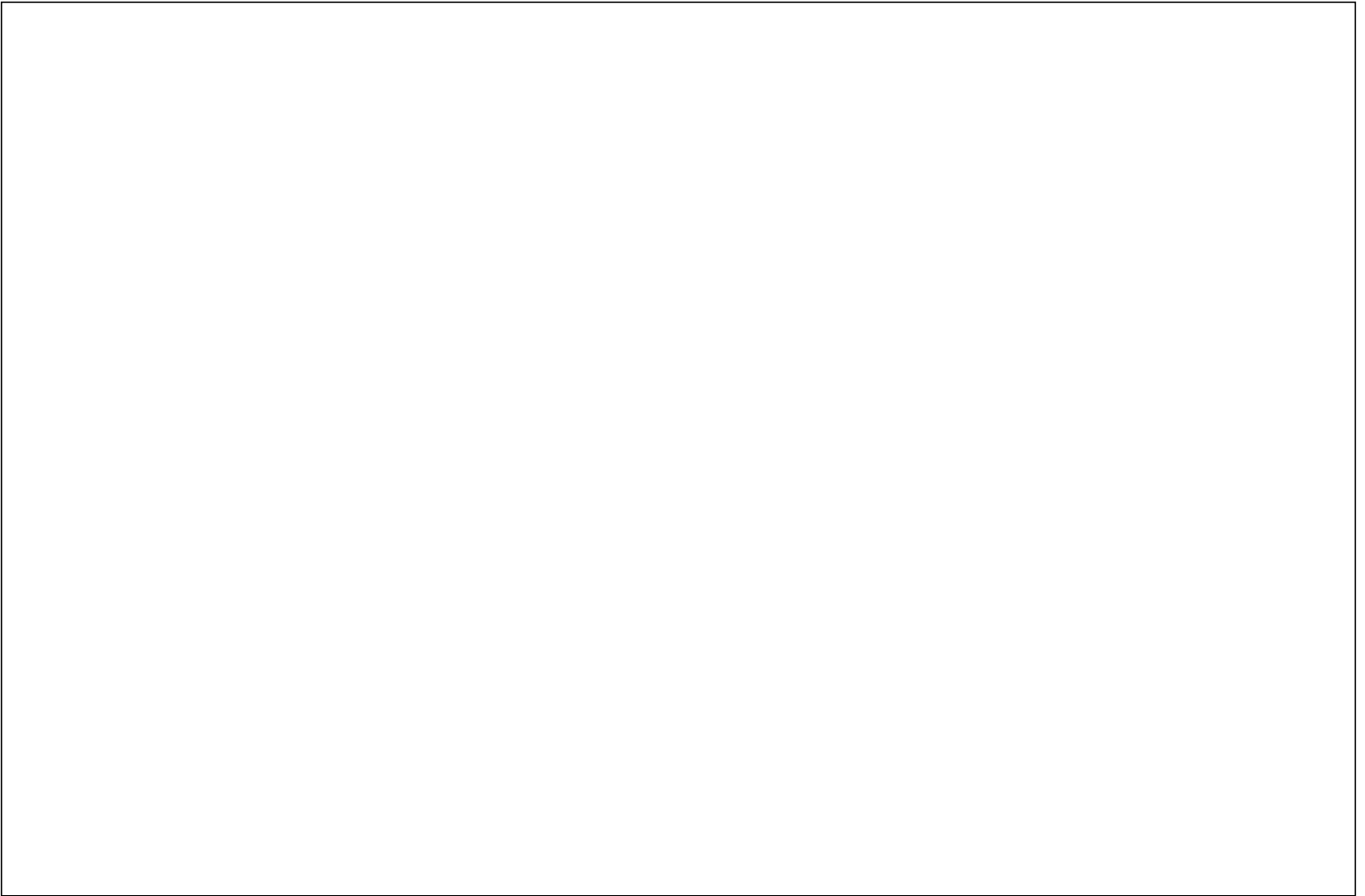
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 6

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Ledges, wood borders; thickets

*Rhododendron viscosum*

Swamp azalea [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 5 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Swamps; bogs; stream margins

## *Rhus aromatica*

Fragrant Sumac [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Rabbit, Drought, Erosion, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 2 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 10 ft | **Bloom Color:** Yellow | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Dry, rocky prairies, old fields & open woods

## *Rosa carolina*

Carolina Rose [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 5 - 10 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jun, Jul, Aug

### Site & Wildlife Details

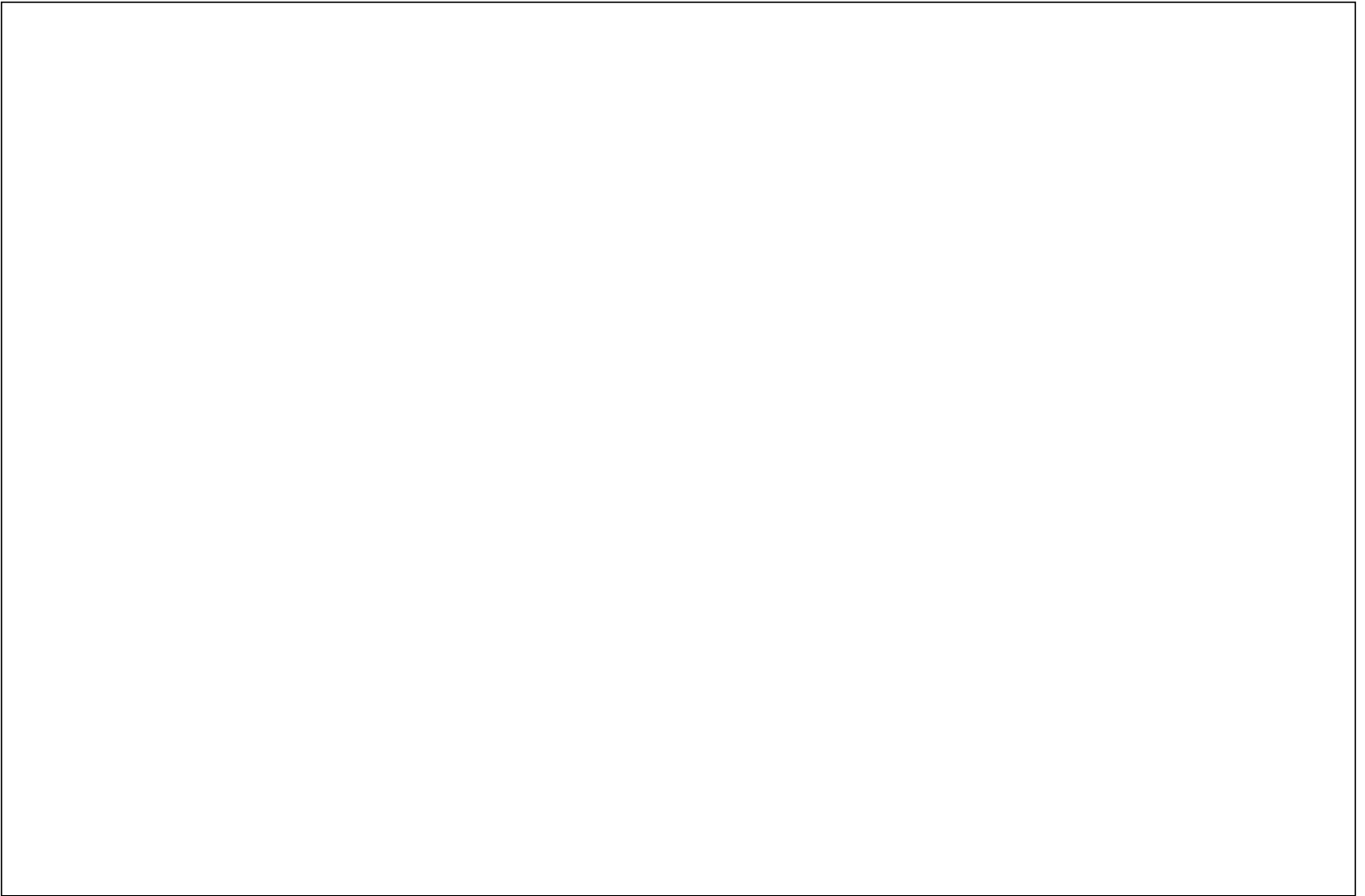
**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Dry, open woods; hills; prairies; roadsides

## *Sambucus canadensis*

Elderberry [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** High

### Appearance

**Height:** 5 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 5 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Alluvial forests; bogs; ditches; drier, old fields. Edges of riparian thickets in Central and East Texas.

## *Spiraea latifolia*

Meadowsweet [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 3 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 7

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Moist slopes & meadows

*Spiraea tomentosa*  
Steeplebush [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Erosion
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 2 - 4 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 5 ft | **Bloom Color:** Red, Pink, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Jul, Aug, Sep

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Wet prairies & meadows; marshes; roadsides

*Vaccinium corymbosum*

Highbush Blueberry [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Medium

**Appearance**

**Height:** 6 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 8 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Swamps; bogs; dry barrens; oak woods



*Viburnum acerifolium*

Mapleleaf Viburnum [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 6 ft | **Spread:** 2 - 4 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug

**Site & Wildlife Details**

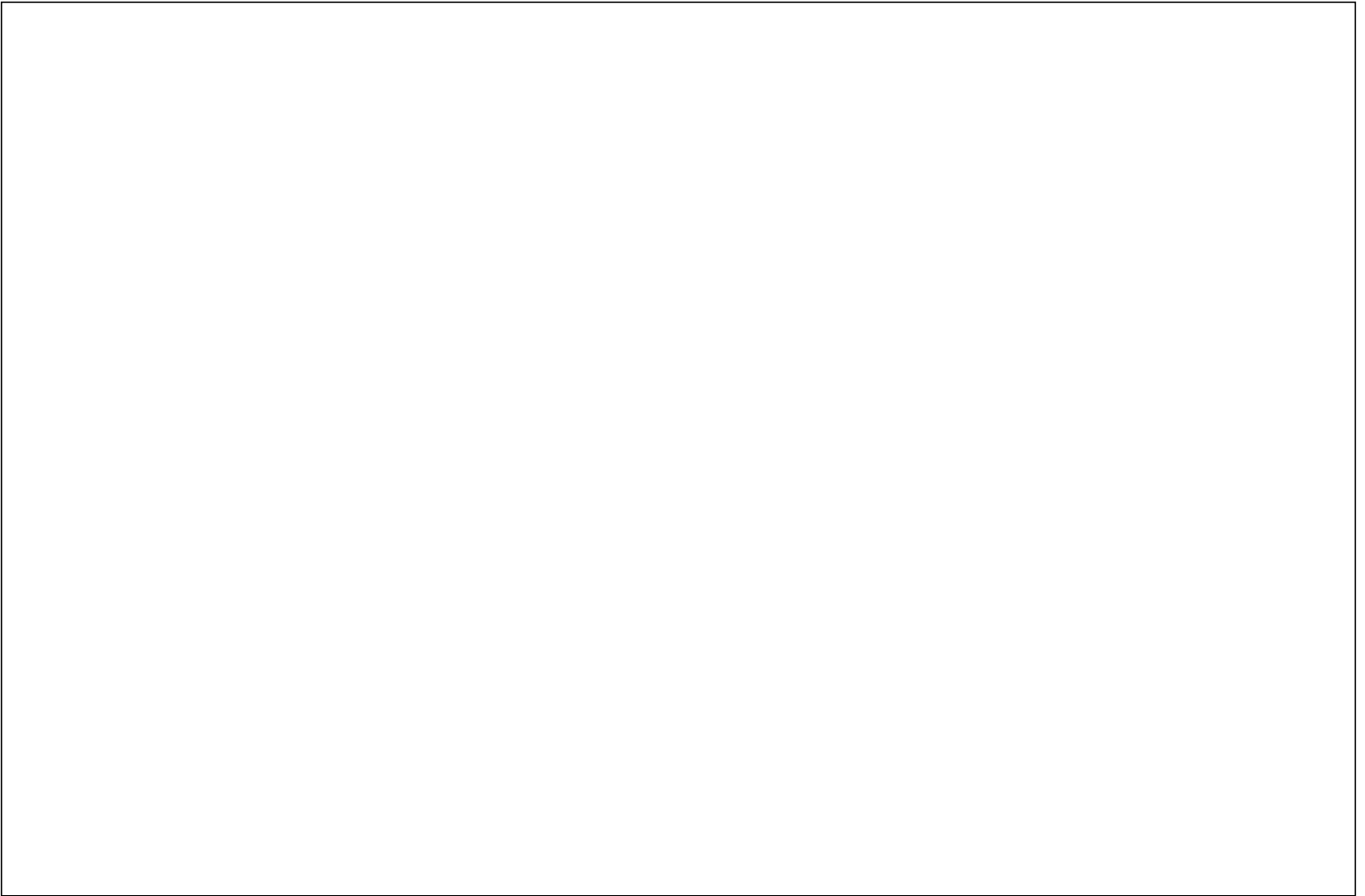
**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 3 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Thickets, Shaded woods. Mesic, mixed woods; bluffs; ravines

## *Viburnum dentatum*

Arrowwood Viburnum [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Clay Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 6 - 10 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 10 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 2 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Stream banks; moist woods

*Viburnum lentago*

Nannyberry [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 14 - 16 ft | **Spread:** 6 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Red, Pink | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 2 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Anywhere from ditches and roadways to beaches and fields.

## *Viburnum nudum*

Possumhaw Viburnum [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 5 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 5 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Butterflies

**Habitats:** Savannas; low, wet woods; bogs

*Viburnum trilobum*

Cranberry viburnum [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 8 - 12 ft | **Spread:** 8 - 12 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** May, Jun, Jul

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 2 to 7

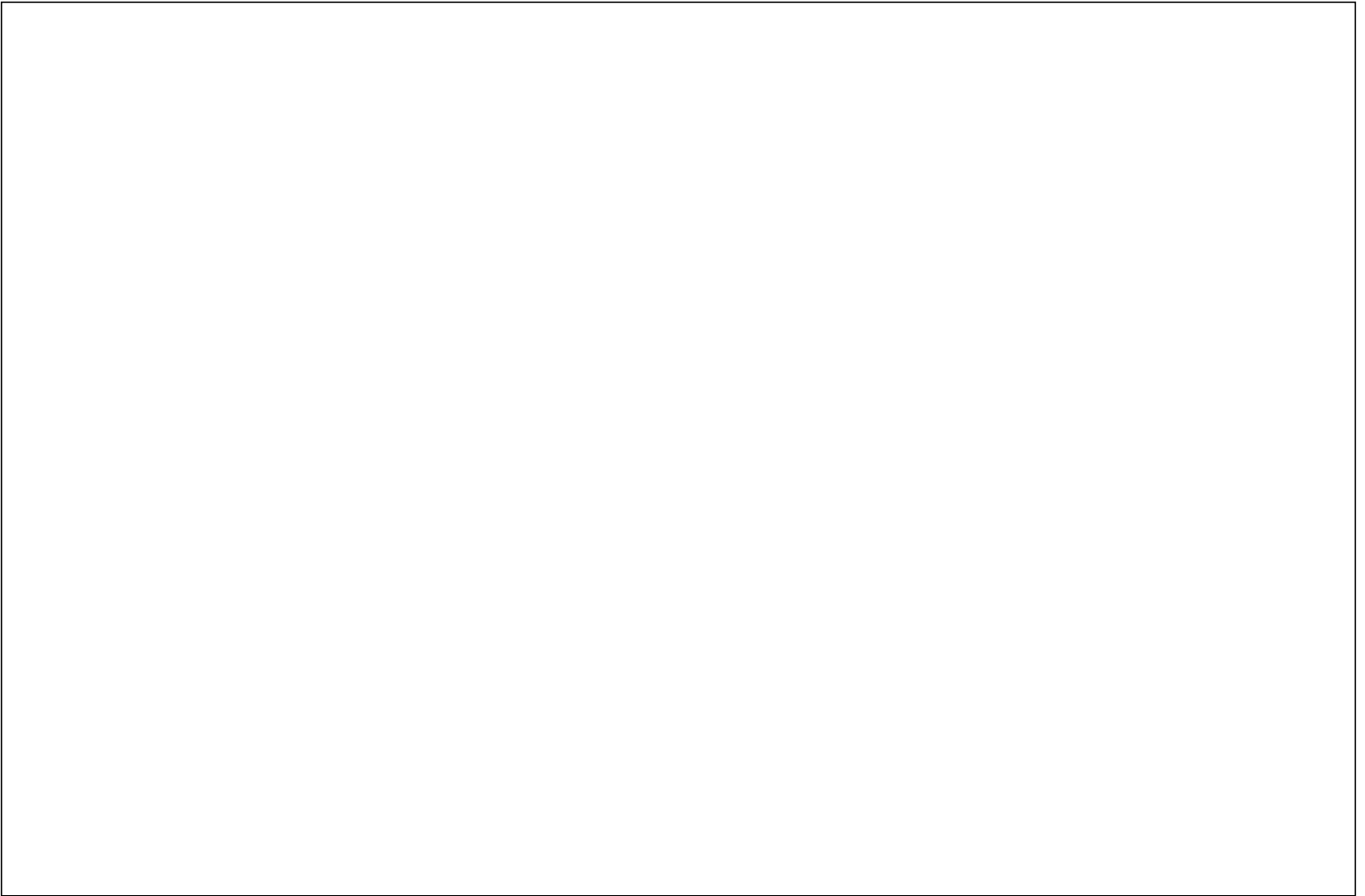
**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Stream banks; moist woods

# Trees

*Amelanchier canadensis*

Serviceberry [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Drought, Dry Soil
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 3 - 5 ft | **Spread:** 3 - 5 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** dry, medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds

**Habitats:** Wood borders; moist, upland woods.

*Asimina triloba*

Common Pawpaw [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Wet Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 15 - 30 ft | **Spread:** 15 - 30 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Red, Yellow, Purple | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Habitats:** Ditches, Ravines, Depressions, Flood plains, bottomland



## *Betula nigra*

River birch [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 30 - 40 ft | **Spread:** 25 - 35 ft | **Bloom Color:** Green, Brown | **Bloom Time:** Feb, Mar

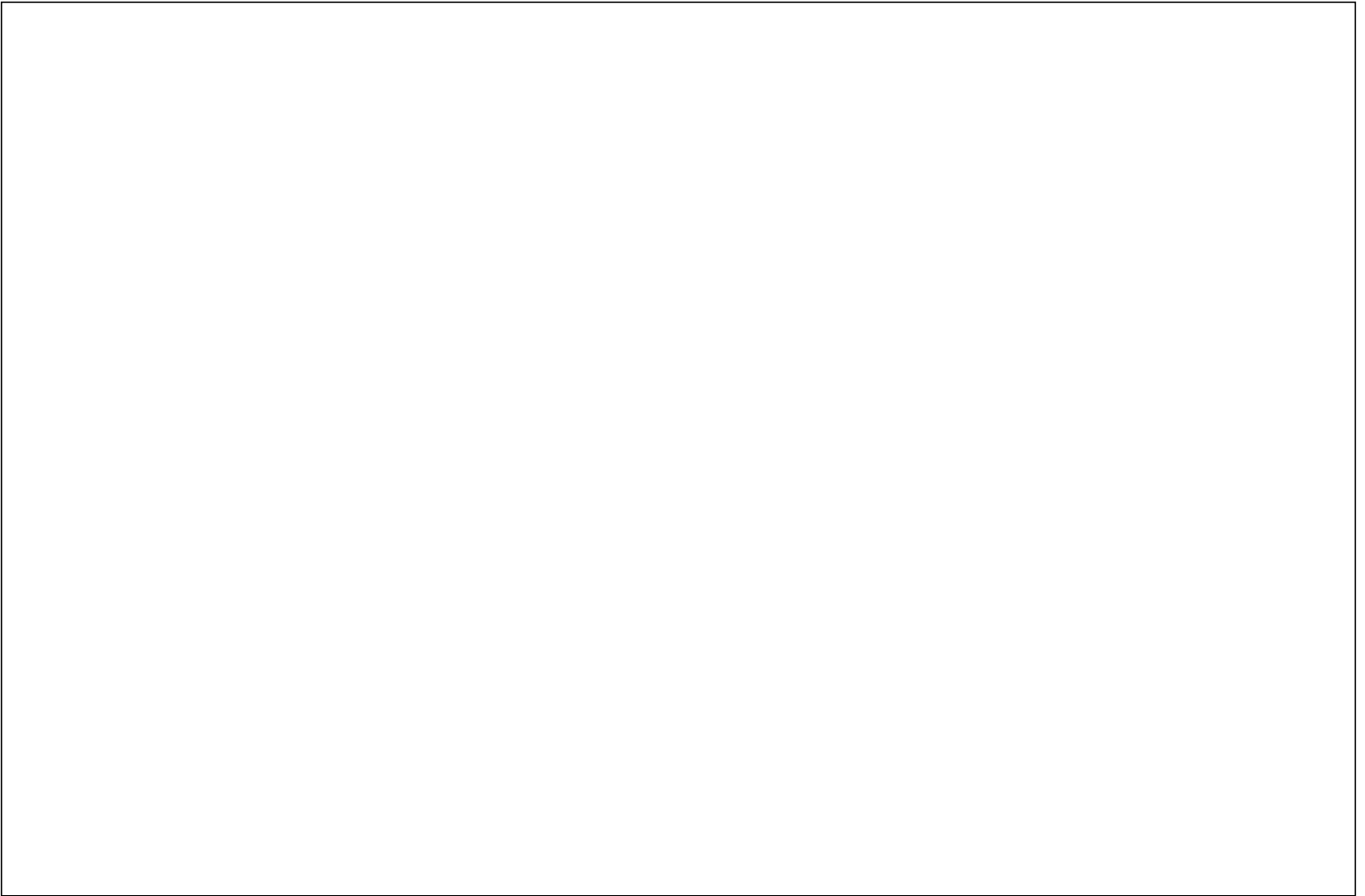
### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 9

**Habitats:** Swamps, Flood plains, bottomland, Ditches, Ravines, Depressions, Stream, river banks

*Cercis canadensis*

Eastern redbud [MBG] [WF]



**Characteristics**

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Low

**Appearance**

**Height:** 20 - 30 ft | **Spread:** 25 - 35 ft | **Bloom Color:** Pink | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May

**Site & Wildlife Details**

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 4 to 8

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Hummingbirds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Woods; stream banks; limestone bluffs

## *Cornus florida*

Flowering dogwood [\[MBG\]](#) [\[WF\]](#)



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Deer, Clay Soil, Black Walnut
- **Maintenance:** Medium

### Appearance

**Height:** 15 - 30 ft | **Spread:** 15 - 30 ft | **Bloom Color:** White, Pink, Yellow, Green | **Bloom Time:** Mar, Apr, May, Jun

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 9

**Wildlife Benefits:** Birds, Butterflies

**Habitats:** Thickets, Stream, river banks, Shaded woods.

## *Magnolia virginiana*

Sweetbay magnolia [MBG] [WF]



### Characteristics

- **Tolerate:** Clay Soil, Wet Soil, Air Pollution
- **Maintenance:** Low

### Appearance

**Height:** 10 - 35 ft | **Spread:** 10 - 35 ft | **Bloom Color:** White | **Bloom Time:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul

### Site & Wildlife Details

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade | **Water:** medium, wet | **Zone:** USDA Hardiness Zone 5 to 10

**Habitats:** Open woodlands, Shaded woods, Swamps

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