

Native Plants for Clay Soils

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Finding plants that will grow in clay soils may seem like a difficult task. However, it is possible to avoid planting invasive plants in those areas by using these plants that are native to the Adirondack Park.

Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*)
Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
Beebalm (*Monarda didyma*)
Big Bluestem Grass (*Andropogon gerardii*)
Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)
Cut-leaf Coneflower (*Rudbeckia lacinata*)
Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis*)
Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)
Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)
Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
Highbush Cranberry (*Viburnum opulus var americanum*)
Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium vanbruntiae*)
Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina ssp. angustum*)
New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)
Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum commutatum*)
Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillata*)
Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)



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