



**Rubus hispidus** - Bristly DEWBERRY, Swamp DEWBERRY. This shrub likes swamps, bogs and acidic woods. It can grow from 2 to 7 feet in height and has white flowers. It prefers full sun, has thorns, edible berries and attracts wildlife, but can be invasive.

**Rubus occidentalis** - Black-cap, Black RASPBERRY. This shrub is best in dry-moist soils, in woods or fields. It has white flowers and likes sun and part sun. This shrub has fine thorns and edible fruit.

**Rubus parviflorus** - Thimbleberry. Likes forests, woods and moist soils. Grows to 3 feet in height, has white flowers and prefers partial sun. It has red, fuzzy, thick, edible berries and attracts wildlife. It blooms June to July.

**Salix bebbiana** - Bebb's WILLOW, Beaked WILLOW. Likes moist to wet soil. Grows to 8 to 20 feet in height. This shrub has 1- to 2- inch, fuzzy catkins, shiny green-gray bark with reddish marks and is good for cuttings.



**Salix discolor** - Pussy WILLOW. This favorite of many likes a wet, swampy habitat and can grow to be 8 to 27 feet in height. Pussy willows have fuzzy buds and are decorative. Leaves are green with whitish undersides.

**Salix humilis** - Upland WILLOW, Prairie WILLOW. This shrub likes dry to wet, open woods and prairies and grows from 3 to 10 feet high. It does best in sunny areas and forms clones.

**Salix pedicellaris** - Bog WILLOW. This shrub likes moist to wet bogs and grows to be 3 feet tall. It grows best in wet areas and does not have many branches.

**Salix petiolaris** - Meadow WILLOW, Slender WILLOW. Grows in a moist habitat and anywhere from 5 to 23 feet in height. It grows on lakeshores and stream banks and forms clumps.

**Salix pyrifolia** - Balsam WILLOW. This shrub does well in moist areas, has white flowers and grows to 16 feet in height. It has pear-like leaves and a balsam-like odor.

**Sambucus Canadensis** - Black ELDERBERRY, American ELDER. Likes moist soils and grows to 13 feet. It has white flowers. Fruits are used in pies or jellies. This shrub attracts wildlife (especially birds).



**Sambucus Racemosa** - Red Berried ELDERBERRY. This shrub prefers the woods for a habitat and can grow to 12 feet in height. It has white flowers but the small, red berries are not edible. The shrub has a brown pith.

**Spiraea tomentosa** - Steeplebush. Likes moist meadows, grows to 5 feet in height, has pink flowers and prefers full sun.

**Symphoricarpos albus** - Snowberry. Prefers a dry habitat, has pinkish-white flowers and grows to 6 feet. Can be used as a shrub border. It has round, white berries that are considered toxic and a bell-like flower.



**Vaccinium angustifolium** - Early Low BLUEBERRY, Low-Bush BLUEBERRY, Low sweet BLUEBERRY. This shrub does well in moist to dry soils and grows to about 14 inches in height. It has white flowers and grows in sun and part sun. The shrub has blue, shiny berries which are edible, blooms from May to June, attracts wildlife and grows in the woods, forests, and clearings.

\* **Vaccinium macrocarpon** - CRANBERRY, Large CRANBERRY. Grows best in bogs; is a trailing shrub. Flowers are pink and plant likes sun to shade. Has red, tart berries, ever green and blooms from June to August.

**Vaccinium myrtilloides** - Canada BLUEBERRY, Velvet-leaf BLUEBERRY, Velvet-leaf HUCKELBERRY. Prefers moist to dry soils. Grows 8 to 20 inches high and has white flowers. Tolerates sun and part sun and has blue, shiny, edible berries. It blooms from May to June, grows in the woods, forests and clearings and attracts wildlife.

\* **Vaccinium oxycoccos** - CRANBERRY, Small CRANBERRY. Prefers wet bogs and grows to 6 inches in height. Likes sun, partial sun and shade. Has a red berry, many seeds and is a creeping perennial.

**Viburnum acerifolium** - Maple Leaved ARROWWOOD. This shrub grows best in a dry, rocky habitat and will grow 4 to 6 feet tall. It likes sun to partial shade and has white flowers. It is very colorful in the fall and attracts many birds and butterflies.

**Viburnum dentatum** - ARROWWOOD. Flowering shrubs, bearing a white flower in spring. In autumn, these bushes bear not only attractive fall foliage but also bluish berries. They reach a height of 6 to 15 feet, with a similar spread.



**Viburnum lentago** - Nannyberry. Prefers a moist habitat and grows to 26 feet. It has white flowers and likes sun to partial shade. Plant toward the back of other shrubs. The fruit is edible.

**Viburnum opulus** - Highbush CRANBERRY. This ornamental shrub grows well in a moist habitat. It can grow to be 13 to 16 feet in height. It has white flowers and likes sun to part shade. Its fruit has an acidic taste.



**Viburnum rafinesquianum** - Downy ARROWWOOD. Likes moist soils, grows only to 6 feet in height and has white flowers. It grows well in sun or part shade and is a lower-growing viburnum. Birds eat the black drupes.

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## NATIVE SHRUBS of the NORTHWOODS Oneida County & Surrounding Areas

From winterberry to low-bush blueberry and high-bush cranberry, native shrubs of the Northwoods can bring sweet tastes and beautiful color to any yard.



Winterberry

Within this brochure are some helpful tips and other information for planting shrubs in and around your yard for some tasty or eye-pleasing landscaping.



Low-bush Blueberry

Many of these shrubs will attract wildlife to your yard for you to watch and enjoy. Others could provide delightful fruit for mouth-watering jams or jellies.



High-bush Cranberry

So, start planning your landscape now and take pleasure in the benefits for years to come.

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## Shrubs of the Northwoods

***Alnus incana*** - Speckled ALDER, Swamp ALDER. This 30-foot high shrub likes moist, wet stream banks and lakeshores. It has yellow flowers and likes sun to part sun. It can form dense thickets and has a root depth of 24 inches.

***Alnus viridis*** - American Green ALDER. This shrub can grow to 30 feet, likes moist, wet stream banks and lakeshores and has yellow flowers. It grows in sun and part shade and forms dense thickets. Its root depth is 24 inches.

***Aronia melanocarpa*** - Glossy Black CHOKEBERRY. Likes a moist habitat, grows to be 6 to 10 feet in height and has white or pink flowers. It likes sun and part sun, has a root depth of 24 inches and wildlife will eat the fruit.



\* ***Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*** - Bearberry, Kinnickinnick. Likes moist areas, bogs or sandy, rocky soil. Grows 2 to 6 inches in height and has white or pink flowers. Best in sun and part sun. Plant in the summer. Has bright red fruit that ripens in August. Shrub forms mats and has a root depth of 24 inches.

***Comptonia peregrina*** - Sweet FERN. Shrub prefers dry areas in woods, forests, cliffs and rocky soil. It grows 2 to 4 feet in height and likes sun to part sun. It is fragrant, spreads by rhizomes, forms colonies and performs well in poor, dry soils.

***Cornus sericea*** - Red Oster DOGWOOD. A shrub found in the woods and swamps reaching about 10 feet high. It prefers sun to part sun and has white flowers. Can be planted as a screen plant; has colored twigs in winter.

***Corylus Americana*** - American HAZELNUT. Will grow well in moist to dry areas in the open woods, thickets, hillsides, roadsides and fencerows. Can grow to 11 feet in height and likes sun to partial sun. Plant for nuts. It is a good screen plant, has nuts in

clusters of 2 to 5, sometimes partially visible beneath the leaf-like, hairy bracts.

***Corylus cornuta*** - Beaked HAZELNUT. Shrub prefers moist to dry areas in the woods, along edges, roadsides, fencerows and thickets. It can grow to 10 feet in height and likes sun to part sun. This is an open and spreading shrub. It has nuts in clusters of 2 to 6, completely hidden beneath the leaf-like, densely hairy, long beaked, tubular bracts.



***Crataegus chrysoarpa*** - Hawthorn. This shrub grows best in well-drained soil. It can grow to 32 feet in height. It also has pretty, white flowers and likes full sun; however, it is thorny.

***Diervilla lonicera*** - Northern Bush HONEYSUCKLE. This shrub likes dry woods, forests and cliffs in rocky soil. It can grow anywhere from 6 to 36 inches in height and has yellow flowers. It blooms in June and July. Bees like the flowers, it has red berries and is good for restoration.

\* ***Gaultheria procumbens*** - Checkerberry, Eastern Teaberry, Wintergreen. This shrub likes moist or sandy areas and grows only to ground level. It has white or pink flowers and prefers the shade. Its leaves and berries have a minty flavor.

***Ilex mucronata*** - Mountain Holly. This plant likes a moist, thicket-like habitat. It has yellowish flowers and grows to about 10 feet in height. It is a good shrub border and blooms April through June.

***Ilex verticillata*** - Winterberry. This shrub can reach 9 feet in height and prefers the moist woods as a habitat. It has whitish flowers, red berries that stay into winter and tolerates sun and shade. It will attract wildlife.



***Lonicera Canadensis*** - American Fly HONEYSUCKLE. Grows 3 feet tall and has whitish flowers. It will tolerate sun and/or shade. Plant has reddish-orange berries that ripen mid- to late-summer. It is a straggly shrub.

***Lonicera hirsute*** - Hairy HONEYSUCKLE. This native vine rambles along the ground rather than climbing. It has very attractive pink flowers, but can be a rather sparse bloomer. The leaves and stems are fuzzy.

***Lonicera villosa*** - Mountain Fly HONEYSUCKLE. A low, erect shrub, less than 35 inches tall. Has flowers in pairs on short stalks, yellow in color and it blooms in June.

***Physocarpus opulifolius*** - Ninebark. Shrubs grow 8 to 10 feet tall. The name comes from the bark's appearance, which is flaky, peeling away in many layers. Likes full sun; tolerates some shade. Likes well-drained soil; will tolerate wet soil or drought.

***Prunus Americana*** - Plum. This shrub prefers the woods, grows from 10 to 15 feet in height, has white flowers and likes the sun to partial shade. The fruit can be used for jelly or wildlife.



***Prunus pennsylvanica*** - Pincherry. A shrub with a straight trunk and narrow, round-topped crown. Grows 15 to 50 feet tall. Flowers occur in small groups. Shallow root system that tends to grow laterally. It is an important food source for animals.

***Prunus serotina*** - Black CHERRY. The largest of the native cherries and the only one of commercial value. It has whitish flowers and attracts wildlife such as birds, squirrels and deer. It prefers deep, well-drained soils.

***Prunus virginiana*** - Chokecherry. A small tree or shrub, which often forms dense thickets. This shrub grows best in rich, moist soils, but is often found in poorer, drier soils. It grows in forest edges and openings. Many kinds of wildlife eat its small fruits. The fruit is harsh and puckery, but sometimes used in jellies.



***Rhus glabra*** - Smooth SUMAC. The habitat for this shrub is upland, forest edges and roadsides. It grows to 20 feet in height, has yellow/green flowers and prefers sun or part sun. It has smooth stems; fuzzy red fruit.

\* **Ground Cover Shrub**

***Rhus typhina*** - Staghorn, Velvet SUMAC. This shrub likes the dry upland, can be 25 feet high and has pale, yellow flowers. It is fragrant, has fuzzy stems, hairy, red fruit and likes full sun.

***Ribes americanum*** - American Black CURRANT, Eastern Black CURRANT, Wild Black CURRANT. A shrub with maple-like leaves with toothed edges. It grows from 2 to 4 feet in height and is native to the Midwest, likes wooded areas with openings, bottomlands/slopes. Flowers are yellowish-white and look like small bells alternating in a row.

***Rosa blanda*** - Wild ROSE, Smooth ROSE. Prefers dry-moderate, moist and woody areas and grows from 2 to 5 feet in height. Flowers are white to pink and the shrub likes sun to partial sun. This shrub flowers from June through July, has red smooth hips and a few thorns.

***Rosa Carolina*** - Pasture ROSE, Carolina ROSE. This shrub's favorite habitat is upland with dry to moderate-moist conditions in sandy, loamy soil. It can grow 1 to 4 feet tall, has white or pink flowers and likes sunny areas. The shrub has thorns, blooms in June and July and has red, smooth hips.

***Rosa palustris*** - Swamp ROSE. This shrub prefers swamps, marshes and stream banks. It grows to 7 feet, has pink flowers and likes sun to part sun. It has stout thorns and many branches.



***Rubus allegheniensis*** - Allegheny BLACKBERRY, Common BLACKBERRY. The preferred habitat for this shrub is disturbed forest or edges. Grows 2 to 7 feet in height, has white flowers and likes full sun. This shrub has thorns, edible berries, attracts wildlife and can be invasive.

***Rubus Canadensis*** - Smooth BLACKBERRY. This plant prefers disturbed forest or edges. It grows from 2 to 7 feet tall, has white flowers, prefers full sun and has edible berries. This shrub has thorns, attracts wildlife but can be invasive.