

# Historic Daffodil and Native Plant Garden

## Section C

From just past the garden bench to the Birdhouse



### Noanett Garden Club

*The Noanett Garden Club  
installed and has maintained the  
Historic Daffodil and Native Plant  
Garden for the last 20 years.*



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[www.nativeplanttrust.org](http://www.nativeplanttrust.org)

[www.gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org](http://www.gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org)

[www.nfw.org/nativeplantfinder/plants](http://www.nfw.org/nativeplantfinder/plants)

[www.homegrownnationalpark.org/resources](http://www.homegrownnationalpark.org/resources)



## Section C - Front

**Common Name:** Sweetshrub, Allspice



**Botanical Name:** *Calycanthus x raulstonii* "Hartlage Wine"

**Fast Facts:** 8' to 10' high and wide. Blooms with large, fragrant maroon blooms in April and May. Likes part shade but will tolerate full sun if the soil is kept moist. Thrives in part shade with medium water needs. Tolerates clay soil. Will naturalize with suckers if not properly pruned right after blooming.



**Common Name:** Virginia Sweetspire

**Botanical Name:** *Itea virginica* "Henry's Garnet"



**Fast Facts:** Fragrant blooms are long white spires. Shrub grows 4' to 6' tall and wide. Blooms June thru July. Foliage turns a bright reddish brown in Fall. Deer resistant. Great pollinator plant attracts bird and butterflies. Adaptive to many soil and moisture conditions. Likes full sun to part shade. Good low maintenance hedge shrub.



**Common Name:** Coral Bells, Alum-root



**Botanical Name:** *Heuchera americana*

**Fast Facts:** Features many cultivars with leaves which are sometime variegated and come in a variety of hues. Prefers rich soil in semi-shaded or shaded locales. Sends up spires of small pink or white flowers in mid-summer that attract pollinators. Likes well drained or moist rich soil.





## Section C - Front

**Common Name:** Bane Berry, Dolls Eyes



**Botanical Name:** *Actaea pachypoda* "Misty Blue"

**Fast Facts:** Will adapt to most growing conditions. It prefers humus-rich moist soil in woodlands and thickets. It is self seeding. The flowers are small and white and the fruit is white, red or puplish-black berries with a black dot and often on thick red stocks. The dots on the berries lead to the common name, Doll's Eyes. This plant has highly poison characteristics.



**Common Name:** Hubricht's Bluestar, Thread leaf Bluestar



**Botanical Name:** *Amsonia hubrichtii*

**Fast Facts:** Blooms with light blue clusters of star like flowers in late Spring. Grows best in full sun. Drought tolerant once established. Prefers wet, sandy or rich soil conditions. Can be floppy. Cut back stems after flowering to create a neater more compact plant. Deer resistant.



**Common Name:** Sweet Pepperbush



**Botanical Name:** *Clethra alnifolia* "hummingbird"

**Fast Facts:** Ivory blooms 3' to 4' high compact habit. Blooms July August. The narrow (6-12 ft) multi branch leafy shrub may form sizable patches and is free of disease and has a lovely fragrance. It needs wet to moist soil and likes sun to part shade.





## Section C - Front

**Common Name:** Beardtongue



**Botanical Name:** *Penstemon digitalis* "Husker Red"

**Fast Facts:** Features 2' to 3' high bloom stalks in May and June of light pink to white flowers on reddish green stems. Reddish green foliage creates contrast in the garden. Brown flower seed heads create Fall interest. Self seeds. Grows and blooms in full sun or shade. Likes moist to wet soil but will tolerate dry soil. Attracts humming birds, bees and butterflies and is deer resistant.



**Common Name:** Black-eyed Susan



**Botanical Name:** *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sullivantii* "Goldstum"

**Fast Facts:** Hardy, low maintenance and easy to grow flower. Mid to late summer blooms of cheery golden flowers encircling a fuzzy brown center. 2-3 ft high and 1 to 1.5 wide. Grows best in sun to part shade in moderately fertile, moist and well-drained soil



**Common Name:** American Bugbane, Black Snakeroot, Black Cohosh

**Botanical Name:** *Cimicifuga racemosa*



**Fast Facts:** Grows 3' tall to 5' with the flowers. Features bold spikes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Prefers part shade to shade and average to wet soil conditions.





## Section C - Front

**Common Name:** New England Blazing Star

**Botanical Name:** *Liatris novae-angliae*



**Fast Facts:** A rare and protected plant in most of New England. Typically found in sandplains, woodlands, roadsides and seaside beaches. It likes full sun and medium moisture with well drained soil. Features star like purple flowers blooming late August to October. Grows about 2.5' tall.



**Common Name:** Blue Bunch Grass

**Botanical Name:** *Festuca indahoensis*



**Fast Facts:** An ornamental grass with a tight small mound of silver blue leaves growing up to 14" tall and 10" wide. Performs best in full sun in sandy or clay well drained soil. Is drought tolerant and excellent for erosion control and as a ground cover. Provides nice color and texture contrast in the garden.



## Section C - Back

**Common Name:** High Bush Blueberry

**Botanical Name:** *Vaccinium corymbosum*



**Fast Facts:** Grows 6-12 ft high and wide, with white blooms in May with reddish-green spring leaves that turn blue-green in summer. White or pink bell shaped flowers turn to edible blue fruit in late Summer. It prefers moist soil but will grow in dry soil. Likes sun to part shade and even shade. Wildlife enjoy the berries. It is known to attract 30 species of birds. The fruit is edible.





## Section C - Back

**Common Name:** Black Cherry, Wild Black Cherry, Rum Cherry

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus serotina*



**Fast Facts:** White blooms in April to May, then dark red fruit turns to black from August through October. It has a nice fragrance and can grow to 50' to 80' tall with spreading limbs and arching branches. Grows best in full sun or part shade and moist soil conditions.



**Common Name:** Yellow Root

**Botanical Name:** *Xanthorhiza simplicissima*



**Fast Facts:** A mat-like spreading shrub, with leggy stems to 3 ft. The star shaped purple blooms are in clusters. It blooms April-May. It likes shade, moist and sandy (gravel) soil and is a good ground cover for moist sites.

