

Behnke Nurseries' BaySafe Gardening



The “BaySafe Plants Program” is Behnke Nurseries’ native plants program. BaySafe perennials and woody plants are signed with a distinctive *blue logo*. We don’t use individual labels in order to reduce the use of plastic. The best availability of BaySafe plants is in the spring.

What is a BaySafe plant?

Definitions of “Native” vary. To be called a Behnke BaySafe Plant, the plant species must be native to Maryland. It may also be a cultivar (a horticultural variety) of a native plant. There are many fine garden plants that are hybrids of natives, or native to other parts of the United States. We carry these plants, but we don’t label them as BaySafe.

Why should gardeners grow BaySafe plants?

Native plants are critical for the environment. Many serve as food sources for native insects, which in turn are food sources for birds and other animals. Most native insects are unable to feed on non-native plants; thus, food sources for our song birds are reduced when we plant non-native plants. Yes, you will have some feeding damage—holes in leaves from caterpillars—but it is critical for species diversity that gardeners include native plants in their landscapes. In addition, since native plants are well-adapted to our local climate and native soil, they will require less care than many non-natives. Because we are a garden center, our BaySafe Plants also offer ornamental qualities; attractive flowers, fruits, foliage and bark. You can improve the environment around your home and beautify your garden at the same time.

Availability of plants varies seasonally. Call store or email your question to behnkes@behnkes.net.

BOTANICAL NAME **COMMON NAME**

Perennials

Acorus calamus	Sweet Flag*
Actaea pachypoda	White Baneberry*
Actaea (Cimicifuga) racemosa	Bugbane
Actaea rubra	Red Baneberry*
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion
Amsonia tabernaemontana	Blue Star
Anemone canadensis	Meadow Anemone*
Aquilegia canadensis	Eastern Columbine
Arisaema draconitum	Green Dragon*
Arisaema triphyllum	Jack in the Pulpit*
Aruncus diocis	Goat’s Beard*
Asarum canadense	Wild Ginger
Asarum shuttleworthii	Mottled Wild Ginger*

Perennials (continued)

Asarum virginicum	Virginia Wild Ginger*
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias syriaca	Common Milkweed*
Asclepias verticillata	Whorled Milkweed
Aster cordifolius	Blue Wood Aster
Aster divaricatus	White Wood Aster
Aster dumosus	Bushy Aster
Aster ericoides	Heath Aster
Aster laevis	Smooth Aster
Aster lateriflorus	Calico Aster
Aster macrophyllus	Big Leaf Aster
Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster
Aster novi-belgii	New York Aster
Aster oblongifolius	Shale Barren Aster
Aster puniceus	Purple Stem Aster*
Aster simplex	Tall White Aster*
Baptisia australis	Blue False Indigo
Boltonia asteroides	False Aster
Campanula divaricata	Southern Bluebell*
Campanula rotundifolia	Bluebell
Cassia marilandica	Maryland Wild Senna*
Chelone glabra	White Turtle Head
Chelone lyoni	Pink Turtle Head*
Chelone obliqua	Rose Turtle Head*
Chrysogonum virginianum	Goldenstar
Chrysopsis mariana	Maryland Golden Aster*
Cimicifuga (Actaea) racemosa	Bugbane
Clematis virginiana	Devil's Darning Needles*
Coreopsis rosea	Pink Tickseed
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Tickseed*
Coreopsis verticillata	Whorled Tickseed
Corydalis sempervirens	Pale Corydalis*
Delphinium exaltatum	Tall Larkspur*
Dicentra cucullaria	Dutchman's Breeches*
Dicentra eximia	Wild Bleeding Heart
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master
Eupatorium coelestinum	Mistflower
Eupatorium dubium	Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium fistulosum	Hollow Joe Pye Weed*
Eupatorium hyssopifolium	Hyssop Thoroughwort*
Eupatorium maculatum	Spotted Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset*
Eupatorium rugosum	White Snakeroot*
Fern Adiantum pedatum	Maidenhair Fern
Fern Athyrium filix-femina	Lady Fern
Fern Dennstaedtia punctilobula	Hay Scented Fern

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Fern <i>Dryopteris celsa</i>	Log Wood Fern
Fern <i>Dryopteris goldiana</i>	Goldie's Wood Fern
Fern <i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	Marginal Wood Fern
Fern <i>Dryopteris spinulosa</i>	Spinulose Wood Fern
Fern <i>Matteuccia pennsylvanica</i>	Ostrich Fern
Fern <i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern
Fern <i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern
Fern <i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	Interrupted Fern
Fern <i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern
Fern <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern
Fern <i>Thelypteris noveboracensis</i>	New York Fern
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen of the Prairie
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Woodland Strawberry*
<i>Gentiana clausa</i>	Bottle Gentian*
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Crane's Bill
Gr <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Blue Stem Grass*
Gr <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Blue Stem Grass
Gr <i>Carex galucescens</i>	Blue Sedge*
Gr <i>Carex glaucoidea</i>	Gray Green Sedge*
Gr <i>Carex grayii</i>	Gray's Sedge*
Gr <i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge
Gr <i>Carex platyphylla</i>	Flat Leaf Sedge
Gr <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	River Oats
Gr <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Tufted Hair Grass
Gr <i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple Love Grass
Gr <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Hair Muhly
Gr <i>Panicum amarum</i>	Bitter Panic Grass*
Gr <i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass
Gr <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass
Gr <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Yellow Sneezeweed
<i>Helenium flexuosum</i>	Purple Sneezeweed
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Slender Sunflower
<i>Helianthus decapetalus</i>	Thin Leaf Sunflower
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	Woodland Sunflower
<i>Helianthus microcephalus</i>	Dwarf Woodland Sunflower*
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Ox Eye
<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>	Sharp Lobe Hepatica*
<i>Hepatica americana</i>	American Hepatica*
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	Alum Root*
<i>Heuchera villosa</i>	Hairy Alum Root
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Musk Rose Mallow*
<i>Hibiscus militaris</i>	Halberd-Leaf Rose Mallow
<i>Hibiscus palustris</i>	Swamp Rose Mallow*
<i>Houstonia caerulea</i>	Bluets*
<i>Iris cristata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag
<i>Liatis spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star

Perennials (continued)

<i>Liatris squarrosa</i>	Rough Blazing Star*
<i>Lilium canadense</i>	Canada Lily*
<i>Lilium superbum</i>	Turk's Cap Lily*
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia
<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada Mayflower*
<i>Marshallia grandiflora</i>	Barbara's Buttons
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells
<i>Mitchella repens</i>	Partridge Berry*
<i>Mitella diphylla</i>	Miterwort*
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm*
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Dotted Horse Mint
<i>Oenothera perennis</i>	Sundrop
<i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	White Evening Primrose
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Slender Sundrop
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus*
<i>Packera aurea</i> (<i>Senecio aureus</i>)	Golden Ragwort
<i>Packera paupercula</i>	Balsam Ragwort*
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue
<i>Phlox carolina</i>	Carolina Phlox*
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Blue Phlox
<i>Phlox glaberrima</i>	Smooth Phlox
<i>Phlox maculata</i>	Sweet William Phlox
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Downy Phlox
<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Creeping Phlox
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss Phlox
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	False Dragonhead
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May Apple*
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's Ladder
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Common Solomon's Seal*
<i>Polygonum virginianum</i>	Virginina Knotweed
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Short-toothed Mountain Mint
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black Eyed Susan
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Cut Leaf Coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Brown Eyed Susan
<i>Rudeckia fulgida</i>	Orange Coneflower
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyre Leaf Sage*
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot*
<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	Downy Skullcap*
<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>	Heart Leaf Skullcap*
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Woodland Stonecrop
<i>Silene caroliniana</i>	Wild Pink*
<i>Silene virginica</i>	Fire Pink*
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Rosin Weed*
<i>Silphium trifoliatum</i>	Whorled Rosin Weed*
<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	False Solomon's Seal

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<i>Solidago caesia</i>	Blue Stem Goldenrod
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canadian Goldenrod*
<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Wrinkled Leaf Goldenrod*
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod*
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Indian Pinkroot
<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>	Nodding Ladie's Tresses*
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Celandine Poppy
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	American Germander
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foamflower
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Glaucus Spiderwort*
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Spiderwort*
<i>Verbena canadensis</i>	Rose Vervain
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain*
<i>Vernonia glauca</i>	Broad Leaf Ironweed
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York Ironweed
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root
<i>Viola pedata</i>	Birdsfoot Violet*
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders*

Aquatics

<i>Alisma subcordatum</i>	Water Plantain *
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Carolina Fanwort*
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold *
<i>Carex glaucescens</i>	Blue Sedge *
<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	Water Oleander *
<i>Dulichium arundinaceum</i>	Cane Sedge
<i>Echinodorus cordifolius</i>	Heart Leaf Sword Plant *
<i>Eleocharis quadrangulata</i>	Square Spike Sedge *
<i>Hydrocotyle verticillata</i>	Whorled Water Pennywort
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag
<i>Iris virginica</i>	Virginia Blue Flag *
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush*
<i>Justicia americana</i>	Water Willow
<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>	Seashore Mallow *
<i>Limnobiium spongia</i>	American Frogbit *
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	American Bog Bean*
<i>Nelumbo lutea</i>	American Lotus *
<i>Orontium aquaticum</i>	Golden Club
<i>Peltandra virginica</i>	Virginia Arrow Arum
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickereel Weed
<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	Grass Leaf Arrowhead *
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Broad Leaf Arrowhead *
<i>Sarracenia purpurea</i>	Northern Pitcher Plant
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard's Tail
<i>Scirpus torreyi</i>	Torrey's Bulrush
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Slender Cattail
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Cattail
<i>Zizania aquatica</i>	Wild Rice *

Shrubs and Trees

<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir *
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	Smooth Alder / Hazel Alder *
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry / Juneberry / Shadbush *
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Serviceberry
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Alleghany Serviceberry
<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	Devil's-walkingstick / Hercules-club *
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry / Kinnikinnick
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla / durior</i>	Dutchman's Pipe / Pipevine *
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw / Custard Apple *
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch / Red Birch
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Crossvine
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry *
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice / Sweetshrub
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine / Trumpet creeper
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Ironwood / American Hornbeam / Muscledwood *
<i>Carya glabra</i>	Pignut Hickory *
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark Hickory *
<i>Castanea dentata</i>	American Chestnut *
<i>Castanea pumila</i>	Alleghany Chinkapin *
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea *
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American Bitterweet *
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry *
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic Whitecedar *
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree / Old-man's-beard
<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	Virginsbower *
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush / Summersweet
<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	Sweetfern *
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood *
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Dogwood
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood *
<i>Cornus sericea / stolonifera</i>	Redosier Dogwood / Redtwig Dogwood
<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>	Cockspur Hawthorn *
<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	Green Hawthorn
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Common Persimmon *
<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Strawberry-bush *
<i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	Eastern Wahoo *
<i>Fagus grandiflora</i>	American Beech *
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash *
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica integerrima</i>	Green Ash / Red Ash*

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<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Creeping Wintergreen
<i>Gaylussacia brachycera</i>	Box Huckleberry *
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>	Thornless Common Honeylocust
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree *
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witchhazel *
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Smooth Hydrangea
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possomhaw *
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black Walnut *
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Redcedar
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain-laurel
<i>Leucothoe racemosa</i>	Sweetbells Leucothoe / Fetterbush
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	American Sweetgum
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar / Yellow Poplar / Tuliptree*
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Trumpet Honeysuckle
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber-tree Magnolia *
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Southern Waxmyrtle *
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry / Candleberry
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum / Sour Gum / Black Tupelo
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American Hophornbeam / Ironwood *
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood / Lily-of-the-Valley Tree
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper *
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Eastern Ninebark
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore / American Planetree *
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American Wild Plum *
<i>Prunus maritima</i>	Beach Plum *
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Pin Cherry *
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry *
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Common Chokecherry *
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak *
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak
<i>Quercus velutina</i>	Black Oak *
<i>Rhododendron arborescens</i>	Sweet Azalea *
<i>Rhododendron atlanticum</i>	Coast Azalea *
<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>	Flame Azalea *
<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>	Piedmont Azalea / Hoary Azalea *
<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i>	Catawba Rhododendron

Shrubs and Trees (continued)

Rhododendron maximum	Rosebay Rhododendron
Rhododendron periclymenoides	Pinxterbloom Azalea *
Rhododendron viscosum	Swamp Azalea
Rhus aromatica	Fragrant Sumac *
Rhus glabra	Smooth Sumac *
Rhus typhina.....	Staghorn Sumac *
Robinia pseudoacacia.....	Black Locust *
Rosa carolina.....	Carolina Rose / Pasture Rose *
Rosa palustris	Swamp Rose *
Rosa virginiana	Virginia Rose *
Rubus allegheniensis	Allegheny Blackberry *
Rubus idaeus	Red Raspberry
Rubus odoratus	Purple Flowering Raspberry *
Rubus occidentalis	Black Raspberry
Salix nigra	Black Willow *
Sambucus canadensis	American Elder / Elderberry *
Sassafras albidum	Common Sassafras *
Spiraea alba	Narrow-leaved Meadowsweet *
Spiraea latifolia	Broad-leaved Meadowsweet *
Spiraea tomentosa	Downy Meadowsweet / Steeplebush *
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry *
Taxodium distichum	Common Baldcypress
Thuja occidentalis	Eastern Arborvitae/Northern Whitecedar
Tsuga canadensis	Eastern Hemlock
Ulmus americana	American Elm
Vaccinium angustifolium	Lowbush Blueberry
Vaccinium corymbosum.....	Highbush Blueberry
Viburnum acerifolium	Maple-Leaf Viburnum *
Viburnum dentatum.....	Southern Arrowwood
Viburnum lentago.....	Nannyberry / Sheepberry
Viburnum nudum.....	Smooth Witherod
Viburnum prunifolium	Blackhaw Viburnum *
Viburnum trilobum	American Cranberrybush Viburnum
Vitis labrusca	Fox Grape
Wisteria frutescens.....	American Wisteria
Yucca filamentosa	Adam's-needle Yucca

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