

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

### Partly Shady Lower Bank (3-6 Hours of Sun), Occasional Fresh Water Inundation

Plant requirements: deer resistant, drought tolerant once established,  
<4' to maintain views, wet soil tolerant.



#### Evergreen Shrubs



**Dwarf Wax Myrtle**  
*Morella (Myrica) cerifera*  
'Strawberry Shortcake' \*(CN)



**Dwarf Yaupon Holly**  
*Ilex vomitoria*  
'Bordeaux' \*\*+(CN)



**Inkberry**  
*Ilex glabra*  
'Strongbox' \*\*+(CN)

#### Grass



**Virginia Switch Grass**  
*Panicum virgatum*  
'Shenandoah' \*\*+J(SP)

#### Groundcovers



**Golden Ragwort**  
*Packera aurea* \*JV(LBJ)



**Dwarf Crested Iris**  
*Iris cristata* \*JV(CN)

#### Deciduous Shrubs



**Summersweet**  
*Clethra alnifolia*  
'Hummingbird' \*\*+(CN)



**Virginia Sweetspire**  
*Itea virginica*  
'Scentlandia' \*\*+(CN)

#### Perennials



**Black-Eyed Susan**  
*Rudbecki*  
*fulgida* \*\*+J(CN)



**Joe Pye Weed**  
*Eutrochium dubium*  
'Baby Joe' \*\*+(CN)



**New England Aster**  
*Symphyotrichum*  
*novae-angliae*  
'Grape Crush' \*\*+J(CN)



**New York Aster**  
*Symphyotrichum*  
*novii-belgii*  
'Marie Ballard' \*\*+J(SP)



**Northern Blue Flag**  
*Iris versicolor* \*V(SP)



**Seashore Mallow**  
*Kosteletzkya*  
*virginica* \*(CN)



**Southern Blue Flag**  
*Iris virginica* \*JV(CN)



**Spotted Joe Pye Weed**  
*Eutrochium maculatum*  
'Red Dwarf' \*\*+(SP)



**Swamp Milkweed**  
*Asclepias incarnata* \*(SP)



**Swamp Rose Mallow**  
*Hibiscus hybrid*  
'Ballet Slippers' \*\*+(CN)

\*Native/Native Cultivar; +Additional low growing cultivars available; J Juglone/Black Walnut tolerant; V Vigorous spreader  
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