

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' (CN)



Dwarf Fragrant Sumac
Rhus aromatica
'Gro Low' *V(CN)



Glossy Abelia
Abelia grandiflora
'Rose Creek' +(CN)

Evergreen Shrubs



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



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



Eastern Red Cedar
Juniperus virginiana
'Grey Owl' *(CN)

Grasses



Little Bluestem
Schizachyrium
scoparium
'Brushstrokes' **+(PW)



Pink Muhly Grass
Muhlenbergia
capillaris *(LBJ)



Purple Love Grass
Eragrostis spectabilis
*(SP)



Rose Muhly Grass
Muhlenbergia
reverchonii (SP)



Virginia Switchgrass
Panicum virgatum
'Cheyenne Sky' **+(SP)

Perennials



Aromatic Aster
Symphyotrichum
oblongifolium *(CN)



Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia fulgida *(CN)



Blue Star
Amsonia 'Blue Ice' (SP)



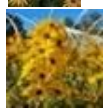
Butterfly Weed
Asclepias
tuberosa *(CN)



Eastern Showy Aster
Eurybia spectabilis
*(LBJ)



False Indigo
Baptisia
australis v. *minor*
'Lemon Meringue' **+(SP)



False Sunflower
Heliopsis helianthoides
'Tuscan Gold' **+(CN)



Giant Hyssop
Agastache
'Blue Fortune' +(CN)



Lanceleaf Coreopsis
Coreopsis
lanceolata *V(CN)



Obedient Plant
Physostegia
virginiana 'Vivid'
**+V(CN)



Rough Goldenrod
Solidago rugosa
'Fireworks' *(SP)



Virginia Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum
virginianum *V(CN)



Wandflower
Gaura lindheimeri
'Belleza Dark Pink' **+(SP)



Yarrow
Achillea millefolium
'Paprika' +(CN)



Yellow Wild Indigo
Baptisia tinctoria
*(LBJ)

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

Plant photos courtesy of Colesville Nursery(CN), Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center(LBJ), Proven Winners(PW), and Sandy's Plants(SP)

