

## Suggested Low Growing Riparian Buffer Plants for Virginia Northern Neck

**Sunny flat or gently sloped area above riprap or bulkhead (>6 hours of sun)**

Plant requirements: deer resistant, drought tolerant once established,  
<3' in height to maintain view, salt spray tolerant.



### Deciduous Shrubs



**Chinese Fringe Flower**  
*Loropetalum chinense*  
'Purple Daydream' <sup>CN</sup>



**Dwarf Fragrant Sumac**  
*Rhus aromatica*  
'Gro Low' <sup>V</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Glossy Abelia**  
*Abelia grandiflora*  
'Rose Creek' <sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>

### Evergreen Shrubs



**Dwarf Wax Myrtle**  
*Myrica cerifera*  
'Strawberry Shortcake' <sup>V</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Dwarf Yaupon Holly**  
*Ilex vomitoria*  
'Bordeaux' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Eastern Red Cedar**  
*Juniperus virginiana* 'Grey Owl' <sup>V</sup><sup>CN</sup>

### Grasses



**Little Bluestem**  
*Schizachyrium*  
*Scoparium*  
'Brushstrokes' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>PW</sup>



**Pink Muhly Grass**  
*Muhlenbergia*  
*capillaris* <sup>V</sup><sup>LB</sup>



**Purple Love Grass**  
*Eragrostis*  
*spectabilis* <sup>V</sup><sup>SP</sup>



**Ruby Muhly Grass**  
*Muhlenbergia*  
*reverchonii*  
'Undaunted' <sup>SP</sup>



**Virginia Switchgrass**  
*Panicum virgatum*  
'Shenandoah' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>SP</sup>

### Perennials



**Aromatic Aster**  
*Symphyotrichum*  
*oblongifolium* <sup>V</sup>  
'October Skies' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Autumn Sage**  
*Salvia greggii*  
'Furman's Red' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Black-Eyed Susan**  
*Rudbeckia fulgida*  
'Goldsturm' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Blue Wild Indigo**  
*Baptisia*  
*australis* <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Butterfly Weed**  
*Asclepias*  
*tuberosa* <sup>V</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Canada Goldenrod**  
*Solidago canadensis*  
'Baby Gold' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>SP</sup>



**Eastern Showy Aster**  
*Eurybia spectabilis* <sup>V</sup><sup>LB</sup>



**False Sunflower**  
*Heliopsis*  
*helianthoides*  
'Tuscan Gold' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Giant Hyssop**  
*Agastache* 'Blue  
Fortune' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Lanceleaf Coreopsis**  
*Coreopsis*  
*lanceolata* <sup>V</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Thread-leaf Bluestar**  
*Amsonia hubrichtii* <sup>CN</sup>



**Yarrow**  
*Achillea millefolium*  
'Paprika' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Yellow Wild Indigo**  
*Baptisia tinctoria* <sup>V</sup><sup>LB</sup>



**Mountain Mint**  
*Pycnanthemum*  
*muticum* <sup>V</sup><sup>CN</sup>



**Obedient Plant**  
*Physostegia*  
*virginiana* 'Vivid' <sup>V</sup><sup>+</sup><sup>CN</sup>

\*Virginia native/native cultivar; + Additional low growing cultivars available; V Vigorous spreader

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