

**PLANTS SELECTED FOR THE
LEAP NATIVE PLANT OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN
2013-2022**

Suggested criteria for selection were:

- Native to the LEAP ecoregion
- Suitable for a wide range of climatic conditions
- Low maintenance
- Pest and disease resistant
- Readily available
- Multiple season of ornamental interest
- Easily propagated by asexual or seed propagation

Another suggestion:

- Has a “story” to tell, e.g. suitable for butterfly gardens, suitable for rain gardens, good native alternative to an invasive plant, etc.

2011:

- 1). __ **Blazing Star** (*Liatris spicata*) _____
- 2). __ **Common Winterberry** (*Ilex verticillata*) _____
- 3). __ **Allegheny Serviceberry** (*Amelanchier laevis*) _____

2012:

- 1). __ **Cardinal Flower** (*Lobelia cardinalis*) _____
- 2). __ **Redosier Dogwood** (*Cornus sericea*) _____
- 3). __ **Eastern Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*) _____

2013:

- 1). __ **Bayberry** (*Morella pensylvanica*) (synonym: *Myrica pensylvanica*) _____
- 2). __ **Swamp milkweed** (*Asclepias incarnata*) _____
- 3). __ **Switch grass** (*Panicum virgatum*) _____

2014:

- 1). __ **Witch hazel** (*Hammamelis virginiana*) _____
- 2). __ **Black gum** (*Nyssa sylvatica*) _____
- 3). __ **Foam flower** (*Tiarella cordifolia*) _____

2015:

1). __Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*)_____

2a). __Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)_____

2b). _ companion plant: Black willow (*Salix nigra*)_____

3). __Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)_____

2016:

1). __Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)_____

2). _Yellow loosestrife (*Lysimachia terrestris*)_____

3). _ Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)_____

2017:

1). _Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)_____

2). _Prickly pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)_____

3). _Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)_____

2018:

1). _ Great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)_____

2). _Virgin's bower (*Clematis virginiana*)__

3). _Tamarack_(*Larix laricina*)_____

2019:

1).__ New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)_____

2). __Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)_____

3). __Turtlehead_(*Chelone glabra*)_____

2020:

- 1). _Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)_____
- 2). _Purple-flowering raspberry_ (*Rubus odoratus*)_
- 3). _Marginal wood fern_ (*Dryopteris marginalis*)_

2021:

- 1). _Scarlet bee balm_ (*Monarda didyma*)_____
- 2). _Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)_____
- 3). _Oak (*Quercus* sp.: TBD: *Quercus rubra*, *Q. imbricaria*, *Q. bicolor*, *Q. macrocarpa*)

2022:

- 1). _Canada anemone (*Anemone canadensis*)_____
- 2). _American hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)_____
- 3). _Wafer ash (*Ptelea trifoliata*)_____