

Swamp Milkweed - Asclepias incarnata

Soil: Loam, organic, clay Light: Full sun Height: 4-5 ft Wildlife: Pollinators, Butterflies (host for Monarchs), Hummingbirds Fun Fact: Stems and leaves have a milky sap, which contains cardiac glycosides, which Monarch butterfly larvae can feed on, but makes them toxic to other birds and predators.





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Info and Photo Sources: https://www.jerseyyards.org/plant and Wikipedia

Eastern Red Cedar - Juniperus virginiana Watersha

Soil: Can handle most soil types

Light: Full sun

Height: 40-50 ft (easily prunable shrub to control size)

Wildlife: Attracts butterflies and birds

Fun Fact: This species has a pyramidal shape when young and its aromatic wood is used in furniture, fences, and building materials.





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Silky Dogwood - Cornus amomum



Soil: Can handle most soil types Light: Partial Shade Height: 6-10 ft (easily prunable shrub to control size) Wildlife: Attracts pollinators, butterflies, and birds (eat berries) Fun Fact: The twigs and leaves are easily identifiable by silky strands on their undersides.





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Pin Oak - Quercus palustris

Soil: Can handle most soil types Light: Full sun Height: 60-75 ft Wildlife: Attracts butterflies and birds Fun Fact: Is a host plant to the Gray Hairstreak Butterfly





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