

Native Plants that Tend to Colonize:

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Pick wisely. Colonizing plants are NOT suitable for landscaped ‘beds’. However, they are excellent for erosion control, forming a hedge/screen, or shelter & food for wildlife.

Native to AR. unless noted with *

Trees & Shrubs:

	Mature ht.	Light Requirements	Moisture
<i>Alnus serrulata</i> – Brookside alder	8-15'	sun – pt.sh.	med.-wet
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> – Chokeberry	3-6'	sun – lt. sh.	wet-dry
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> – Black chokeberry	3-6'	sun – lt. sh.	wet-dry
<i>Cornus amomum</i> – Silky dogwood	6-8'	sun – shade	med.-wet
<i>Cornus drummondii</i> – Rough leaf dogwood	6-15'	sun – pt. sh.	med.-wet
<i>Cornus obliqua</i> – Swamp dogwood	6-12'	sun – pt. sh.	med.-wet
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> – Gray dogwood	12-15'	lt. – med. sh.	medium
<i>Corylus americana</i> – Hazelnut	10-16'	sun – pt. shade	dry-med.
* <i>Diervilla lonicera</i> – yellow bush honeysuckle (*native to Great Lakes region)	3'	sun – pt.sh.	dry-med.
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> – Smooth wild hydrangea	4-5'	sun – med. sh.	medium
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i> – Shrubby St. Johnswort	3-5'	sun – med. sh.	medium
<i>Itea virginica</i> – Virginia sweetspire	3-4'	sun – pt. sh.	med.-wet
<i>Malus ioensis</i> – Prairie crabapple	35'	sun	medium
<i>Prunus americana</i> – Wild plum	15-25'	sun – pt. sh.	dry-med.
<i>Prunus angustifolia</i> – Chickasaw plum	4-10'	sun – pt. sh.	medium
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> - Fragrant Sumac	4-6'	sun – med. sh.	dry - moist
<i>Salix humilis</i> – Prairie willow (slow spreading)	8-15'	sun – lt. sh.	dry-med.
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> – Elderberry	6-10'	sun – lt. sh.	med.-wet
<i>Sassafras albidum</i> – Sassafras	30-60'	sun – pt. sh.	medium
<i>Spirea tomentosa</i> – Steeplebush	2-4'	sun – lt.sh.	med.-wet
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	10-15'	pt.sh. – shade	dry -medium
<i>Symporicarpos orbiculatus</i> – Coralberry	2-3'	sun – pt. sh.	medium
(The following Viburnum will slowly spread if mulch is pulled away from the base:)			
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i> - Maple leaved viburnum	3-6'	part shade	medium
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> – Arrowwood	6-10'	sun – pt. sh.	medium
<i>Viburnum nudum</i> – Shonnyhaw	6-10'	sun – pt. sh.	med.-wet

Perennials:

<i>Carex muskingumensis</i> – Palm sedge	2'	sun – shade	med.-wet
<i>Casmanthium latifolium</i> – River oats	2-4'	sun – pt. shade	med.-wet
<i>Diarrhena americana</i> – Beaked Grass	2-3'	pt.-full shade	med.-dry
<i>Eurybia macrophyllus</i> – Big leaf aster	1-3'	part-full shade	medium
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i> – Woodland sunflower	2-5'	part shade	dry-med.
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i> – Short bee balm	12-24"	sun – pt.shade	dry-med.
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> – Sensitive fern	3'	pt.-full shade	med.-wet
<i>Packara aurea</i> – Golden groundsel	8-12"	part-full sh.	med.-wet
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i> – Short toothed Mt.mint	2-3'	sun – lt.sh.	medium
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> – Slender Mt.mint	2-3'	sun	dry-med.

<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> – Black eyed Susan	2-3'	sun	dry-med.
<i>Rudbeckia laniniata</i> – Cut leaved Rudbeckia	4-9'	sun - shade	med.-wet
<i>Saururus cernus</i> – Lizard's tail	1-2'	sun – shade	wet
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i> – Zigzag goldenrod	2-4'	sun – shade	medium
<i>Teucrium canadense</i> – American Germander	3'	part shade	moist