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| Common Name | Scientific Name | Habitat | Growth Habit | Duration |
| alga pondweed | Potamogeton confervoides | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Allegheny monkey flower | Mimulus ringens | Marshes, wet thickets, ditches, edges of streams, pond and lake margins, and gravel and sand bars in streams. Predominately in non-shaded habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| alternate-leaved seed-box | Ludwigia alternifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| ambiguous sedge | Carex amphibola | Rich to somewhat poorer mesic forests and forested slopes. Mostly higher up on slopes than the related C. grisea but sometimes in floodplains of small creeks. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| ambiguous spike rush | Eleocharis ambigens | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| American alumroot | Heuchera americana var. americana | Rock outcrops in hardwood forests, hardwood forests of a southern affinity, and forest openings. Generally associated with rock outcrops but sometimes found simply in forested situations. A species of the warmer and more southern parts of New York. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| American basswood | Tilia americana var. americana | Rich mesic forests, talus slopes, bases of rock outcrops, bluffs, and thin soil over calcareous bedrock. Although occurring throughout New York's mesic hardwood forests excepting the cooler parts of the state this species is most abundant in deep rich mesic soils of valley bottoms and lower slopes as well as on talus slopes and in association with rocky outcrops. | Tree | Perennial |
| American beech | Fagus grandifolia | Mesic forests. A major component of northern hardwood forests where it is often in association with sugar maples. Beech occurs from sea level in coastal Long Island to high elevation forests in the mountains of northern New York. | Tree | Perennial |

| American bittersweet | Celastrus scandens | Edges of forests and thickets, young forests, and eroding stream banks. Perhaps becoming less common as the non-native aggressive C. orbiculata becomes more common. | Vine | Perennial |
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| American brooklime | Veronica americana | Ditches, stream edges, wet thickets, swamps, and gravel and sand bars in streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American bugleweed, American water horehound | Lycopus americanus ssp. americanus | Marshes, swamps, and edges of ponds and streams. Common in a large variety of wetlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American bur-reed | Sparganium americanum | Edges of lakes, ponds, and slow moving streams; channels in swamps, marshes, and rich fens; and marshes. This species generally occurs in shallow water on mucky soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American chestnut | Castanea dentata | Dry to mesic forests often associated with Quercus spp. The introduced chestnut blight kills the trees and mature trees are now rather scattered and rare. Still, stump sprouts and small trees are not uncommon although they soon become infested with the blight. | Tree | Perennial |
| American common juniper, ground juniper | Juniperus communis var. depressa | Rocky summits, dry woodlands and forests, edges of forests, and bluffs. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| American dittany | Cunila origanoides | Dry to dry-mesic hardwood forested slopes often with Carya spp. Often not in the most acidic sites and not with Quercus montana and ericaceous shrubs dominant. The adjacent herb layer is usually somewhat sparse but diverse. Populations are often relatively small. Mostly restricted to southeastern New York. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| American dog violet | Viola labradorica | Mesic forests, forest edges, wet forests, and high terraces of floodplains of small streams. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| American elm | Ulmus americana | Wet thickets, stream edges, swamps, roadsides, mesic to wet forests, and forest edges. In wet to mesic often nutrient rich soils. Still a rather common tree even after the introduction of Dutch Elm Disease although perhaps not as significant of a component of bottom land and wet-mesic forests and not growing as large as in the past. | Tree | Perennial |
| American germander | Teucrium canadense | Floodplain forests, alluvial thickets, edges of streams, and sand and gravel bars in streams. Sometimes somewhat weedy. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| American golden dock | Rumex fueginus | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| American hazelnut | Corylus americana | Edges of swamps, alluvial thickets, and weedy thickets. | Shrub | Perennial |
| American holly | Ilex opaca var. opaca | Mostly coastal (or near coastal) in NYS. Occurring in sandy understories of forests but also in clearings and openings. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| American manna grass | Glyceria grandis var. grandis | Marshes, openings in swamps, and wet thickets. In saturated to slightly inundated soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| American marsh pennywort | Hydrocotyle americana | Marshes, swamps, stream banks, and wet ditches usually where the herbaceous vegetation is not dense or tall. This species likes exposed saturated or wet soils. It also does well over mosses in wet areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American plum | Prunus americana | Hedgerows, thickets, forest edges, young successional forests, and disturbed soils often in valley bottoms and floodplains. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| American red raspberry | Rubus idaeus ssp. strigosus | Logged forests, forest openings, tip-up mounds at bases of fallen trees, roadsides, disturbed sites, talus slopes, and rocky openings. Very common and widespread in the cooler parts of New York and less widespread and more of a habitat specialist in the warmer parts of the state. | Shrub | Perennial |
| American reed grass, American phragmites | Phragmites americanus | Rich fens, fresh and brackish marshes, and shrub swamps. Can grow in large stands but these are not as dense as the stands of the introduced Phragmites australis. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| American saltmarsh bulrush | Bolboschoenus maritimus ssp. paludosus | Coastal and inland salt marshes, edges of inland salt ponds, and swales and ditches with saline or brackish water. In non-tidal situations it often grows in standing water, at least seasonally, up to 1-2 meters deep. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| American sea rocket | Cakile edentula var. edentula | Maritime sandy areas mostly on beaches in or just above the wrack line. | Forb/herb | |
| American spearwort, American crowfoot | Ranunculus ambigens | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American stinging nettle | Urtica gracilis ssp. gracilis | High and low forested floodplain terraces, floodplain thickets, and gravel and sand bars in streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American strawberry bush | Euonymus americanus | Mesic forests including rich sites. | Shrub | Perennial |
| American sweetflag | Acorus americanus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| American vetch | Vicia americana var. americana | Edges of forests, woodlands, bluffs, thickets, and roadsides. In dry to mesic soils. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| American water smartweed | Persicaria amphibia ssp. laevimarginata | Rooted, floating leaved aquatic in ponds, lake edges, and marshes; it also occurs as an emergent in shallow water at edges of lakes, ponds, and slow moving streams; and grows as a terrestrial herb in saturated soils (at least seasonally) of pond and lake edges as well as marshes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| American wild mint | Mentha canadensis | Marshes, wet thickets, and stream banks. Often grows in somewhat weedy thickets. | Forb/herb | |
| Andrew's bottle gentian | Gentiana andrewsii var. andrewsii | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| aniseroot, long-styled sweet cicely | Osmorhiza longistylis | Rich forests, bottomlands, trail edges, and occasionally shaded not highly disturbed roadsides. This species often occurs in deep or calcareous soils but it can also be found in more acidic sites. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Appalachian cherry | Prunus susquehanae | Rocky summits, exposed rocky ridges, rock outcrops, bluffs, and ledges. Also rarely occurs in open fields with thin seasonally saturated and seasonally dry soils. | Shrub | Perennial |
| Appalachian rock polypody, Appalachian polypody | Polypodium appalachianum | Rims of cliffs, ledges, tops of boulders in forests, and talus slopes on thin mesic soil over rocks. Distinctions in habitat preferences between this and the very closely related P. virginianum as well as the hybrid between the two (P. x incognitum) have not been detected. | Fern | Perennial |
| appressed-leaved bog clubmoss, swamp bog clubmoss | Lycopodiella appressa | | lycophyte | Perennial |
| arrow feather threeawn | Aristida purpurascens var. purpurascens | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| arrow-leaved tearthumb | Persicaria sagittata | Marshes, swamps, wet thickets, ditches, and wet disturbed sites. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| arrow-leaved violet | Viola sagittata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Ashe's rosette grass | Dichanthelium commutatum ssp. ashei | | Graminoid | |

| Atlantic blueberry | Vaccinium angustifolium × V. corymbosum = V. ×atlanticum | | Shrub | Perennial |
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| Atlantic blue-eyed grass | Sisyrinchium atlanticum | Fields and thickets in sandy soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Atlantic ladies' tresses | Spiranthes bightensis | | Herbaceous Monocot | Perennial |
| Atlantic white cedar | Chamaecyparis thyoides | Acidic swamps mostly restricted to the coast but also occurring in a few inland sites. Often forms dense monospecific stands. | Tree | Perennial |
| autumn bent | Agrostis perennans | Mesic forests sometimes on edges of forested streams. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| autumn coralroot | Corallorhiza odontorhiza var. odontorhiza | Mesic hardwood forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| autumn water starwort | Callitriche hermaphroditica | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| awl-fruited sedge | Carex stipata var. stipata | Very common in wet forests, marshes, edges of ponds, and open wet habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| awl-leaved arrowhead | Sagittaria subulata | Occurs in tidal mud flats both brackish and fresh. Like S. montevidensis ssp. spongiosa which this species occurs with it can form large stands and is fully submerged during high tide. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| backward-fruited sedge | Carex retrorsa | Marshes; edges of streams, rivers, and ponds; openings in swamps; and swales. Perhaps most common in open marsh habitat which is at least seasonally inundated. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Bailey's sedge | Carex baileyi | Forested seeps, roadside ditches, marshes, and edges of streams and ponds. Less common than the similar C. lurida and more restricted to acidic soils. Carex baileyi is somewhat local in distribution. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| balm-of-Gilead | Populus balsamifera × P. deltoides = P. ×jackii | | Tree | Perennial |
| balsam poplar | Populus balsamifera | Successional forests of a northern affinity, roadsides, clearings, and forest openings. In the cooler and more northern parts of New York. | Tree | Perennial |
| Baltic rush | Juncus balticus ssp. littoralis | Fresh and saline marshes, and wet or wet-mesic ditches and thickets. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| barber-pole bulrush | Scirpus microcarpus | Marshes, open swamps, wet logging roads, and wet ditches. In high to low pH sites including rich Thuja occidentalis swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Barratt's sedge | Carex barrattii | | Graminoid | Perennial |

| bastard toad flax | Comandra umbellata ssp. umbellata | Thin canopied oak forests, woodlands, and forest edges; utility rights-of-way, pine barrens, successional fields, and thickets. Generally in dry thin soils in open to partly shaded habitat but sometimes in wetter habitats. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| Bayard's adder's mouth | Malaxis bayardii | In fire maintained systems, particularly under pitch pine or within rocky chestnut oak forest. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| bayberry | Morella caroliniensis | This species is found in a few, apparently very different, habitat types including upland maritime habitats, dunes, rich open to forested fens, and open habitats in sandy or thin acidic soils. | Shrub | Perennial |
| bayonet rush | Juncus militaris | Emergent from edges of lakes and ponds in acidic sandy or coarse soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| beach grass | Calamagrostis breviligulata | Maritime dunes and also planted and naturalizing along the shores of Lake Ontario. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| beach heather | Hudsonia tomentosa | Coastal dunes. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| beach pea | Lathyrus japonicus var. maritimus | Maritime areas on cobbles or sand. Usually close to the shore but above the high tide line. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| beach pinweed | Lechea maritima var. maritima | Maritime dunes. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| beach plum | Prunus maritima | Maritime dunes and forest openings and thickets in sandy soil along the coast. | Shrub | Perennial |
| beach sedge | Carex silicea | Gravel and sand pits, maritime dunes, and rocky maritime areas. It grows adjacent or relatively close to the ocean in open habitats with dry to dry-mesic sandy, rocky, or coarse grained soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| beaked hawkweed | Hieracium gronovii | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| beaked panic grass | Coleataenia anceps ssp. anceps | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bearberry | Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | Rocky summits, bluffs, sandy maritime areas, and fields and roadsides with thin sandy soils. Mostly a plant of acidic soils in open sites. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| bearded sprangletop | Diplachne fusca ssp. fascicularis | | Graminoid | Perennial |

| Bebb's sedge | Carex bebbii | Fens, marshes, ditches, edges of swamps, and edges of ponds. Predominately in calcareous soils in open habitats with saturated or inundated soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| Bebb's willow | Salix bebbiana | Swamps, rich fens, wet thickets, wet successional fields, roadsides, ditches, marshes, vernal pools, and edges of lakes and streams. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| Berchtold's pondweed | Potamogeton berchtoldii | Shallow water of ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | |
| Bicknell's rosette grass | Dichanthelium bicknellii | | | |
| Bicknell's sedge | Carex bicknellii | Rocky summits, woodlands, thickets, pine forests, roadsides, and railroad rights-of-way. Grows in dry rocky or sandy soils mostly in open habitats. Usually in at least slightly richer soils than the closely related C. merritt-fernaldii. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| big bluestem | Andropogon gerardi | Ice and river scour shores of medium to large sized rivers, dry open habitats including rocky summits, open hillsides in woodlands and forests, bluffs, sandy fields, and roadsides. It is sometimes planted on roadsides. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| big cord grass | Sporobolus cynosuroides | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| big-toothed aspen | Populus grandidentata | Successional forests, logged forests, burned forests, forest edges, openings in forests, successional fields, and roadsides. | Tree | Perennial |
| Billings's sedge | Carex billingsii | On tops and edges of hummocks in open bogs. These hummocks often are dominated by dwarf shrubs and trees and are carpeted with Sphagnum spp. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bird's foot violet | Viola pedata ssp. pedata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| bitternut hickory | Carya cordiformis | Floodplain forests and wet-mesic to mesic hardwood forests often low on slopes. A tree primarily of bottomlands in well-drained to wet soils but also occurs less frequently and in smaller numbers in drier habitats on upper slopes and hilltops. | Tree | Perennial |
| black ash | Fraxinus nigra | Swamps, rich wet forests, and edges of streams. | Tree | Perennial |
| black birch | Betula lenta | A tree of young forests, rocky slopes, and talus slopes in mesic to dry soils. It is most common in warmer parts of NY and is an early successional species in mesic forests. | Tree | Perennial |

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| black chokeberry | Aronia melanocarpa | Swamps, marshes, wet thickets, lakes edges, peatlands, rock outcrops, rocky summits, pine barrens, and sandy forests. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| black cohosh, black snakeroot, bugbane | Actaea racemosa | Mesic to dry-mesic hardwood forests and forest edges, vegetated roadsides and paths often in calcareous soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| black crowberry | Empetrum nigrum | Open rocky alpine habitats. Sometimes mixed with small dwarfed shrubs. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| black grass | Juncus gerardi | Coastal and inland salt marshes, and becoming fairly common on edges of major roads where salt is applied. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| black huckleberry | Gaylussacia baccata | Dry-mesic to mesic acidic hardwood forests of a southern affinity, bluffs, woodlands, and rocky summits. Occasionally occurs in wet acidic peatlands. Often occurs high on slopes or on hilltops in association with Vaccinium spp. | | Perennial |
| black maple | Acer nigrum | Mostly restricted to calcareous or rich soils. Floodplain forests, rich mesic forests, and limestone forests. | Tree | Perennial |
| black oak | Quercus velutina | Dry to mesic forests. Prefers two main habitats: dry ridges and upper slopes sometimes with Q. coccinea; and deep slightly acidic often sandy mesic soils on mid to lower slopes. | Tree | Perennial |
| black raspberry | Rubus occidentalis | Successional and disturbed forests, floodplain forests, forest edges, openings in forests, thickets, stream banks, and roadsides. | Shrub | Perennial |
| black walnut | Juglans nigra | Cultivated and apparently native. Native Americans may have been responsible for bringing this tree to parts of New York. Floodplain forests, low and rich mesic hardwood forests, and successional forests. Also, often found in large patches near old home sites. Does best in deep alluvial soils where it can become a dominant tree. It is also somewhat weedy and once established sometimes creates monospecific stands. | Tree | Perennial |
| black willow | Salix nigra | Edges of rivers and streams, wet thickets, marshes, low and floodplain forests, and edges of lakes. | Tree | Perennial |

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| black-edged sedge | Carex nigromarginata | Dry to dry-mesic forests, road banks, and paths through forests. Fairly rare in New York with populations small and isolated. They often occur as small patches in botanically uninteresting homogenous forests making searches somewhat laborious. In addition, identification is difficult after the perigynia, which are produced early in the season (May), shed. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| black-fruited spike rush | Eleocharis melanocarpa | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| blackgum, sourgum | Nyssa sylvatica | Swamps, wet depressions, wet woods, and borders of ponds and streams. Also in dry upland sites. Sometimes these upland sites are associated with seasonal springs or seeps. In the upland sites, populations are sometimes very small. | Tree | Perennial |
| blackhaw | Viburnum prunifolium | Dry-mesic forests, thickets, successional shrub thickets, and successional fields. Mostly in thin dry soils. Viburnum prunifolium is mostly restricted to southeastern NY. In some areas that occurs in NY it is probably not native. | Shrub | Perennial |
| blackjack oak | Quercus marilandica var. marilandica | | Tree | Perennial |
| black-seeded spear grass | Piptochaetium avenaceum | Dry-mesic thinly forested sites of a southern affinity. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bladder sedge | Carex intumescens | Hardwood and coniferous-hardwood forests and thickets. Mostly in at least seasonally wet to sometimes just mesic soils but usually not in more perennially seeny habitats. Also mostly in habitats | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bladdernut | Staphylea trifolia | Rocky forests, rock outcrops, thin soils on exposed calcareous bedrock, banks of forested streams, and mesic forests (particularly floodplain forests) and thickets. Prefers dry to mesic highly calcareous sites but when in rocky forested sites it may not be as strong of a calciphile. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| bland sweet cicely | Osmorhiza claytonii | Rich mesic forests sometimes in thickets. This species is more common that O. longistylis in New York and is not as much of a calciphile. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

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| bloodroot | Sanguinaria canadensis | Rich mesic to dry-mesic hardwood forests. In more acidic regions it often occurs in rocky sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| blue flag | Iris versicolor | Swamps, shrub swamps, marshes, rich fens, and acidic bogs. Grows in a wide variety of wetland types. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| blue ground cedar | Diphasiastrum tristachyum | Dry to mesic forests often on upper slopes and hilltops with sterile thin or sandy acidic soils. In similar habitats as D. digitatum and sometimes occurring together but it generally grows in drier thinner and more acidic soils. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| blue-stemmed goldenrod, wreath goldenrod | Solidago caesia var. caesia | Forested slopes, forest edges, forested road banks, and shale talus in mesic to a little drier soils. Occurring almost entirely in shaded situations Solidago caesia can be quite abundant at a site although it usually does not occur in dense stands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| blunt broom sedge | Carex tribuloides var. tribuloides | Shrub swamps, wet thickets, wet depressions in forests, roadside ditches, edge of marshes, and very rarely dry-mesic forested slopes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| blunt spike rush | Eleocharis obtusa var. obtusa | Edges of ponds, streams, fresh tidal rivers, and lakes. Also in various wet open habitats including on floating logs and disturbed wet soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| blunt-leaved bedstraw | Galium obtusum ssp. obtusum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| blunt-leaved milkweed | Asclepias amplexicaulis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| blunt-leaved sandwort | Moehringia lateriflora | Mesic to low wet forests, wet to mesic thickets, edges of small intermittent drainages, and open peaty wet areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| blunt-lobed woodsia, blunt-lobed cliff fern | Woodsia obtusa ssp. obtusa | Wet to seasonally seepy cliffs, ledges, and shale or fine talus slopes. Very occasionally in soil. Predominately on calcareous substrates, but not limited to these. | Fern | Perennial |
| bog aster | Oclemena nemoralis | Acidic bogs. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| bog birch | Betula pumila | Rich fens and acidic bogs. It can grow in dense wet shrub thickets in the habitats mentioned but usually does not occur under a tree canopy. It is a rare plant and is restricted to these aforementioned unique habitats. | Shrub | Perennial |
| bog goldenrod | Solidago uliginosa var. uliginosa | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| bog huckleberry | Gaylussacia bigeloviana | Primarily a species of wet acidic shrubby peatlands including bogs. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
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| bog muhly | Muhlenbergia uniflora | | Graminoid | |
| bog yellow-eyed grass | Xyris difformis var. difformis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| boneset | Eupatorium perfoliatum | Marshes, ditches, and seepage areas. Almost always in wet soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Boott's wood fern | Dryopteris cristata × D. intermedia = D. ×boottii | | Fern | Perennial |
| Bosc's rosette grass | Dichanthelium boscii | Dry-mesic to mesic forests and woodlands often in somewhat deep although well drained soils. Generally in more mesic soils than the somewhat similar Dichanthelium latifolium. Sometimes forming large moderately dense populations. | Graminoid | |
| bottlebrush grass | Elymus hystrix var. hystrix | Rich mesic forests including floodplains and dry-mesic woodlands or thin forests with thin often calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bottle-shaped sedge | Carex utriculata | Edges of creeks and ponds, marshes, fens, and openings in swamps. Occurs in rich calcareous to more acidic wet sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| box elder, ash-leaved maple | Acer negundo var. negundo | A weedy tree originally native and rare in south central New York now widespread having spread from cultivation. Floodplain forests, banks of rivers, weedy successional forests, disturbed areas, and urban areas. | Tree | Perennial |
| bracted yellow-eyed grass | Xyris bracteicaulis | Saturated peat in large coastal plain pond shore. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Brainerd's hawthorn | Crataegus brainerdii | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| Brazilian watermeal | Wolffia brasiliensis | Quiet water of ponds, lakes, and marshes. Often growing in mixed populations with other Wolffia species. | Forb/herb | |
| bristle-leaved sedge | Carex eburnea | Characteristic of dry Thuja occidentalis bluffs over limestone where it forms a dense low carpet. Also occurs on bluffs of ravines on thin rich soils in hardwood forests and other thin soils over calcareous bedrock. Occasional on hummocks in rich swamps. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

| bristle-stalked sedge | Carex leptalea | Rich fens, hummocks in swamps, wet forests, edges of small streams, and seepage areas. Does particularly well in calcareous wetlands but also occurs in more neutral or acidic sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| bristly black currant | Ribes lacustre | Cool swamps, wet thickets, and wet cool hardwood-coniferous and coniferous forests. Most abundant and common in the cooler and more northern parts of New York. | Shrub | Perennial |
| bristly blackberry | Rubus setosus | Forest edges, thickets, fields, and roadsides. | Shrub | Perennial |
| bristly sarsaparilla | Aralia hispida | Open rocky summits and ridges, forest clearings, roadsides, and disturbed ground mostly on acidic soils and rocks. This species appears to respond well to disturbances including fire and logging. | Subshrub | Perennial |
| bristly sedge | Carex comosa | Marshes, edges of ponds and streams, openings in swamps, and acidic peaty wetlands. Often grows in at least seasonally inundated soils. A large coarse rough plant sometimes forming extensive patches in open marshes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bristly smartweed | Persicaria setacea | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Britton's bush clover | Lespedeza procumbens × L. virginica = L. ×brittonii | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Britton's coast violet | Viola brittoniana | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| broad beech fern | Phegopteris hexagonoptera | Rich mesic to dry-mesic hardwood forests, edges of seeps, and edges of small streams. Generally but not restricted to mineral rich sites. | Fern | Perennial |
| broad-flowered common dodder | Cuscuta gronovii var. latiflora | Shores of streams and rivers, marshes, and wet thickets. Less common than var. gronovii, but growing in similar habitats. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| broad-leaved meadowsweet | Spiraea alba var. latifolia | Streamside meadows, swamps, wet forests, marshes, peatlands, wet thickets, forest openings, ditches, and thin soil over bedrock on exposed open rocky summits. | Shrub | Perennial |
| broad-leaved rosette grass | Dichanthelium latifolium | Thin canopied forests, forest edges, and woodlands including pine barrens primarily a plant of the warmer or more southern parts of New York. Generally in drier soils than the somewhat similar Dichanthelium boscii. | Graminoid | |

| broad-winged sedge | Carex alata | Peaty swamp, edges of ponds, and shrubby wet thickets. Sometimes on the bases of Decodon verticillata on pond edges. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| broom crowberry | Corema conradii | | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| broom sedge bluestem | Andropogon virginicus var. virginicus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| brown bog sedge | Carex buxbaumii | Rich fens, swamps, and wet fields. It is mostly found in relatively small patches and calcareous sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| brown-fruited rush | Juncus pelocarpus | Sandy or peaty shores of lakes and streams, and rich fens. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| brownish beak sedge | Rhynchospora capitellata | Sandy open habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| buckbean | Menyanthes trifoliata | Bogs, poor to rich fens, rich swamps, and cool springy forests. Often in inundated soils and sometimes at the edge of ponds or streams in the habitats mentioned. | Forb/herb | |
| bulb-bearing water hemlock | Cicuta bulbifera | Marshes and swamps. Common but usually not abundant or dense at a particular site. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| bulbous wood rush | Luzula bulbosa | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bunchberry | Cornus canadensis | Cool northern coniferous, hardwood, or mixed forests; on hummocks in swamps and bogs; sub-alpine forests; and edges of forests. Very common in the northern and cooler parts of New York, becoming rare and scattered in the southern and warmer parts of New York. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| bur oak | Quercus macrocarpa | Bottomland forests and swamps in deep alluvium, and limestone and alvar woodlands and forests. Usually does not occur in hilltop swamps where Q. bicolor occurs. On limestone bedrock it sometimes occurs in very dry soils. | Tree | Perennial |
| bush honeysuckle | Diervilla lonicera | Bluffs, ledges, rims of cliffs, fine talus slopes, and thin dry rocky forests. Usually dry to dry-mesic and occasionally mesic soils in unshaded to partially shaded and less frequently fully shaded sites. | Shrub | Perennial |
| Bush's oak | Quercus marilandica × Q. velutina = Q. ×bushii | | Tree | Perennial |
| Bush's sedge | Carex bushii | Wet-mesic to dry-mesic fields, edges of forests, and utility rights-of-way. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| bushy aster | Symphyotrichum dumosum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| bushy bluestem | Andropogon glomeratus var. glomeratus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| bushy bush clover | Lespedeza frutescens | Dry to dry-mesic woodlands, rocky summits, and edges of forests. | Forb/herb | |
| bushy frostweed, bushy rock rose | Crocanthemum dumosum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| bushy St. John's wort | Hypericum densiflorum | | Shrub | Perennial |
| butterfly weed | Asclepias tuberosa | Dry-mesic roadsides, edges of railroads, successional fields, meadows, and dry banks of streams. Does particularly well over calcareous rock. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| butternut | Juglans cinerea | In certain parts of its range in New York, it is primarily associated with talus slopes. Elsewhere in New York, it is associated with rich mesic hardwood forests on valley bottoms and lower slopes sometimes on calcareous bedrock and soils. Often it occurs in small patches of only a few trees. Butternut canker is killing this species and it is difficult to find individuals that are not infected. | Tree | Perennial |
| button sedge | Carex bullata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| buttonbush | Cephalanthus occidentalis | Ponds, vernal pools, edges of lakes, stream edges, and shrub swamps predominately in shallow water. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| buttonbush dodder | Cuscuta cephalanthi | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| calico aster | Symphyotrichum lateriflorum | Successional fields, roadsides, woodlands, openings in forests, disturbed areas, and less frequently on stream banks and in swamps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Canada bluejoint grass | Calamagrostis canadensis var. canadensis | Swamps, marshes, wet roadsides in the northern and cooler parts of New York, and rarely in mesic forest openings. This taxon does well in wet-mesic openings and disturbed areas in forests and is very common in the cooler and more northern parts of New York. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Canada brome | Bromus pubescens | Dry often calcareous open forests or woodlands with moderate to low density of adjacent herbaceous vegetation. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Canada frostweed, Canada rock rose | Crocanthemum canadense | Woodlands and barrens, utility rights-of-way, rocky summits, open bluffs, and fields on thin or sandy soils. Usually in open habitats with acidic, thin or coarse soils and without adjacent dense and tall herbaceous cover. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

| Canada hawkweed | Hieracium kalmii | Road side clearings, disturbed areas, thin forests, and edges of forests. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| Canada lily | Lilium canadense | Alluvial thickets, floodplain forests, and wet thickets. Usually flowering best in non-shaded sites. Often in peaty or wet springy soils. Perhaps in more acidic soils than ssp. editorum. More work is needed to asses the habitat differences of the two ssp. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Canada mayflower | Maianthemum canadense | Mesic hardwood, coniferous, and hardwood-coniferous forests; and hummocks in swamps. It does particularly well in cool northern forests where it can be the dominant herbaceous plant. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Canada onion | Allium canadense var. canadense | Floodplain forests, alluvial thickets, banks of streams, and rich low forests. Sometimes a little weedy. Mostly restricted to rich deep alluvial soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Canada pussytoes | Antennaria howellii ssp. canadensis | Openings in forests, woodlands, edges of forests, dry roadsides, successional fields, pastures, and dry river banks. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Canada rush | Juneus canadensis | Marshes, edges of ponds and lakes, fens, and various other wetlands. Often emergent from standing water. One of the later species of Juncus to flower and fruit. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Canada waterleaf | Hydrophyllum canadense | Rich often at least somewhat calcareous mesic hardwood forests. Often with a dense and diverse adjacent herbaceous layer. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Canada waterweed | Elodea canadensis | Lakes, ponds, small pools, streams, tidal stream, and rivers. Fairly abundant and often forming dense patches in a variety of aquatic habitats, often in quiet water. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Canada wild rye | Elymus canadensis var. canadensis | Floodplain forests and thickets, stream and river banks, and dunes of the Great Lakes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Canada yew, American yew | Taxus canadensis | Cool mesic to wet-mesic hardwood to mixed coniferous-hardwood forests, shaded talus slopes, and hummocks in swamps. Highly prized by deer and in areas with an overpopulation of deer becoming restricted to steep slopes and tops of boulders that are inaccessible to deer browse. | Shrub | Perennial |
| Canadian burnet | Sanguisorba canadensis | Rich fens, river and ice scour meadows along rivers, and stream banks. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

| cardinal flower | Lobelia cardinalis | Marshes, swamps, wet thickets, gravely stream banks, margins of drainages, edges of ponds including marl ponds, and wet ledges. Occurs in both shaded and unshaded sites almost always in saturated to wet-mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| Carey's smartweed | Persicaria careyi | | Forb/herb | |
| Carolina bellwort | Uvularia puberula | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Carolina clubmoss | Pseudolycopodiella caroliniana | Primarily on Long Island but also rarely inland in depressions adjacent to ponds and inundated soils of Sphagnum dominated bogs. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| Carolina redroot | Lachnanthes caroliniana | - | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| carpenter's square | Scrophularia marilandica | Floodplain forests and thickets, banks of streams, gravel bars in streams, edges of dirt roads, and occasionally in mesic hardwood forests. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| cattail sedge | Carex typhina | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| chair maker's bulrush | Schoenoplectus americanus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| checkered rattlesnake plantain | Goodyera tesselata | Coniferous, mixed hardwood-coniferous, and hardwood forests predominately in thin acidic soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| chestnut oak | Quercus montana | Dry to dry-mesic acidic forests and woodlands. A good indicator of thin dry acidic soils it usually occurs on upper slopes, crests, ridges, and hill tops often with an understory of ericaceous shrubs including Kalmia latifolia, Vaccinium spp, and Gaylussacia baccata. | Tree | Perennial |
| choke cherry | Prunus virginiana var. virginiana | Thickets, hardwood forests, forest edges, hedgerows, and roadsides. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| Christmas fern | Polystichum acrostichoides | A common mesic hardwood forest understory species in the parts of New York that have richer soils. In the more acidic as well as the more northern parts of New York, it becomes less common and more restricted to rich and rocky soils. | Fern | Perennial |
| cinnamon fern | Osmundastrum cinnamomeum var. cinnamomeum | A variety of swamp types and wet woods. Mostly restricted to true swamps and sometimes forming very dense extensive patches. | Fern | Perennial |
| clammy ground cherry | Physalis heterophylla | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| clammy rabbit tobacco | Pseudognaphalium macounii | Disturbed soils, cut forests, and edges of fields. Perhaps becoming less common as the forests are returning to post agricultural lands. | Forb/herb | |
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| clasping bugleweed, clasping water horehound | Lycopus amplectens | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| clasping-leaved pondweed | Potamogeton perfoliatus | Shallow water of lakes and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| climbing false buckwheat | Fallopia scandens | Thickets, forests edges, openings in forests, weedy disturbed forests, and disturbed sites. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| climbing fern, Hartford fern | Lygodium palmatum | | Fern | Perennial |
| climbing hempweed, climbing boneset | Mikania scandens | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Clinton's wood fern | Dryopteris clintoniana | Swamps, wet woods, and floodplain forests. Usually not forming large stands. | Fern | Perennial |
| cloudberry | Rubus chamaemorus | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| clustered sanicle, clustered snakeroot | Sanicula odorata | Rich deciduous and floodplain forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cluster-headed sedge | Carex cephaloidea | Forests, forest edges, thickets, and edges of fields. Predominately in mesic rich soils including deep alluvium. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| coastal carrion flower | Smilax pseudochina | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| coastal dock | Rumex persicarioides | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| coastal manna grass | Glyceria obtusa | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| coastal pilewort | Erechtites hieraciifolius var. megalocarpus | | Forb/herb | |
| coastal plain blue-eyed grass | Sisyrinchium fuscatum | | Forb/herb | |
| coastal plain Joe Pye weed | Eutrochium dubium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| coastal shadbush | Amelanchier canadensis var. canadensis | Maritime forests (forests adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean or Long Island Sound), dunes, thickets, swamps, and roadsides in drymesic to wet or inundated soils on steep slopes or flat areas. Very common and perhaps restricted to maritime areas where it sometimes becomes a dominant species. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |

| coastal silverweed | Potentilla anserina ssp. pacifica | Upper edges of brackish and salt marshes and adjacent maritime habitats. | Forb/herb | |
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| coastal sweet pepperbush | Clethra alnifolia | Edges of acidic ponds, acidic sphagnum wetlands, and bog edges. Often with other shrubs including Rhododendron viscosum | Shrub | Perennial |
| coastal Virginia wild rye | Elymus virginicus var. halophilus | Upper edges of salt and brackish marshes and moist coastal dunes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| cockspur hawthorn | Crataegus crus-galli var. crus-galli | Hedgerows, road sides, young successional forests, abandoned pastures, thickets, rocky openings in forests, and forest edges. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| Collins's sedge | Carex collinsii | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Colombian watermeal | Wolffia columbiana | Quiet water of ponds, lakes, and marshes. Often growing in mixed populations with other Wolffia species. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| comb-leaved mermaid weed | Proserpinaca pectinata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common agrimony | Agrimonia gryposepala | Successional forests, floodplain forests, hardwood forests, forest edges, thickets, edges of dirt roads and paths through forests, stream banks, ditches, edges of marshes, and successional fields in mesic to wet-mesic soils. A plant of a wide variety of habitats but usually growing in relatively small populations. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| common arrowhead | Sagittaria latifolia | Perhaps our most common Sagittaria this species occurs in a wide variety of wetlands. It often occurs in standing water and occasionally on seasonally exposed soils. Margins of ponds and streams, marshes, ditches and channels. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common blackberry | Rubus allegheniensis | Forest edges, logged forests, thickets, dirt road sides, and disturbed soils in forests. | Shrub | Perennial |
| common blue violet | Viola sororia | Best developed in valley bottoms and lower slopes of mesic to wet-mesic hardwood forests and forest edges; also in mesic forests, forest edges, lawns, disturbed soils, roadsides, thickets, and waste places. Widespread and very common. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| common blue violet, confederate violet | Viola communis | | Herbaceous Dicot | Perennial |

| common bluets, Quaker ladies | Houstonia caerulea | Dry-mesic to mesic open forests and woodlands, dirt roads through forests, forest edges, fields with thin herbaceous vegetation, roadsides, lawns, disturbed soils, and open exposed bedrock often in thin dry soils but sometimes in wet sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| common bristly clubmoss | | Dry to mesic forests and forest edges. It does well in successional forests. It often grows in cool shaded sites but is not restricted to such habitats and ascends into the sub-alpine and alpine zones. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| common carrion flower | Smilax herbacea | Mesic forests, forest edges, and thickets. Plants in dense shade often are small and remain vegetative. Populations generally consist of only a few individuals or small patches. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common coontail | Ceratophyllum demersum | A very common aquatic plant. Ponds, lakes, streams, usually in somewhat slow moving or still water. Very dense in some situations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common dodder | | Shores of streams and rivers, marshes, and wet thickets. The most common Cuscuta in New York, growing in a wide variety of wetland habitats but usually in areas without a tree canopy. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common duckmeal | Spirodela polyrhiza | Quiet waters of ponds, lakes, marshes, and streams. | Forb/herb | |
| common duckweed | Lemna minor | Quiet water of lakes, ponds, vernal pools, marshes, and channels. Sometimes becoming temporarily stranded. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common elderberry | Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis | Marshes, thickets, and stream banks. Mostly in non or only slightly shaded habitats and usually wet or seasonally flooded (sometimes mesic) soils. | Shrub | Perennial |
| common evening primrose | Oenothera biennis | Fields, pastures, thickets, gravel and sand bars in streams, roadsides, and disturbed soils. A native species of disturbed sites. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| common fireberry hawthorn | Crataegus chrysocarpa var. chrysocarpa | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |

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| common flat-topped goldenrod | Euthamia graminifolia | Wet to mesic fields and thickets, marshes, and roadsides. Euthamia graminifolia generally likes it a little wetter than moist although it does grow in even drier situations. This is one of our common goldenrods and can be dominant in old fields. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common fringed sedge | Carex crinita var. crinita | Marshes, wet areas in forests, seepages, marshy edges of small streams and ponds, wet fields and pastures, and wet ditches. A very common wetland sedge except perhaps in northern New York. In comparison to C. gynandra, it is perhaps a little less weedy and grows in acidic to basic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common golden Alexanders | Zizia aurea | Floodplain and rich mesic forests, and thickets in bottomlands. This species does well on floodplain terraces and in deep alluvial soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common grass-leaved rush | Juneus marginatus | Marshes, ditches, edges of swamps, and wet fields. Occurs in a wide variety of wet to at least seasonally wet-mesic soils in open habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common grass-of- Parnassus | Parnassia glauca | Rich fens, calcareous rocky stream banks, and calcareous open to partly shaded seeps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common greenbrier | Smilax rotundifolia | In dry to wet forests and forest edges of a south affinity; dry thickets and roadsides. It does particularly well in warm successional forests where it can dominate the understory and climb into the canopy. This species often forms large impenetrable thickets. | Vine | Perennial |
| common hair grass | Avenella flexuosa | Dry to dry-mesic forests, woodlands, and open habitat including barrens with thin often rocky or gravelly acidic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common Jack-in-the- pulpit | Arisaema triphyllum | Primarily in mesic forests. This taxon does particularly well in deep rich soils but also occurs in less rich sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common late purple aster | Symphyotrichum patens var. patens | Rocky summits, woodlands, and dry rocky forested slopes. A southern species with us mostly in warmer and southern parts of NY. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common lowbush blueberry | Vaccinium angustifolium | Dry to dry-mesic acidic forests, rocky summits, woodlands, barrens, rocky alpine areas, and fields with thin soils. Mostly in thin dry acidic rocky soils. | Shrub | Perennial |

| common milkweed | Asclepias syriaca | Successional fields, occasionally clearings in forests, roadsides, and disturbed ground. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| common narrow-leaved pondweed | Potamogeton pusillus | Shallow water of ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | |
| common New York aster | Symphyotrichum novibelgii var. novibelgii | Roadsides, bluffs, and thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common pilewort | Erechtites hieraciifolius var. hieraciifolius | Cut forests, disturbed ground, thickets, burned forests, rocky summits, and exposed soil of slopes. A disturbance dependant species; after a large scale disturbance such as logging or a burn this species can be very abundant. | Forb/herb | |
| common red maple | Acer rubrum var. rubrum | Occurs in a wide variety of habitats and soil types. Wet swamps to dry forests and young successional habitats this is a very wide spread and common tree. | Tree | Perennial |
| common shinleaf | Pyrola elliptica | Mesic forests. The most common Pyrola in non-sandy mesic forests. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| common silverweed | Potentilla anserina ssp. anserina | Shores of ponds, lakes, and streams, thickets, and disturbed sites often in sandy wet to wet-mesic soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| common sneezeweed | Helenium autumnale | Tidal wetlands, marshes, fens, stream banks, and gravel bars in streams. This species does particularly well in the fresh tidal marshes of the Hudson. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common soft rush | Juncus effusus ssp. solutus | Edges of ponds and streams, wet fields, marshes, openings in swamps, ditches, and swales. Occurs in a wide variety of open wet to seasonally wet habitats. Habitat differences between Juncus pylaei and J. effusus ssp. solutus are not clear. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common spike rush | Eleocharis palustris | Often emergent on edges of lakes, ponds, and rivers. Also in marshes and on floating vegetation in ponds. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common spiked lobelia | Lobelia spicata var. spicata | Wet to mesic fields and thickets; and disturbed soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common sweet white violet | Viola incognita | | Herbaceous Dicot | Perennial |
| common upland star sedge | Carex rosea | Very common in dry to mesic young successional forests to more mature forests on various soil types. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| common white snakeroot | Ageratina altissima | A variety of mesic to slightly wetter forest types, shaded stream banks, shaded shale talus of ravines. In the warmer parts of the state it is quite weedy and does particularly well in successional forests, floodplain forests, and disturbed forests. In cooler parts of the state this species become more particular and prefers richer areas sometimes near but not in seeps. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| common wild bergamot | Monarda fistulosa var. fistulosa | Thickets, successional fields, edges and openings in hardwood forests, bluffs, and roadsides. Mostly in dry to dry-mesic soils in open habitats. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| common wild leek | Allium tricoccum | Rich mesic hardwood forests. Often growing with a diverse and thick herbaceous layer. It often forms very large patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common wild strawberry | Fragaria virginiana ssp. virginiana | Successional fields, pastures, lawns, roadsides, young successional forests, forest openings, disturbed soils, and edges of paths. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common winged sumac | Rhus copallinum var. copallinum | Exposed rocky ridges, burned over areas, thickets, and fields. Soils often dry and sandy. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| common winterberry | Ilex verticillata | Margins of ponds, kettle hole ponds, acidic bogs, deciduous swamps, and shrub swamps (sometimes being the dominant shrub). In most of NY this is our most common wetland Ilex. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| common wood rush | Luzula multiflora ssp. multiflora | Mesic forests, pastures, hayfields, and successional fields. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common woodland sedge | Carex blanda | Forests, edges of forests, fields, edges of small streams, paths and roads through forests, railroad edges, and utility rights-of-way. Occurs in a variety of forests including bottomlands as well as more open sites. Usually in mesic but also in dry-mesic to wet soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common wool grass | Scirpus cyperinus | Marshes, edges of ponds, openings in swamps, wet fields, and wet ditches. Except perhaps in the northern parts of New York the most common of the wool grasses (S. atrocinctus, S. cyperinus, and S. pedicellatus). | Graminoid | Perennial |

| common wrinkle-leaved goldenrod | Solidago rugosa var. rugosa | Successional fields, pastures, wet to mesic forests, swamps, and roadsides. A common widespread species it can form dense large patches in fields. It prefers at least slightly wetter than mesic soils although it grows in mesic conditions as well. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| common yarrow | Achillea millefolium | Fields, waste places, disturbed areas, and rocky open areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| common yellow nut sedge | Cyperus esculentus var. leptostachyus | Shores and gravel bars of streams, roadsides, disturbed soils, and waste places including urban settings. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| common yellow pond lily, common spatter dock | Nuphar variegata | Lakes, ponds, and slow moving water of streams. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| common yellow wood sorrel | Oxalis stricta | Cultivated ground, fields, pastures, disturbed soils in forests, stream banks, gravel and sand bars in streams, roadsides, and disturbed soils. A weedy species of disturbed soils in open habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Commons' rosette grass | Dichanthelium commonsianum | | Graminoid | |
| compact dodder | Cuscuta compacta | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| concealed sedge | Carex abscondita | Mesic forest and low forests adjacent to small streams in sandy soils. In New York, it may be restricted to the coastal regions. It has been reported from other parts of New York but these specimens may be misidentified. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| confusing tick trefoil | Desmodium perplexum | Dry-mesic to mesic woodlands, edges of forests, and thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Copeland's bog clubmoss | Lycopodiella alopecuroides × L. appressa = L. ×copelandii | | lycophyte | Perennial |
| coppery St. John's wort | Hypericum denticulatum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| cornel-leaved white aster | Doellingeria infirma | Oak-hickory forests and forests and woodlands of a southern affinity. Rocky or thin dry-mesic soils with a thin herbaceous layer. Not common at sites and often occurring in relatively thin small patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cow parsnip | Heracleum maximum | Stream banks, rich seepy forests, occasionally roadside ditches, and wet meadows. Perhaps more common in suitable habitat in the northern part of the state. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| cowbane | Oxypolis rigidior | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| cranberry | Vaccinium macrocarpon | Wet Sphagnum peatlands in acidic to more minerotrophic sites including rich fens and acidic bogs. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| cranefly orchid | Tipularia discolor | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Crawford's sedge | Carex crawfordii | Most common in the northern parts of New York. Gravel and sand mines, roadsides, opening and clearings in forests, and thickets. Mostly in dry to mesic sandy or coarse soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| cream-colored avens | Geum virginianum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| creeping bush clover | Lespedeza repens | Dry to mesic acid hardwood forests, woodlands, rocky summits, thickets, and gravelly dirt road sides. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| creeping manna grass | Glyceria acutiflora | Swamps and vernal pools in shallow still standing water. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| creeping St. John's wort | Hypericum adpressum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| crested bindweed | Fallopia cristata | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| crested sedge | Carex cristatella | Wet fields, marshes, wet woods, swamps, and floodplain forests with deep alluvial soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| crested wood fern | Dryopteris cristata | Swamps, opening in swamps, and shrub swamps. Mostly in fairly closed canopy situations to sometimes completely open sites although, generally occurring in habitat with at least some canopy cover. | Fern | Perennial |
| crisped bunchflower | Melanthium hybridum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| cuckoo flower | Cardamine pratensis | Lawns, roadsides, riparian forests, and cool swamps. Sometimes in similar habitat to C. bulbosa but other times in weedy drier sites perhaps representing native and non-native populations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cucumber tree, cucumber magnolia | Magnolia acuminata | Mesic forests sometimes in deep rich and/or calcareous soils. Occasionally in dry-mesic or wet-mesic soils. It often occurs sparsely distributed and does not become a dominant tree in New York. | Tree | Perennial |
| Culver's root | Veronicastrum virginicum | Native as well as cultivated and naturalizing. Roadsides, forest edges, thickets, and successional fields. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| curly grass fern, curly grass | Schizaea pusilla | | Fern | Perennial |
| curved style sedge | Carex styloflexa | Mesic to seasonally flooded hardwood forests often adjacent to small drainages or creeks with deep soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| cut-leaved evening primrose | Oenothera laciniata | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| cut-leaved goldenrod | Solidago arguta | Dry-mesic to mesic deciduous forests often along the edge of trails, forest edges, and occasionally roadsides. Mainly in shaded dryish situations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cut-leaved toothwort | Cardamine concatenata | Mesic deciduous forests, stream banks, sandy bars in streams, and bottomlands. Usually in deep rich soils on lower and bottom parts of slopes. Much less common if not absent from the cooler parts of the state. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cut-leaved water milfoil | Myriophyllum pinnatum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cut-leaved water parsnip | Berula erecta | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| cyperus-like sedge | Carex pseudocyperus | Swamps, marshes, and roadside ditches. Perhaps somewhat local at least in parts of New York with the similar C. comosa being much more common. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| daisy-leaved moonwort | Botrychium matricariifolium | Mostly in mesic forests often in rich sites. Also on edges of dirt roads. | Fern | Perennial |
| dangleberry | Gaylussacia frondosa | Dry to mesic upland forests of a southern affinity often in association with other ericaceous shrubs. | Shrub | Perennial |
| dark-green bulrush | Scirpus atrovirens | Marshes, openings in swamps, roadside ditches, and less frequently wet fields. Often but not always in somewhat wetter more native and less disturbed habitats than S. hattorianus. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| dark-green sedge | Carex venusta | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| deceitful pussytoes | Antennaria parlinii ssp. fallax | Gravel roadsides, fields on thin soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| deerberry | Vaccinium stamineum | Dry to dry-mesic hardwood forests, edges of forests, and bluffs. Often on ridges, hill tops, or upper slopes in thin dry rocky acidic soils. | Shrub | Perennial |
| deer-tongue rosette grass | Dichanthelium clandestinum | Forests and thickets in deep often alluvial mesic to wet-mesic soils including floodplains, banks of streams, and disturbed areas. Generally doing best in partly shaded areas. | Graminoid | |

| devil's walking stick, Hercules's club | Aralia spinosa | Utility line cuts, disturbed areas, and young thin forests. Fairly similar to the non-native A. elata and many reports and specimens of A. spinosa may actually be A. elata. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
|---|--|---|-------------|-----------|
| Dillenius's yellow wood sorrel | Oxalis dillenii | | Herbaceous | |
| disguised St. John's wort | Hypericum boreale × H. canadense | | | |
| disjunct hoary sedge | Carex canescens ssp. disjuncta | Marshes, sedge meadows, swamps, shrub swamps, and wet ditches. Often in acidic peaty soils although grows in a wide array of habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| dissected grape fern | Botrychium dissectum | Fields, pastures, successional forests, mesic forests, forest clearings, utility rights-of-way, and edges of dirt roads. Mostly in thin poor dry to mesic soils in areas of past disturbance. | Fern | Perennial |
| distinct rosette grass | Dichanthelium spretum | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| District of Columbia rosette grass | Dichanthelium columbianum | Roadsides, gravel pits, woodlands, openings and disturbed areas in forests, and open habitat with thin dry to dry-mesic rocky or gravelly soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| ditch stonecrop | Penthorum sedoides | Marshes, stream banks, swamps, and ditches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Dobbin's blueberry | Vaccinium angustifolium × V. pallidum = V. ×dobbinii | | | |
| dotted horse mint | Monarda punctata var. punctata | | Forb/herb | |
| dotted smartweed | Persicaria punctata | Brackish to fresh tidal and non-tidal marshes and swamps. Often in mucky saturated to slightly inundated soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| downy agrimony | Agrimonia pubescens | Dry-mesic to mesic oak-hickory forests and woodlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| downy false foxglove | Aureolaria virginica | Hardwood forests, woodlands, and forest edges with oaks often in thin dry to dry-mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| downy goldenrod | Solidago puberula | Acidic dry rocky ledges and outcrops, cracks and fissures in rocks, thin rocky slopes of forests, and roadsides. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| downy rattlesnake plantain | Goodyera pubescens | Dry-mesic to mesic forests often on thin acidic soils with some pine or hemlock. The adjacent herbaceous vegetation is often sparse. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| downy shadbush | Amelanchier arborea | A wide variety of hardwood forests, forest edges, hedge rows, bluffs, ledges, roadsides, and occasionally hummocks in swamps. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| downy wild rye | Elymus villosus var. villosus | Floodplain forests and thickets, rich mesic forests, and stream edges. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| downy willowherb | Epilobium strictum | Marshes and wet open habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| dragon's mouth | Arethusa bulbosa | Bogs and poor fens. Sometimes appearing in large numbers but rather local in distribution. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| drooping woodreed | Cinna latifolia | Wet to wet-mesic areas in upland forests and forest openings, occasionally in swamps. More common in cooler and more northern parts of New York. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Drummond's rock cress | Boechera stricta | Ledges, bluffs, and forests in dry to mesic soils or thin soils over rock (including shales). | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| dry-spiked sedge | Carex siccata | Openings in forests and woodlands, and rocky summits. In graminoid dominated habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Dudley's rush | Juncus dudleyi | Rich fens, calcareous marshes, gravel pits, and at least seasonally wet to wet-mesic fields, ditches, and other mostly open calcareous habitats. Predominately restricted to at least slightly calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| dune bluestem | Schizachyrium littorale | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| dune panic grass | Panicum amarum ssp. amarum | Maritime dunes and sandy maritime areas. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| dwarf chestnut oak | Quercus prinoides | Pine and other barrens, rocky summits, opening in woodlands, and utility rights-of way. Often on upper slopes, crests, and hilltops in dry acidic thin, sandy, or rocky soils. Occurs in very similar habitat to Q. ilicifolia but is less common and populations are often not very abundant. | Tree | Perennial |
| dwarf cinquefoil | Potentilla canadensis | Successional fields, forests, utility rights-of-way, disturbed soils, and roadsides in thin or sandy dry to dry-mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| dwarf ginseng | Panax trifolius | Mesic forests and banks of small streams. In rich to somewhat poorer soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| dwarf prairie willow | Salix humilis var. tristis | | Shrub | Perennial |
| dwarf shadbush | Amelanchier spicata | Rock outcrops, rocky summits and openings, bluffs, forest edges, grasslands, successional fields, and roadsides in dry sandy to rocky acidic soils. | Shrub | Perennial |

| Hypericum mutilum ssp. mutilum | One of the most common wetland Hypericum species in New York. Marshes, stream edges, and pond edges. Does particularly well on open mud flats on draw down zones of ponds, marshes, streams, and drainage channels. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| | | Shrub | Perennial |
| Ranunculus fascicularis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Solidago juncea | Successional fields, edges of forests, woodlands, and road banks. Grows where the soils are thin. It does best in full light where the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is low in stature. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Thalictrum dioicum | Mesic hardwood forests and forest edges in thin to deep often calcareous or circumneutral soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Micranthes virginiensis | Wet to mesic to seasonally dry rock outcrops and ledges; and thin soils on bluffs and in forest openings. Generally associated with rocks and often in areas that are at least seasonally seepy. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Pteridium aquilinum ssp. latiusculum | Hardwood or pine forests, utility rights-of-way, fields, and thickets. Mostly in thin acidic soils and often associated with Vaccinium and Gaylussacia species. | Fern | Perennial |
| Populus deltoides ssp. deltoides | Floodplain and low forests, streamsides, gravel and sand bars in streams, ditches, swamps, and occasionally on upper and middle slopes of hardwood mesic forests. | Tree | Perennial |
| Circaea canadensis | Mesic forests and thickets. Somewhat weedy, it does well on edges of paths and in disturbed soils in forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| eastern flat sedge | Cyperus lupulinus ssp. macilentus | The more common subspecies in New York. Occurs in a variety of open sandy or coarse soil habitats including roadsides, sandy shores of lakes and rivers, rock outcrops in forests, and disturbed soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| eastern gamma grass | Tripsacum dactyloides var. dactyloides | Dunes and sandy areas near the coast, upper edges of salt marshes, and river shores. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| eastern grasswort | Lilaeopsis chinensis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| eastern hemlock | Tsuga canadensis | A component of mesic cool northern forests throughout New York. In these sites it more often occurs with hardwoods and Pinus strobus than with other conifers. Also commonly on hummocks in swamps where it can sometimes form dense pure stands; often in pure stands, in ravines and on north and east facing lower slopes; and on rocky outcrops and bluffs. | Tree | Perennial |
| eastern pasture rose | Rosa carolina ssp. carolina | Edges of forests, thin canopied forests, woodlands, edges of paths and dirt roads through forests, successional fields, and forests openings. Generally in dry to dry-mesic soils. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| eastern poison ivy | Toxicodendron radicans ssp. radicans | Talus slopes, bases of cliffs, rich mesic forests, wet forests, swamps, and disturbed ground. It occurs in a variety of habitats but does particularly well in calcareous and rich sites. | Vine | Perennial |
| eastern prickly pear | Opuntia humifusa | Rocky summits and outcrops, woodlands, sandy maritime areas, and sandy thin fields. In rocky settings it usually occurs in medium sized patches and does not occur evenly spread out throughout a site, probably due to lack of habitat. | Shrub, Subshrub | Perennial |
| eastern red cedar | Juniperus virginiana var. virginiana | Rocky summits, bluffs above ravines and lakes, ledges, alvars, successional fields, pastures, and maritime and coastal sandy areas. Grows best in open sites with thin rocky or sandy dry soils and dies back if other trees shade it out. In parts of New York, it is associated with calcareous bedrock or soils and in general is somewhat of a calciphile. | Tree | Perennial |

| eastern silvery aster | Symphyotrichum concolor var. concolor | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| eastern spring beauty | Claytonia virginica | Forests and forest edges in dry-mesic to mesic often calcareous soils. Usually in drier sites with thinner soils than the related Claytonia caroliniana. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| eastern swamp milkweed | Asclepias incarnata ssp. pulchra | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| eastern sycamore | Platanus occidentalis | Predominately a tree of riparian habitats including floodplain forests and thickets, edges of streams, and sand and gravel bars in streams. Occasionally isolated trees are found growing on lower to upper slopes away from streams. | Tree | Perennial |
| eastern willowherb | Epilobium coloratum | Marshes, springy soils on edges of ponds and lakes, stream sides, cobble and gravel bars in streams, wet thickets, ditches, and openings in swamps. Grows in very similar habitat to E. ciliatum ssp. ciliatum and the two often grow together although E. coloratum is more common in warmer and southern parts of New York. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| ebony spleenwort | Asplenium platyneuron | Thin deciduous forests, rocky summits, thickets, sometimes on or near rock, and occasionally successional old fields. Mostly in drymesic to mesic soils and not occurring in the most acidic soils and perhaps more abundant in more mineral rich sites. This species appears to be increasing in New York. | Fern | Perennial |
| eel grass | Zostera marina | | Forb/herb | |
| elegant drooping sedge | Carex prasina | Mucky forested seeps, edges of small forested streams, marshes, and occasionally in rich peaty open wetlands. A characteristic plant of the edges of small slow moving streams and forested seeps. In these habitats it often forms dense linear patches. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Elliott's goldenrod | Solidago latissimifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| elliptic spike rush | Eleocharis elliptica | Rich fens, open seepy calcareous habitats, and swamps. Preferring calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| elm-leaved goldenrod | Solidago ulmifolia var. ulmifolia | Usually dry to occasionally more mesic rocky deciduous forests, woodlands, forest edges, and bluffs. Mostly a forest or woodland species. Perhaps preferring calcareous soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| elongated loosestrife | Lysimachia quadrifolia × L. terrestris = L. ×producta | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Emmons's sedge | Carex emmonsii | Dry-mesic forests, forest edges, thickets, and graminoid dominated bluffs above the ocean. Occurs on sandy soils mostly close to the coast. Inland populations need to be verified. This taxa may be worthy of specific status and although taxonomic research on C. albicans and its varieties has been done, further taxonomic research may still be helpful. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Engelmann's arrowhead | Sagittaria engelmanniana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Engelmann's quillwort | Isoetes engelmannii | | lycophyte | Perennial |
| Engelmann's vervain | Verbena hastata × V. urticifolia = V. ×engelmannii | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| entangled hawthorn | Crataegus intricata | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| Erskine's goldenrod | Solidago canadensis × S. sempervirens = S. ×erskinei | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| evergreen log wood fern | Dryopteris celsa × D. intermedia = D. ×separabilis | | Fern | Perennial |
| evergreen wood fern, fancy wood fern, common wood fern | Dryopteris intermedia | A wide variety of mesic forests. Clearly the most common Dryopteris in upland habitats. | Fern | Perennial |
| exserted Virginia wild rye | Elymus virginicus var. jejunus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| fall witch grass | Digitaria cognata | | Graminoid | |
| false hellebore, Indian corn lily | Veratrum viride | Edges of forested streams, seepages, swamps in mucky soils, and low wet forests. Sometimes forms dense patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| false nettle | Boehmeria cylindrica | Wet to seasonally wet areas in bottomland forests, low areas in swamps, marshy areas in forested streams, and marshes. Primarily but not restricted to shaded habitats with slightly inundated to wet soils (at least seasonally). Sometimes forming dense large populations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|------------|-----------|
| false Solomon's seal | Maianthemum racemosum | Mesic hardwood and hardwood-coniferous forests. Widespread and common in a variety of forest types but perhaps absent from the drier most acidic sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| false summer sedge | Carex aestivalis × C. gracillima = C. ×aestivaliformis | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| false yellow nut sedge | Cyperus strigosus | Shores of lakes and streams, roadsides, railroad edges, disturbed soils, cultivated ground, and waste places. One of the most common Cyperus species in New York. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Farwell's water milfoil | Myriophyllum farwellii | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Faxon's oak | Quercus alba × Q. prinoides = Q. ×faxonii | | Tree | Perennial |
| Fernald's false manna grass | Torreyochloa pallida var. fernaldii | Edges of ponds and lakes, stream margins, and marshes. Often in slightly inundated to saturated mucky soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| fescue sedge | Carex festucacea | Small stream edges, seasonally wet areas in forests, edges of forests, roadsides, and pastures. Occurs in very dry sites as well as areas that are at least seasonally wet. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| few-flowered nut sedge | Scleria pauciflora | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| field bead grass | Paspalum laeve | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| field dodder | Cuscuta campestris | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| field horsetail, common horsetail | Equisetum arvense | A wide range of mostly wet habitats but also in some drier disturbed sites. Rich fens, swamps, seepage areas in upland forests, shores and edges of ponds and streams, ditches, wet gravel pits, roadsides, and disturbed soils. The most common Equisetum in New York it is sometimes weedy. | Fern | Perennial |
| field pussytoes | Antennaria neglecta | Banks of dirt roads, edges of forests, and open forests on thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| field sedge | Carex conoidea | Fields, pastures, utility rights-of-way, thickets, and roadsides. Mostly in mesic soils in open sites. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

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| fireweed | Chamaenerion angustifolium ssp. circumvagum | Clearing and openings in forests, edges of forests, roadsides, and disturbed soils. Responds well to fire and clearing. Most common in northern New York where it can form extensive patches. | Forb/herb | |
| five-angled dodder | Cuscuta pentagona | | Vine | Perennial |
| flaccid manna grass | Glyceria laxa | | Graminoid | |
| flat-branched tree clubmoss | Dendrolycopodium obscurum | A wide variety of mesic forests and forest opening including forested roadsides. Most common in all but the coolest parts of New York. Appears to do best in successional forests, areas with thin soils, and sites with recent disturbances. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| tloating manna grace | Glyceria septentrionalis var. septentrionalis | Marshes and edges of ponds in shallow standing water or saturated mucky soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| floating-leaved pondweed | Potamogeton natans | Shallow acid to alkaline water of ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| flowering dogwood | Cornus florida | Understories of hardwood forests, forest edges, and woodlands in mesic to dry soils. Also in cultivation. | Tree | Perennial |
| flowering duckweed | Lemna perpusilla | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| flowering spurge | Euphorbia corollata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| flowering yellow wood sorrel | Oxalis florida | | Herbaceous | |
| fly poison | Amianthium muscitoxicum | Moist woods, especially oak forests, bogs, low pinelands, savannas, meadows, and sandhills. It does best when receiving a few hours of sun per day. Caution: very posionous. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| forest milkweed | Asclepias exaltata | Mesic deciduous forests and edges of forested roads and paths. Not evenly scattered throughout a site but usually restricted to a few distinct patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| forest wild licorice | Galium circaezans | Mesic hardwoods forests from valley bottoms to upper slopes often in relatively undisturbed habitats. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| forked rosette grass | Dichanthelium dichotomum ssp. dichotomum | Dry-mesic to mesic forests primarily in warmer habitats or more southern parts of New York. | Graminoid | |
| forked rush | Juneus dichotomus | | Graminoid | Perennial |

| four-leaved milkweed | Asclepias quadrifolia | Forests to thin forests and woodlands of a southern affinity. Mostly an understory herb that does not do well with intense herbaceous competition. The herb layer may be rather full and diverse but not with dense tall plants. Does particularly well over calcareous rocks. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| fowl blue grass | Poa palustris | Swamps, marshes, ditches, wet disturbed areas, wet ledges, and fens. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| fowl manna grass | Glyceria striata | Edges of small streams, seeps in forests, swamps, damp dirt roads through forests, wet thickets, and occasionally marshes. A very common species that often occur in shaded habitats that have at least seasonally wet soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| fox grape | Vitis labrusca | Thickets, forest edges, and forests (often young forests or forests with a history of disturbance). | Vine | Perennial |
| fox sedge | Carex vulpinoidea | Wet fields, wet pastures, marshes, swamps, edges of ponds and streams, and wet ditches. A very common wetland species mostly growing in open sites with soils that are inundated to seasonally saturated. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| foxtail bog clubmoss | Lycopodiella alopecuroides | | lycophyte | Perennial |
| fragile fern | Cystopteris fragilis | Wet cliffs and ledges, and sometime in soil below rock outcrops. | Fern | Perennial |
| fragrant sumac | Rhus aromatica var. aromatica | Thin forests, edges of forests, openings, rocky openings, and thickets. Often in sandy or calcareous soils. | Shrub | Perennial |
| fragrant white water lily | Nymphaea odorata ssp. odorata | Lakes, ponds, and slow moving water of streams. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Fraser's marsh St. John's wort | Hypericum fraseri | Marshes, shrub swamps, and acidic peaty wetlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| fringed loosestrife | Lysimachia ciliata | Fens, swamps, marshes, ditches, and wet thickets. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| fringed willowherb | Epilobium ciliatum ssp. ciliatum | Marshes, springy soils on edges of ponds and lakes, stream sides, cobble and gravel bars in streams, wet thickets, ditches, and openings in swamps. Grows in very similar habitat to E. coloratum and the two often grow together although E. ciliatum ssp. ciliatum is more common in cooler and northern parts of New York. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| frosted hawthorn | Crataegus pruinosa | Hedgerows, thin forests and woodlands, forest edges, and road sides. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|-----------|
| frostweed aster | Symphyotrichum pilosum var. pilosum | Roadsides, successional fields, pastures, waste places, and disturbed areas. A weedy species very commonly along roads and in disturbed soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| gaywings, fringed milkwort | Polygaloides paucifolia | Acidic mesic hardwood and mixed coniferous-hardwood forests often with the adjacent herbaceous vegetation sparse. Often occurs with Gaultheria procumbens and the moss Leucobryum glaucum. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Georgia bulrush | Scirpus georgianus | Marshes, wet fields, and wet roadsides. Often grows in the drier parts of marshes and in slightly saturated or simply wet-mesic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| giant bur-reed | Sparganium eurycarpum | Edges of lakes, ponds, and slow moving streams; channels in swamps, marshes, and peatlands; and marshes. This species grows in shallow water and is often associated with large extensive marshes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| glandular dodder | Cuscuta obtusiflora var. glandulosa | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| glaucous rattlesnake root | Nabalus racemosus | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| globe beak sedge | Rhynchospora recognita | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| globe flat sedge | Cyperus echinatus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| globe-fruited seed-box | Ludwigia sphaerocarpa | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| glomerate sedge | Carex aggregata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| goat's rue | Tephrosia virginiana | Rocky summits, talus slopes, woodlands, and bluffs. Primarily a species of dry rocky soils in unshaded habitats. Occurs in the more southern and warmer parts of New York. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| golden carpet | Chrysosplenium americanum | Forested seeps, wet forests, stream edges, and marshes. Often in shaded habitats in saturated mucky soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| golden club | Orontium aquaticum | In New York this species is known mostly from tidal marshes along the Hudson River. Most are freshwater although some are perhaps slightly brackish. The plants also occur in adjacent swamps. Also in acidic peat bogs and ponds (in one case planted and persisting in an acidic bog.) | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| golden heather | Hudsonia ericoides | | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------|
| golden hedge hyssop | Gratiola aurea | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| golden ragwort | Packera aurea | Rich fens, swamps, seepages in forests and openings. Mostly a calciphile, Packera aurea does particularly well in mucky seepage areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| golden-fruited sedge | Carex aurea | Fens, swamps, wet fields, wet rocky ledges and cliffs, river shores, seepy calcareous roadsides, alvars, and mesic forests adjacent to swamps. Mostly grows in open sites but can also be found in somewhat shaded environments. It does particularly well on edges of rivulets through fens where the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is not dense or tall. In a similar fashion, it does well on calcareous open seepy rock outcrops. It is mostly associated with high pH water and/or soils. | | Perennial |
| graceful sedge | Carex gracillima | In most of New York, this is the most common member of section Hymenochlaenae. Fields, pastures, forests, thickets, utility rights-of-way, and dirt roads. The soils are mesic to wet-mesic or occasionally are seasonally flooded. Occurs in rich to somewhat poorer sites although it is perhaps absent from the most acidic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| grass pink | Calopogon tuberosus var. tuberosus | Bogs and fens. In a wide variety of peatlands from very acidic to basic soils. Primarily in very open sites but sometimes in more shaded situations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| grass-leaved arrowhead | Sagittaria graminea ssp. graminea | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| grass-leaved ladies' tresses | Spiranthes vernalis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| grass-leaved pondweed | Potamogeton gramineus | Shallow water of lakes and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| gray birch | Betula populifolia | Woodlands, pine barrens, edges of forests, bluffs, successional fields, thickets, disturbed ground, and road sides on thin often rocky poor soils. Responds well to disturbance including fire. | Tree | Perennial |
| gray dogwood, red- panicled dogwood | Cornus racemosa | Old fields, shrub thickets, shrub swamps, hummocks in swamps, and hedgerows. Occurs both in uplands and wetlands. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |

| gray goldenrod | Solidago nemoralis ssp. nemoralis | Woodlands, edges of forests, successional fields, bluffs, and road banks. Grows in dry to mesic thin poor soils but tends to do best in the drier sites. The adjacent herbaceous vegetation is thin and not tall. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| gray sedge | Carex grisea | Floodplain forests, forested banks of streams and rivers, seepy areas, and mesic forested slopes. Mostly in association with floodplains in deep alluvium but occasionally occurring up slope in thinner soils. Perhaps more common but not restricted to calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Gray's flat sedge | Cyperus grayi | Coastal dunes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Gray's sedge | Carex grayi | Floodplain forests and thickets, and stream and river edges. A species that is almost entirely restricted to a very distinct niche; wet deciduous forested floodplains in deep alluvium. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| great blue lobelia | Lobelia siphilitica var. siphilitica | Seepage areas, stream margins, fens, ditches, and drainage channels; wet thickets and forests; swamps and seepy road banks. Does particularly well in calcareous seepage areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Great Plains flat sedge | Cyperus lupulinus ssp. lupulinus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| great rosebay, great laurel | | Swamps, edges of ponds, and occasionally in wet forests. In central and western New York it is restricted to small disjunct patches in cool swamps. In southeastern New York it becomes more common. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| great water dock | Rumex britannica | Marshes, swamps, and wet thickets. Often in unshaded to partly shaded habitats. Sometimes forming large populations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| greater bladderwort | Utricularia vulgaris ssp. macrorhiza | Floating in quiet water of lakes, ponds, and streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| green adder's mouth | Malaxis unifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| green arrow arum, tuckahoe | Peltandra virginica | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

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| green ash | Fraxinus pennsylvanica | Margins of streams and rivers, floodplain forests, low wet woods, and occasionally swamps although in larger swamps F. nigra is usually the dominant Fraxinus present. | Tree | Perennial |
| green milkweed | Asclepias viridiflora | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| green rock cress | Borodinia missouriensis | Thin forests, woodlands, and dry ledges. Sometimes adjacent to more open barrens or rocky summits. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Greene's rush | Juncus greenei | Dry to sometimes seasonal wet fields predominately in very sandy soils. Occasionally in cracks in rock outcrops. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| green-flowered shinleaf | Pyrola chlorantha | Cool northern mesic forests and edges of swamps. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| green-fruited bur-reed | Sparganium chlorocarpum | Edges of lakes, ponds, and slow moving streams; channels in swamps, marshes, and rich fens; and marshes. This species generally occurs in shallow water on mucky soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| greenish-white sedge | Carex albolutescens | Acidic swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| green-keeled cotton grass | Eriophorum viridicarinatum | Rich fens and calcareous swamps. Mostly in open calcareous habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| groundnut | Apios americana | Floodplain forests, thickets, stream and ditch edges, and edges of marshes. Often in open sites with soils that are at least seasonally wet-mesic but dry out later in the season. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| groundsel tree | Baccharis halimifolia | Upper edge of salt or brackish tidal marshes and adjacent upland maritime areas. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| grove blue grass | Poa alsodes | Rich mesic forests and edges of paths and dirt roads through mesic forests. Appears to have an affinity for lightly disturbed soils in rich mesic forested sites and in such situations it can form large populations. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Haberer's ground cedar | Diphasiastrum digitatum × D. tristachyum = D. ×habereri | | lycophyte | Perennial |
| hairy angelica, deadly angelica | Angelica venenosa | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hairy beardtongue | Penstemon hirsutus | Bluffs, ledges, rock outcrops, non-shaded alvar habitats, thin soil over bedrock, and occasionally in disturbed sites. Perhaps most abundant over calcareous bedrock and soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| hairy bedstraw | Galium pilosum ssp. pilosum | Dry-mesic forests and woodlands of a southern affinity; forest edges. Often in undisturbed habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| hairy bush clover | Lespedeza hirta ssp. hirta | Woodlands, dry fields, thin forests, clearings in forests, railroad edges, and utility rights-of-way. Similar habitat to L. capitata but perhaps sometimes in slightly more shaded sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hairy fimbry | Fimbristylis puberula var. puberula | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| hairy goldenrod | Solidago hispida | Dry to dry-mesic rocky forested slopes and woodlands, edges of forests, and bluffs. Grows where the herbaceous vegetation is not dense or tall. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hairy horse mint | Monarda punctata var. villicaulis | Sandy fields, roadsides, and utility rights-of-way. | Forb/herb | |
| hairy pinweed | Lechea mucronata | Utility rights-of-way and other open habitats in thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Ingiry chillegn | Scutellaria elliptica var. elliptica | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hairy small-leaved tick trefoil | Desmodium ciliare | Edge of forests, fields with thin open soils, and thickets. A species mostly of open habitats with dry soils | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hairy Solomon's seal | Polygonatum pubescens | Mesic rich to somewhat poorer hardwood forests and forested ledges. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| - | Elymus glabriflorus var. australis | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| hairy thoroughwort | Eupatorium pubescens | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hairy wild rye | Elymus glabriflorus var. glabriflorus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| hairy wire-stemmed muhly | Muhlenbergia mexicana | Disturbed sites, alluvial thickets, utility rights-of-way, edges of streams, and thin forests. This species can occur in a wide range of habitats and can occur in dry to wet soils. It primarily appears to be associated with disturbed sites of various sizes and populations are usually not very large. | Graminoid | |
| hairy-awned muhly | Muhlenbergia capillaris | | Graminoid | |
| halberd-leaved tearthumb | Persicaria arifolia | Swamps, marshes, and wet thickets. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

| harebell | Campanula rotundifolia | Dry to wet calcareous and acidic open rocky areas often on or in cracks of rocks and also in adjacent soils. Gravel shores, ledges, cliffs, rocky outcrops and summits, and river banks. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| Hawkins's oak | Quercus rubra × Q. velutina = Q. ×hawkinsiae | | Tree | Perennial |
| hay-scented fern | Dennstaedtia punctilobula | Hardwood forests, fields with thin acidic soils, blueberry barrens, thickets, utility rights-of-way and logging roads. Often forming extensive dense patches. | Fern | Perennial |
| hazel dodder | Cuscuta coryli | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| heart sorrel, wild sorrel | Rumex hastatulus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| heart-leaved aster | Symphyotrichum cordifolium | Thin forests, woodlands, edges of forests, trails and paths in forests, rocky slopes, and disturbed soils. Perhaps its preferred habitat is along edges of forests where it gets a lot of light but herbaceous competition is minimal. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| heart-leaved golden Alexanders | Zizia aptera | Thin dry open forests, edges of forests, clearings with low non aggressive herbaceous vegetation, rims of larger ravines, and non weedy roadsides and paths. It prefers dry sites that have a thin canopy. Dense canopies may cause this species to disappear. This species has similar habitat preferences to Taenidia integerrima although Z. aptera does equally well in non calcareous sites. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| heart-leaved twayblade | Neottia cordata var. cordata | Cool peaty swamps. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| heart-leaved willow, Missouri willow | Salix eriocephala | Swamps, wet thickets, wet successional fields, roadsides, ditches, marshes, and edges of lakes and streams. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| heath aster | Symphyotrichum ericoides var. ericoides | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hedge bindweed | Calystegia sepium | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Helene's ragweed | Ambrosia artemisiifolia × A. trifida = A. ×helenae | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hemlock parsley | Conioselinum chinense | Rich swamps and fens; banks of cold small drainages. This species prefers shaded conditions. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

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| Eurybia macrophylla × E. spectabilis = E. ×herveyi | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Dendrolycopodium hickeyi | , , | lycophyte | Perennial |
| Sporobolus clandestinus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Vaccinium corymbosum | In a wide variety of wetlands and also in dry thin soils on crests and upper slopes. Rich fens, acidic bogs, swamps, shrub swamps, wet thickets, edges of marshes, and mesic forests. | Shrub | Perennial |
| | | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| Stachys hispida | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Crocanthemum bicknellii | Utility rights-of-way, rocky summits, and woodlands. Often in acidic sandy soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Pycnanthemum incanum var. incanum | edges of fields. Mostly a plant of dry partly shaded habitats. It is much more abundant in warmer and more southern parts of New | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Desmodium canescens | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Viburnum lantanoides | forested stream banks, rocky ledges, and ravine slopes. Very common in the cooler parts of the state including the Adirondacks where it can form dense thickets. These dense thickets may be the result of heavy logging. In other parts of the state it is more restricted to cool forests and ravine slopes and occurs in much | Shrub | Perennial |
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| hog peanut | Amphicarpaea bracteata | Mesic hardwood forests and forested thickets. Sometimes occurs in wet-mesic soils but usually more of a mesic soil species. | Vine | Perennial |
| hollow Joe Pye weed | Eutrochium fistulosum | Marshes, ditches, and more mesic disturbed or open areas, and roadsides. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| honewort | Cryptotaenia canadensis | Wet to mesic forests and thickets often in rich soils. It does well in bottomlands and weedy alluvial soils. It occasionally occurs in slightly more open areas but prefers shade. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hooked buttercup, hooked crowfoot | Ranunculus recurvatus var. recurvatus | Mesic to wet-mesic hardwood forests and less frequently hummocks in swamps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hop hornbeam, ironwood | Ostrya virginiana | An understory small tree it occurs in a variety of forested environments, woodlands, and rocky openings. It does best in thin forests and woodlands in rich dryish thin rocky soils and over calcareous bedrock. In these habitats it can become a dominant understory tree. | Tree | Perennial |
| hop sedge | Carex lupulina | Present in most swamps although usually in low numbers. Hardwood swamps, openings in swamps, shrub swamps, wet floodplain forests, edges of streams, thickets, marshes, ditches, and swales. Often occurs in standing water and prefers the hollows, as opposed to the hummocks, in swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| hoptree, wafer ash | Ptelea trifoliata var. trifoliata | | Tree | Perennial |
| horned beak sedge | Rhynchospora inundata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| horned pondweed | Zannichellia palustris | Shallow fresh or brackish water in tidal and non-tidal habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| horse nettle | Solanum carolinense var. carolinense | Roadsides, disturbed sites, pastures, successional fields, cultivated ground, floodplain forests, and thickets. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| horsetail spike rush | Eleocharis equisetoides | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Houghton's flat sedge | Cyperus houghtonii | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| hurrah bead grass | Paspalum setaceum var. muhlenbergii | Successional fields, roadsides, and disturbed areas in sandy soil. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| hybrid bush clover | Lespedeza angustifolia × L. capitata | | | |
| hybrid bush clover | Lespedeza hirta × L. repens | | | |
| hybrid bush clover | Lespedeza hirta × L. stuevei | | | |

| hybrid cattail | Typha angustifolia × T. latifolia = T. ×glauca | Brackish and fresh tidal and non-tidal marshes, ditches, pond and lake edges, swamps, and wet thickets. Very common in roadside ditches and disturbed wetlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| hybrid dogbane | Apocynum androsaemifolium × A. cannabinum = A. ×floribundum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hybrid sedge | Carex gracillima × C. swanii | | | |
| hybrid sundew | Drosera intermedia × D. rotundifolia = D. ×eloisiana | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola affinis × V. brittoniana | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola affinis × V. hirsutula | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola brittoniana × V. cucullata | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| hybrid violet | Viola brittoniana × V. fimbriatula | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| hybrid violet | Viola brittoniana × V. palmata var. triloba | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola brittoniana × V. sagittata | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola cucullata × V. pectinata | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola cucullata × V. primulifolia | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola fimbriatula × V. hirsutula | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola hirsutula × V. subsinuata | | | |
| hybrid violet | Viola lanceolata × V. primulifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hybrid violet | Viola palmata var. triloba × V. sororia | | | |

| hybrid wood fern | Dryopteris celsa × D. cristata | | Fern | Perennial |
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| nybrid wood fern | Dryopteris celsa × D. goldieana | | Fern | Perennial |
| hybrid wood fern | Dryopteris goldieana × D. intermedia | | Fern | Perennial |
| hyssop skullcap | Scutellaria integrifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| hyssop-leaved thoroughwort | Eupatorium hyssopifolium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Indian cucumber root | Medeola virginiana | Mesic to wet-mesic hardwood, coniferous, and hardwood-coniferous forests. Occurs primarily in cool northern forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Indian grass | Sorghastrum nutans | Ice and river scour shores of large rivers, roadsides, occasionally in fens, and open thickets. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Indian hemp | Apocynum cannabinum | Dry thin forests, rocky openings, fields, thickets, gravely stream banks, and roadsides. It is also occasionally found in marshes. | Forb/herb | |
| Indian pipe | Monotropa uniflora | In a wide variety of dry-mesic to mesic forests. New plants appear in mid-summer. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| inkberry | Ilex glabra | Restricted to coastal regions. Sometimes forming a dense understory. | Shrub | Perennial |
| intermediate milkweed | Asclepias amplexicaulis × A. syriaca = A. ×intermedia | | | |
| intermediate shadbush | Amelanchier intermedia | Hummocks in forested swamps, shrub swamps, openings in swamps, marshes, wet thickets, and rich fens. | Tree | Perennial |
| intermediate spike rush | Eleocharis intermedia | Edges of channels and streams in calcareous sites including rich fens. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| interrupted fern | Osmunda claytoniana | Swamps, wet and wet-mesic forests, edges of streams, and wet roadsides. Often in true wetlands but sometimes growing in more upland soils. It can be a little weedy. Sometimes with O. cinnamomea but also growing in drier and more disturbed habitats than the latter. | Fern | Perennial |
| intertidal yellow pond lily, intertidal spatter dock | Nuphar advena ssp. advena | In New York, it is predominately a species of the fresh and brackish tidal marshes along the Hudson River but also occurs in ponds and edges of lakes. Populations in artificially created wetlands may represent introductions. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| ipecac spurge | Euphorbia ipecacuanhae | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| Jack pine | | Primarily occurs in sandstone barrens in Clinton County on thin dry soils over bedrock. Otherwise restricted to northern New York as a native tree. | Tree | Perennial |
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| Jack's oak | Quercus alba × Q. bicolor = Q. ×jackiana | | Tree | Perennial |
| jointed rush | Juneus articulatus | Marshes, edges of swamps, wet ditches, shores of streams and ponds, and rich fens. Occurs in a wide variety of wet mostly open habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| jumpseed | Persicaria virginiana | Mesic forests and forest edges, floodplain forests and thickets, stream edges often but not restricted to rich deep wet-mesic to mesic soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Kalm's lobelia | Lobelia kalmii | Wet calcareous cliffs; gravelly and peaty banks of streams and ponds; and fens and other calcareous wet sites. Lobelia kalmii is a small plant and it grows best where the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is low. It grows almost exclusively in calcareous wet sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Kansas hawthorn | Crataegus coccinioides | | Shrub | Perennial |
| Kearney's threeawn | Aristida geniculata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| kidney-leaved buttercup, kidney-leaved crowfoot | Ranunculus abortivus | Rich mesic to dry-mesic forests, thickets, forested rock outcrops, cliffs, talus slopes, and edges of dirt roads and paths through forests. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| knotroot foxtail | Setaria parviflora | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| knotted rush | Juneus nodosus | Marshes, shores and banks of streams and ponds including ice scoured shores, openings in swamps, rich fens, and ditches. Widespread in a wide variety of open wetlands. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| lake sedge | Carex lacustris | Fens, marshes, sedge meadows, edges of streams, shrub swamps, and openings in forested swamps. Sometimes forming extensive monospecific thickets. Prefers rich calcareous soils although it is not restricted to these sites. Often occurs with few fertile culms and the amount of flowering/fruiting appears to be either cyclical or dependant on seasonal climatic events. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| lance-leaved aster | Symphyotrichum lanceolatum var. lanceolatum | Floodplain forests and thickets, successional fields, wet forests, swamps, stream banks, roadsides, and ditches. A vigorous spreader this species is quite weedy and has long rhizomes that can form large clonal patches. It grows in a variety of habitats from dry to wet and from open to shaded. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| lance-leaved figwort | Scrophularia lanceolata | Dry-mesic to mesic thin canopied forests, woodlands, and forest edges. Predominately in thin or well drained rocky soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| lance-leaved violet | Viola lanceolata | Edges of streams, pond and lake margins, and wet thickets. In non-shaded wetlands on saturated (at least seasonally) sandy soils with adjacent vegetation sparse. | | Perennial |
| lance-leaved wild licorice | Galium lanceolatum | Dry-mesic to mesic hardwood forests, woodlands, and forest edges. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| large grass-leaved rush | Juneus biflorus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| large marsh pink | Sabatia dodecandra var. dodecandra | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| large Solomon's seal | Polygonatum biflorum var. commutatum | | | |
| large straw sedge | Carex normalis | A fairly common member of section Ovales at least in parts of New York. It occurs in a wide variety of habitats that are dry to wet and open or shaded. Gravel pits, roadsides, seepy wet forests, floodplain thickets, abandoned railroad grades, and openings in forests. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| large whorled pogonia | Isotria verticillata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| large-bracted tick trefoil | Desmodium cuspidatum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| large-fruited bur-reed | Sparganium androcladum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| large-leaved aster | Hilrubia macrophulla | Dry-mesic to mesic forests and woodlands. Eurybia macrophylla does particularly well on the edges of these habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| large-podded pinweed | Lechea intermedia | Woodlands, pine barrens, rocky summits, utility rights-of-way, fields, and gravel pits. Mostly in acidic thin soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| large-tubercled spike rush | Eleocharis tuberculosa | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| late hawthorn | Crataegus calpodendron | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| late spotted coralroot | Corallorhiza maculata var. maculata | A wide variety of mesic forest types but perhaps most common in hardwoods, hardwood-Tsuga canadensis forests, and hardwood-Pinus strobus forests. Patches often consist of small numbers of individuals and patches are often widely scattered at a site. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| leafy bulrush | Scirpus polyphyllus | Marshes and openings in swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| leafy pondweed | Potamogeton foliosus ssp. foliosus | Shallow water of ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| least moonwort | Botrychium simplex | | Fern | Perennial |
| leatherleaf | Chamaedaphne calyculata | Bogs, edges of ponds, and acidic peaty open sites. Mostly confined to acidic peatlands where it can form dense extensive monospecific stands or become mixed with other low shrubs to from dense shrub thickets. | Shrub | Perennial |
| leathery grape fern | Botrychium multifidum | Fields, roadsides, clearings in forests, and successional forests. Mostly in thin poor soils in open habitats. | Fern | Perennial |
| LeConte's violet | Viola affinis | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Leggett's pinweed | Lechea pulchella | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Leonard's skullcap | Scutellaria parvula var. missouriensis | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| lesser bladder sedge | Carex vesicaria | Marshes, swales on edges of rivers and streams, lake shores, and openings in swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| lesser bladderwort | Utricularia minor | In shallow water of depressions in fens and bogs, channels through sedge meadows and marshes, and edges of ponds and lakes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| lesser horse gentian | Triosteum angustifolium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| lesser purple fringed orchid | Platanthera psycodes | Margins of streams, swamps, openings in swamps, marshes, and wet low forests. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| lily-leaved twayblade | Liparis liliifolia | | Forb/herb | |
| limestone meadow sedge | | Forests, floodplain forests, wet soils in forests, fens, seepy open habitats, fields, and thickets. Occurs in wet to dry-mesic soils. The soils are sometimes clay or dense and seasonally flooded or poorly drained. Does well in disturbed and open habitats and can be common in wet somewhat calcareous fields. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Lindheimer's rosette grass | Dichanthelium lindheimeri | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| linear-leaved rosette grass | Dichanthelium linearifolium | Open or partly open habitats with dry thin or well-drained sandy to rocky soils often with adjacent herbaceous vegetation thin including roadsides, barrens, rocky summits, and disturbed sites. | Graminoid | |
| lined sedge | Carex striatula | Forested slopes on rich to somewhat poor mesic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| lion's foot rattlesnake root | Nabalus serpentarius | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| little bluestem | Schizachyrium scoparium var. scoparium | Rocky summits, openings in woodlands and thin canopied forests, successional fields, roadsides, stream banks, and pine barrens. Generally in open dry sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| little club spur orchid | Platanthera clavellata | Bogs, open seepy habitats with thin soil, wet roadsides, and ditches. Sometimes quite common in previously disturbed wet open habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| little floating heart | Nymphoides cordata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| little ladies' tresses | Spiranthes tuberosa | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| lizard's tail | Saururus cernuus | Shallow water at edges of slow moving streams, edges of lakes, wet areas in bottomland and riparian forests, swamps, and swamp openings. Sometimes forming large dense populations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Loesel's twayblade | Liparis loeselii | Rich fens, calcareous peaty swamps, and mucky seepages. Open and forested habitats in permanently saturated soils. It often grows in mucky or peaty soils and perhaps does best where the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is sparse. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| long beech fern | Phegopteris connectilis | Cool mesic hardwood, hemlock, and mixed coniferous-hardwoods forests. | Fern | Perennial |
| long sedge | Carex folliculata | Bogs, edges of ponds and marshes, shrub swamps, and hardwood swamps. Often in strongly acidic standing water. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Long's sedge | Carex longii | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| long-beaked carpet sedge | Carex lucorum | Dry-mesic to mesic hardwood, coniferous, and mixed hardwood-coniferous forests, rocky-summits and ridges, and bluffs. Grows in somewhat similar habitat to C. pensylvanica but often in more acidic soils and the two rarely occur together. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| long-beaked sedge | Carex sprengelii | Floodplain forests, edges of rivers and streams, rich hardwood forests, and thickets. Fairly niche specific species it grows well in forests over calcareous bedrock and in floodplain forests with deep alluvium. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| long-bracted orchid, frog orchid | Dactylorhiza viridis | Rich mesic to wet-mesic forests and sometimes in seepages. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| long-headed anemone | Anemone cylindrica | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| long-leaved bluets | Houstonia longifolia | Dry forest openings and bluffs in thin rocky soils sometimes on calcareous soils and bedrock. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| long-leaved bush clover | Lespedeza capitata × L. hirta = L. ×longifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| long-leaved ground | Physalis longifolia var. | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| cherry | subglabrata | | T OTO/ HCTO | 1 Cicimiai |
| long-leaved panic grass | Coleataenia longifolia ssp. longifolia | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| long-leaved pondweed | Potamogeton nodosus | Shallow water of ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| long-leaved starwort, long-leaved stitchwort | Stellaria longifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| loose-flowered sedge | Carex laxiflora | Hardwood forests, forest edges, and thickets. Mostly in dry to mesic but also in wet-mesic soils that range from fairly acidic to basic. Usually not in the poorest soils. Sometimes a little weedy on roads and trails but not as much as C. blanda. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| loose-headed beak sedge | Rhynchospora chalarocephala | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| lopseed | Phryma leptostachya | Mesic forests and forest edges in calcareous soils. Perhaps most common in floodplain forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| low frostweed, low rock | Crocanthemum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rose | propinquum | | FORD/nerb | Perenniai |
| low St. John's wort | Hypericum stragulum | | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| low water milfoil | Myriophyllum humile | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| lowland fragile fern | Cystopteris protrusa | | Fern | Perennial |
| lowland loosestrife | Lysimachia hybrida | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Lowrie's aster | Symphyotrichum lowrieanum | Dry rocky forested slopes, edges of forests, and occasionally fields. This species resembles S. cordifolium although it is distinct and is much less frequent than S. cordifolium. Symphyotrichum lowrieanum perhaps prefers more calcareous, drier, and more open habitats than S. cordifolium. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Mackay's fragile fern | Cystopteris tenuis | Wet cliffs and ledges, shale and fine talus slopes, and sometimes in soil of forested slopes not associated with rocks. | Fern | Perennial |
| mad dog skullcap | Scutellaria lateriflora | Seeps in forests, swamps, marshes, and edges of streams. Occurs in both shaded and unshaded wet habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| maidenhair fern | Adiantum pedatum | Rich mesic hardwoods forests often on lower slopes and valley bottoms in deep calcareous soils. | Fern | Perennial |

| Maine rattlesnake root | Nabalus racemosus × N. trifoliolatus = N. ×mainensis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| maleberry | Lyonia ligustrina var. ligustrina | Mesic to wet acidic forests, forest edges, Sphagnum dominated peatlands, and swamps. Quite sparse in western and central New York. | Shrub | Perennial |
| many-flowered marsh pennywort | Hydrocotyle umbellata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| many-flowered rosette grass | Dichanthelium polyanthes | | Graminoid | |
| many-spiked flat sedge | Cyperus polystachyos | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| maple-leaved viburnum | Viburnum acerifolium | Understories of forests, woodlands, edges of forests, forested road banks, and rocky slopes often in acidic not deep soils. A very common understory shrub in mesic acidic deciduous forests (sometimes dominated by Quercus rubra). | Shrub | Perennial |
| marginal wood fern | Dryopteris marginalis | Fairly common on mesic hardwood or hemlock-hardwood forested slopes in parts of New York with generally calcareous soils. It is also particularly fond of rocky forested slopes in a wide range of soil pH. Also ledges and rock outcrops. | Fern | Perennial |
| marsh bedstraw | Galium palustre | Marshes, wet forests, wet thickets, ditches, wet dirt roadsides, swamps, openings in swamps, and stream sides. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh bellflower | Palustricodon aparinoides | Often leaning on and growing up adjacent herbaceous vegetation. Stream margins, marshes, and wet thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh blue violet | Viola cucullata | Marshes, low areas in swamps, forested seeps, edges of small streams, and rarely in more mesic habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh fern | Thelypteris palustris var. pubescens | Marshes, rich fens, and swamps; edges of ponds, lakes, and streams; and ditches and open wet thickets. | Fern | Perennial |
| marsh fimbry | Fimbristylis castanea | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| marsh lousewort | Pedicularis lanceolata | Calcareous and marly fens, forested seeps; and swamps and margins of the Hudson River upslope from tidal influences. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh marigold | Caltha palustris | Forest and shrub swamps, marshes, backwater sloughs of streams, rich fens, and seeps. Predominately in shallow still water with mucky soils. Sometimes forming large dense populations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| marsh mermaid weed | Proserpinaca palustris | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| marsh skullcap | Scutellaria galericulata | Openings in swamps, marshes, and edges of ponds and streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh speedwell | Veronica scutellata | Marshes, low areas in swamps in mucky saturated to slightly inundated soils, ditches, and stream edges. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh straw sedge | Carex hormathodes | Maritime areas on rocks and sand often within reach of the salt spray. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| marsh vetchling | Lathyrus palustris | Marshes and wet thickets. Can occur in inland salt marshes. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh willowherb | Epilobium palustre | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| marsh wood fern | Dryopteris carthusiana × D. cristata = D. ×uliginosa | | Fern | Perennial |
| Maryland golden aster | Chrysopsis mariana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Maryland hawkweed | Hieracium gronovii × H. venosum = H. ×marianum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Maryland meadow beauty | Rhexia mariana var. mariana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Maryland sanicle, Maryland snakeroot | Sanicula marilandica | Rich mesic forests, alluvial forests, and occasionally hummocks in rich swamps. This is perhaps our most common Sanicula and occurs in the widest array of habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Massachusetts fern | Coryphopteris simulata | | Fern | Perennial |
| Mattamuskeet rosette grass | Dichanthelium mattamuskeetense | | Graminoid | |
| may apple | Podophyllum peltatum | Mesic to dry-mesic deciduous forests, thin forests, thickets, and occasionally in fields, pastures, and relatively undisturbed road sides. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| meadow bottle gentian | Gentiana clausa | Wet fields primarily on hill tops, edges of forests, edges of streams, seasonally wet ditches, and thickets. Often in heavy compacted soils that are seasonally wet. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| meadow horsetail | Equisetum pratense | Rich wet-mesic to mesic hardwood forests, edges of forests, and edges of streams. Primarily a plant of calcareous wet-mesic shaded habitats. | Fern | Perennial |

| meadow spikemoss | Selaginella apoda | Rich fens, seepages, wet utility rights-of-way, wet non-shaded thickets, and stream banks. Often where the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is thin. | lycophyte | Perennial |
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| meadow willow | Salix petiolaris | Shrub swamps including rich shrubby fens, wet thickets, and edges of streams and lakes. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| meager sedge | Carex exilis | Acidic sphagnum dominated bogs and poor fens. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| midday rosette grass | Dichanthelium meridionale | | | |
| midland sedge | Carex mesochorea | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| mild water pepper | Persicaria hydropiperoides | Marshes and edges of ponds, lakes, and streams in saturated to inundated soils. Often in natural habitats and sometimes forming large dense patches. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| millet grass | Milium effusum var. cisatlanticum | Rich cool northern hardwood forests often in calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Mitchell's sedge | Carex mitchelliana | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| mixed cord grass | Sporobolus michauxianus × S. pumilus = S. ×eatonianus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| mockernut hickory | Carya tomentosa | Mesic to dry-mesic forests of a southern affinity. | Tree | Perennial |
| moonseed | Menispermum canadense | Floodplain forests and thickets, and rich forests over calcareous soils or bedrock. Most abundant on valley bottoms and lower slopes. | Vine, Subshrub | Perennial |
| mosquito bulrush | Scirpus hattorianus | Marshes, fields, thickets, and roadside ditches. Most common in fields and disturbed sites. Does best in heavy or poorly drained soils that become seasonally saturated or slightly inundated including compacted soils of paths and dirt roads. More common in drier and more disturbed habitats than S. atrovirens. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| moss phlox | Phlox subulata ssp. subulata | Rims of gorges and cliffs often in thin well drained rocky soil over calcareous bedrock with the adjacent herbaceous vegetation sparse or absent. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| mountain blue-eyed grass | Sisyrinchium montanum | Fields and pastures. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| mountain holly | Ilex mucronata | Various types of acidic peat bogs, deciduous swamps, mixed coniferous-deciduous swamps, and shrub swamps. Mostly this species does not form dense thickets but occurs scattered in with a variety of other shrubs. Sometimes it can be dwarfed when in | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
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| | | hostile bog conditions. It is more common in the northern parts of the state. | | |
| mountain laurel | Kalmia latifolia | Oak dominated mesic to dry forests, woodlands, rocky summits, utility rights-of-way, and occasionally acidic swamps. Primarily a species of dry Quercus montana dominated forests often in association with other ericaceous shrubs. It sometimes forms dense thickets. Very limited in central and western New York but quite common in the southeastern parts of the state. | Shrub | Perennial |
| mountain maple | Acer spicatum | A small understory tree of northern or cool habitats. Ravine slopes, cool swamps, northern hardwood, and mixed hardwood forests. | Tree | Perennial |
| mountain winterberry | Ilex montana | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| nud plantain | Heteranthera reniformis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Muhlenberg's nut sedge | Scleria muehlenbergii | | Graminoid | |
| Muhlenberg's sedge | Carex muehlenbergii var. muehlenbergii | Sandy and rocky graminoid dominated open habitat and edges of forests. Mostly in xeric to dry-mesic rocky or sandy soils. | Graminoid | |
| Muhlenberg's veinless sedge | Carex muehlenbergii var. enervis | Fields, openings in forests, woodlands, rocky summits, and utility rights-of-way. Mostly in xeric to dry-mesic rocky or sandy soils. | Graminoid | |
| musclewood, ironwood, American hornbeam | Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana | An understory small tree in deciduous forests. It does best in wet- mesic soils, lower parts of slopes, and stream banks. Also occurs in swamps and mesic forests. It can become a dominant understory tree in these habitats. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| naked tick trefoil | Hylodesmum nudiflorum | Dry-mesic to mesic forests and woodlands. In acidic soils on upper slopes as well as richer deeper soils. One of the most common Desmodium species in New York. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| nannyberry | Viburnum lentago | Shrub and tree swamps, marshes, roadside ditches, and wet to mesic successional fields. A common wetland shrub in at least parts of NY it sometimes occur it large shrub thickets mixed with other shrubs including V. dentatum var. lucidum and Cornus spp. It does best in wet soils but also grows in mesic or seasonally flooded areas. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
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| Nantucket shadbush | Amelanchier nantucketensis | | Shrub | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved blue-eyed grass | Sisyrinchium angustifolium | Fields, pastures, thickets, successional shrub lands, and occasionally gaps and openings in forests. Mostly in fields in unshaded habitats. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved bur-reed | Sparganium angustifolium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved bush clover | Lespedeza angustifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved cattail | Typha angustifolia | Brackish and fresh tidal and non-tidal marshes, ditches, pond and lake edges, openings in swamps, and wet thickets. Although the prominent cattail of saline areas it is also widespread in non-saline habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved mountain mint | Pycnanthemum tenuifolium | Rocky summits, thickets, fields, roadsides, and railroad edges in dry to seasonally wet soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved pinweed | Lechea tenuifolia | In cracks in rock outcrops, and openings in rocky summits. In a very particular limited niche. Often with Polygonum tenue. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved prickly bog sedge | Carex atlantica ssp. capillacea | Bogs and edges of acidic swamps. Similar to ssp. atlantica in its preference for acidic sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved upland star sedge | Carex radiata | Rich forests, alluvial forests, and occasionally on the edges of swamps. Grows in mesic to seasonally wet soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved vervain | Verbena simplex | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved white- topped aster | Sericocarpus linifolius | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-leaved willowherb | Epilobium leptophyllum | Marshes, openings in swamps, rich fens, and seepage areas. Usually populations are quite small. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| narrow-panicled rush | Juneus tweedyi | Edges of streams, wet ditches, marshes, and various other wet to seasonally wet habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |

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| necklace sedge | Carex projecta | Seeps in forests, swamps, edges of small streams, and seepy more open wetlands. It does particularly well in seepage areas. More common in the northern and cooler parts of the state. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| neglected bush clover | Lespedeza stuevei × L. virginica = L. ×neglecta | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| netted chain fern | Lorinseria areolata | Swamps and wet thickets confined to coastal regions of NY. | Fern | Perennial |
| New England aster | Symphyotrichum novae- angliae | Successional fields, roadsides, and waste places. Frequently in dry to mesic sites and less frequently in wetter soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| New England blazing star | Liatris scariosa var. novae- angliae | Open woodlands and barrens. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| New England bulrush | Bolboschoenus novae- angliae | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| New England grape | Vitis labrusca × V. riparia = V. ×novae-angliae | | Vine | Perennial |
| New England snailseed pondweed | Potamogeton bicupulatus | Shallow water of lakes and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| New Jersey tea | Ceanothus americanus | Edges of hardwoods forests, openings in forests, exposed rims of cliffs, utility rights-of-way, and roadside banks in dry-mesic thin often rocky or sandy circumneutral to calcareous soils. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| New York fern | Amauropelta noveboracensis | Mesic to dry-mesic forests and forest edges. Forming extensive dense populations along with Dennstaedtia punctilobula in sterile soils. | Fern | Perennial |
| New York ironweed | Vernonia noveboracensis | Wet successional fields, stream banks, and wet forests. Fairly limited in distribution in NY and with us, usually not forming large stands. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| nimble Will | Muhlenbergia schreberi | Lawns, various types of fields, roadsides, trails and dirt roads through forests, and disturbed sites. | Graminoid | |
| ninebark | Physocarpus opulifolius | River banks, thickets in valley bottoms, and rock outcrops. | Shrub | Perennial |
| nodding fescue | Festuca subverticillata | Rich mesic to dry-mesic hardwood forests often with calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| nodding ladies' tresses | Spiranthes cernua | | Herbaceous | Perennial |

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| nodding sedge | Carex gynandra | Marshes, wet forests, swamps, seeps, and roadside ditches. Perhaps a little more weedy and abundant in acidic soils in the northern parts of New York than the closely related C. crinita var. crinita. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| nodding trillium | Trillium cernuum | | Forb/herb | |
| northern adder's tongue | Ophioglossum pusillum | Springy open wet habitats including wet fields, banks of streams, and wet open road banks. Not a weedy species but growing in open habitats that sometimes have experienced past disturbances. | Fern | Perennial |
| northern blue violet | Viola septentrionalis | Mesic to dry-mesic hardwood forests and forest edges. Generally on mid to upper slopes or tops of hills. In drier less rich habitats than Viola sororia. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern bog aster | Symphyotrichum boreale | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern bog clubmoss | Lycopodiella inundata | Bogs, edges of ponds, and logging and dirt roads often on mosses or in peaty, sandy, or coarse soils. The most common Lycopodiella in New York. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| northern bugleweed, northern water horehound | Lycopus uniflorus | Marshes, swamps, damp shores, ditches, and elsewhere. Common in a large variety of wetlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern dewberry | Rubus flagellaris | Roadsides, edges of railroads, talus slopes, forest openings, open rocky summits, and bluffs. | Shrub | Perennial |
| northern downy violet | Viola fimbriatula | Successional fields, utility rights-of-way, gravel and sand mines, roadsides, woodlands, forest openings, thin canopied forests, and disturbed areas in forests in thin well drained dry to dry-mesic to occasionally mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern gooseberry | Ribes hirtellum | Open and shrubby rich fens and rich swamps. | Shrub | Perennial |
| northern hackberry | Celtis occidentalis | Bottomland forests, rocky slopes, talus slopes, and rock outcrops on mesic to dry calcareous bedrock or soils. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| northern lady fern | Athyrium angustum | The more common of the two subspecies in New York. Hardwood or hardwood-coniferous forests, margins of streams, wet depressions in forests, and occasionally edges of forests. Primarily and understory herb that likes mesic to wet-mesic soils and usually does not occur in soils that are perennially saturated. | | Perennial |
| northern oat grass | Danthonia compressa | Edges of woodland roads and paths, openings in forests, often in thin acidic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |

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| northern obedient plant | Physostegia virginiana ssp. virginiana | Cultivated and most wild populations probably represent introductions. Damp fields, ditches, and roadsides. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern pipewort, northern hatpins | Eriocaulon aquaticum | Emergent from edges of acidic lakes. Often in sandy or coarse soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern red oak | Quercus rubra | The most widespread oak species in New York. Dry to mesic forests in a variety of soil types. It occurs in the coolest climates of any species of oak in New York as well as in warmer more southern forest types. | Tree | Perennial |
| northern reed grass | Calamagrostis stricta ssp. inexpansa | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| northern rosette grass | Dichanthelium boreale | | Graminoid | |
| northern seaside goldenrod | Solidago sempervirens | Coastal dunes, edges of salt marshes, and other maritime habitats. It also occurs inland along large road sides and thickets near salt processing areas. It is spreading in these inland habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern shorthusk | Brachyelytrum aristosum | Mesic hardwood forests often in cooler and more northern sites than B. erectum. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| northern slender ladies' tresses | Spiranthes lacera var. lacera | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern snailseed pondweed | Potamogeton spirillus | Shallow water of ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams sometimes becoming stranded when water levels drop. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern St. John's wort | Hypericum boreale | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern sundrops | Oenothera fruticosa ssp. tetragona | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern swamp buttercup, northern swamp crowfoot | Ranunculus caricetorum | Swamps, rich fens, marshes, wet thickets, and edges of lakes in inundated to saturated mucky soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern sweetbay | Magnolia virginiana var. virginiana | Swamps, wet woods, edges of lakes, ponds, and streams sometimes associated with sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua). | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| northern three-petaled bedstraw | Galium trifidum ssp. trifidum | Cool swamps, openings in swamps, marshes, and wetland edges. | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern tickle grass | Agrostis scabra | Floating logs and vegetation mats in ponds, edges of marshes on exposed soils, shale and fine talus slopes in woodlands or openings, and roadsides. Occurs in saturated to dry soils and appears to do best in open soils in full sun. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| northern tubercled orchid | Platanthera flava var. herbiola | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| northern water plantain | Alisma triviale | This species along with A. subcordatum are very similar in terms of their habitat preferences and we have not detected a difference in habitat types. Edges of streams, rivers, ponds, and marshes; and seasonally flooded ponds. This species does quite well on seasonally exposed "draw down" zones on edges of marshes, ponds, and streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| northern white cedar, arbor vitae | Thuja occidentalis | Calcareous cliffs and ledges, rocky summits, alvars, fens, and rich swamps. Grows in both xeric and wet, often cool sites. Mostly confined to calcareous soils and bedrock. In northern and cooler parts of New York it become less of a calciphile. In swamps it can from dense impenetrable stands. | Tree | Perennial |
| northern wild raisin | Viburnum cassinoides | Shrub and tree swamps, marshes, edges of ponds, and wet thickets. Similar habitat to V. lentago but generally less common, not as weedy, and more restricted to wetlands. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| northern wild senna | Senna hebecarpa | Edge of forests, thickets, roadsides, and disturbed soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Nuttall's lobelia | Lobelia nuttallii | - | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Nuttall's waterweed | Elodea nuttallii | Quiet acidic waters of lakes, ponds, and streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| loak tern | Gymnocarpium dryopteris | Cool hardwood, coniferous, and mixed hardwood-coniferous forests. Also hummocks in swamps and edges of streams. More common in the northern and cooler parts of New York. | Fern | Perennial |
| oakdrops | Conopholis americana | In a variety of mesic forests under Quercus species. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Oakes's evening primrose | Oenothera oakesiana | | Forb/herb | |
| Oakes's pondweed | Potamogeton oakesianus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| oblong bush clover | Lespedeza angustifolia × L. hirta = L. ×oblongifolia | | | |
| oblong-fruited pinweed | Lechea racemulosa | Edges of forests, woodlands, utility rights-of-way, and gravel pits. Often in thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| oldfield cinquefoil | Potentilla simplex | Successional fields, pastures, hayfields, roadsides, forests (primarily young successional), forests openings, edges of paths through forests, rocky summits, and rock outcrops. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| olive-fruited spike rush | Eleocharis flavescens var. | Floating vegetation mats and peaty swamps. Characteristically found on exposed soils of floating vegetation. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| one-flowered hawthorn | Crataegus uniflora | 1 8 8 | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| Oneida grape fern, blunt- lobed grape fern | Botrychium oneidense | Rich low mesic forests. | Fern | Perennial |
| one-sided wintergreen | Orthilia secunda | Dry to mesic or occasionally wetter acidic northern forests often with Pinus strobus and thin soils. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| orange crested orchid | Platanthera cristata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| orange fringed orchid | Platanthera ciliaris | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| orange-fruited horse gentian | Triosteum aurantiacum | Rich forests, edges of forests, stream sides, and thickets often in deep and/or calcareous soils. The soils vary from mesic to dry. Plants are usually not present throughout a site but are more restricted to a few dense patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Oswego tea, beebalm | Monarda didyma | Forested seeps, stream banks, alluvial forests, and wet thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| oval-headed sedge | Carex cephalophora | Forests, woodlands, rocky summits, and rarely fields. On upper slopes and summits. Usually in areas with some tree canopy although it occasionally occurs in open habitats. Mostly in dry to mesic rocky or thin soils often with thin adjacent herbaceous vegetation. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| ovate spike rush | Eleocharis ovata | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| pagoda dogwood, alternate-leaved dogwood | Cornus alternifolia | Understories of mesic, usually somewhat rich forests. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| paired-flowered bindweed | Calystegia silvatica ssp. fraterniflora | | Vine | Perennial |
| pale beak sedge | Rhynchospora pallida | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| pale beardtongue | Penstemon pallidus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pale dock | Rumex altissimus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pale duckweed | Lemna valdiviana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pale false manna grass | Torreyochloa pallida var. pallida | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| pale sedge | Carex pallescens | hayfields, successional fields, pastures, native grasslands, thickets, edges of forests, and utility rights-of-way. Can be very common in fields and open habitats. | | Perennial |

| pale St. John's wort | Hypericum ellipticum | Various wetlands without trees or shrubs and usually without adjacent tall and dense herbaceous vegetation. Springy edges of wetlands including springy roadsides | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| pale wild bergamot | Monarda fistulosa var. mollis | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| panicled hawkweed | Hieracium paniculatum | Deciduous, often thin, forests and edges of forests on dry to mesic slopes. The adjacent herbaceous vegetation is usually not dense or tall. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| panicled tick trefoil | Desmodium paniculatum | Edges of forests, edges of paths and roads through forests, and thickets. Usually in dry to dry-mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| paper birch | Betula papyrifera | A tree of thin poor soils, talus and rocky slopes, and edges of forests and woodlands. In mesic forests it is an early successional species starting in forest clearings, after fire, or logging. Most common at higher elevations and in the northern parts of NY. It can co-occur with B. cordifolia but usually drops out at the highest elevations. | Tree | Perennial |
| parasol sedge, umbelled sedge | Carex umbellata | Dry-to mesic hardwood forests, forested edges, woodlands, fields, rocky summits and mountain ridges, rock outcrops, bluffs, shale and fine talus slopes, dirt roads, road banks, paths, and utility rights-of-way. Is especially fond of slightly disturbed areas through open dry-mesic forests. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| partridge berry | Mitchella repens | Tsuga canadensis dominated forests with sparse herbaceous vegetation; other mesic forest types; and coastal oak forests in drymesic to mesic sandy soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| path rush | Juncus tenuis | Paths, roadsides, and fields. Very common in heavily compacted wet to dry soils of paths. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| peach-leaved willow | Salix amygdaloides | Edges of lakes, floodplain forests, and streamsides. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| pearly everlasting | Anaphalis margaritacea | Much more common in northern parts of the state. Cut forests, edges of forests, roadsides, and successional old fields often in thin sterile soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pectinate violet | Viola pectinata | | | |
| pencil flower | Stylosanthes biflora | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| pendulous bulrush | Scirpus pendulus | Wet fields, roadsides ditches, and disturbed wet-mesic soils. Mostly in association with calcareous soils. Usually in only seasonally saturated or inundated soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| Pennsylvania blackberry | Rubus pensilvanicus | Roadsides, forest edges, successional fields, and pastures. | Shrub | Perennial |
| Pennsylvania sedge | Carex pensylvanica | Dry-mesic to mesic hardwood forests, rocky summits, rocky slopes, shale and fine talus slopes, bluffs, and barrens. Usually not in the most acidic poor soils. In at least slightly more mineral rich soils than C. lucorum and the two taxa rarely occur together. Often forming extensive "lawns" in somewhat open oak and hickory dominated forests on middle slopes, upper slopes, and crests. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| perennial glasswort | Salicornia ambigua | Upper edges of salt marshes and adjacent maritime areas. Growing in dense patches. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| perennial saltmarsh aster | Symphyotrichum tenuifolium var. tenuifolium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| perennial woolly bean | Strophostyles umbellata | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| perfoliate bellwort | Uvularia perfoliata | Forests, woodlands, and bluffs in dry to dry-mesic often rocky soils with oaks dominant | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| perfoliate-leaved horse gentian | Triosteum perfoliatum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| persimmon | Diospyros virginiana | | Tree | Perennial |
| pickerel weed | Pontederia cordata | In standing water at edges of ponds, lakes, and slow-moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Pickering's reed grass | Calamagrostis pickeringii | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| pignut hickory | Carya glabra | Rocky summits, woodlands, and dry to mesic forests of a southern affinity. Mostly in dry rocky sites and when abundant perhaps indicating that the soils are calcareous or not very acidic. | Tree | Perennial |
| pin cherry, fire cherry | Prunus pensylvanica | Edges of forests, successional forests, logged areas, burned areas, forest openings, rocky summits, rock outcrops, cliffs, ledges, and bluffs. | Tree | Perennial |
| pin oak | Quercus palustris | Cultivated as well as native. It occurs primarily in small acidic swamps and forested depressions. | Tree | Perennial |

| pine barrens death camas | Stenanthium leimanthoides | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| pine barrens sandwort | Mononeuria caroliniana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pink coreopsis, pink tickseed | Coreopsis rosea | The native habitat is along the shores of coastal plain ponds. Due to this plant's popularity in the horticultural trade, it may also be found in gardens and escaping into nearby habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pink lady's slipper | Cypripedium acaule | Acidic mesic to dry-mesic forests often with pine or hemlock. Usually in areas where the adjacent herbaceous layer is sparse. Sometimes on roadsides and young successional forests. Populations size and density varies considerably. Often on hilltops and upper slopes but not restricted to these sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pink shinleaf | Pyrola asarifolia ssp. asarifolia | Rich calcareous swamps and fens, cool wet-mesic to mesic hardwood and hardwood-coniferous forests, forest edges, and edges of streams in forests. Probably not as rare as previously believed this species is perhaps overlooked when growing in cool northern mesic forests. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| pinxter flower | Rhododendron periclymenoides | | Shrub | Perennial |
| pipsissewa | Chimaphila umbellata | Dry sandy forests, edges of forests, and roadsides with thin sandy soils. A plant of acidic sites. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| pitch pine | Pinus rigida | Common in pine barrens on deep sandy soils with a frequent fire regime. Also on dry rocky soils or thin soils over bedrock on hilltops, bluffs, crests, and steep south and west facing slopes. | Tree | Perennial |
| plantain-leaved pussytoes | Antennaria plantaginifolia | Thin or open deciduous forests, edges of forests, woodlands, rocky summits, road banks, and successional fields. In mesic to dry soils that are thin or where the herbaceous vegetation is not tall or dense. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| pointed broom sedge | Carex scoparia | One of the most common section Ovales sedges. Wet to dry fields, marshes, roadsides, stream and pond edges, and wet depressions. Grows in both acidic and somewhat calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |

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| pointed-leaved tick trefoil | Hylodesmum glutinosum | Dry-mesic to mesic, slightly rich, hardwood forests. Often on mid to upper slopes. Usually never too abundant at a site but it is one of the most widespread Desmodium species in New York. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| poison sumac | Toxicodendron vernix | Swamps, calcareous marshes, and rich fens. Although it does occur in swamps it does best in opening in swamps or where the canopy is not too dense. It is mostly restricted to calcareous wet sites. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| pokeweed | 1 - | Tree fall gaps in forests, thickets, roadsides, and disturbed soils in native and non-native sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| porcupine sedge | Carex hystericina | Marshes, rich fens, edges of ponds and streams, wet fields, and opening in swamps. A relatively frequent species in high pH open wet sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| post oak | Quercus stellata | | Tree | Perennial |
| poverty grass | Danthonia spicata | Forest edges, thin canopied forest, and primarily open habitats including the rims of rock outcrops and cliffs with thin rocky or gravelly soils often where the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is not dense or tall. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| poverty rosette grass | Dichanthelium depauperatum | Open or partly open habitats with dry thin or well-drained sandy to rocky soils often with adjacent herbaceous vegetation thin including roadsides, barrens, rocky summits, and disturbed sites. | Graminoid | |
| prairie cord grass | Sporobolus michauxianus | Upper edges of salt marshes, ice and river scour shores, exposed gravel bars in rivers, fresh water marshes, and lake shores. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| prairie wedge grass | Sphenopholis obtusata | | Graminoid | |
| prairie willow, upland willow | Salix humilis var. humilis | Forest edges, forest openings, occasionally in thin forests, successional fields, utility rights-of-way, ditches, and perhaps sparsely in wetlands. | Shrub | Perennial |
| prickly ash | Zanthoxylum americanum | Wet thickets, low and floodplain mesic forests, streamside thickets, thin soils over limestone and calcareous bedrock, and other calcareous habitats both wet and dry. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| prickly tree clubmoss, northern tree clubmoss | Dendrolycopodium dendroideum | A wide variety of mesic forests and forest opening including forested roadsides. Of the three Dendrolycopodium species, this one appears to be most common in more northern forest types. Appears to do best in successional forests or sites with recent disturbances. | lycophyte | Perennial |

| primrose-leaved violet | Viola primulifolia var. primulifolia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| Pringle's aster | Symphyotrichum pilosum | Dry successional fields, utility line cuts, edges of forested areas, and roadsides. Compared to the typical variety, var. pringlei grows in drier sites with less herbaceous competition, and more often is in more native type habitats. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| pubescent sedge | Carex hirtifolia | Thickets, edges of forests, and rich hardwood forests. An odd species in terms of its habitat preferences. It can be quite weedy and abundant at sites but primarily in upland rich thickets. It general does not occur in open habitats and is less frequent in fully mature forests. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| purple chokeberry | Aronia prunifolia | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| purple cudweed | Gamochaeta purpurea | | Forb/herb | |
| purple giant hyssop, figwort giant hyssop | Agastache scrophulariifolia | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| purple Joe Pye weed | Eutrochium purpureum var. purpureum | Dry-mesic to mesic forests and woodlands, edges of these habitats, and non-weedy open banks and slopes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| purple love grass | Eragrostis spectabilis | Railroad edges, roadsides, fields with thin sandy soils, and waste places. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| purple milkweed | Asclepias purpurascens | Small meadows or edges of forests in mesic to slightly wetter soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| purple pitcherplant | Sarracenia purpurea | Acidic to alkaline peatlands. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| purple trillium, stinking Benjamin | Trillium erectum | Mesic hardwood and hardwood-coniferous forests. Occurs in a wide variety of forested habitats although it is absent from the warmer drier more open sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| purple-flowering raspberry | Rubus odoratus | Forest edges, talus slopes, mesic rocky outcrops, disturbed soils in forests, and thickets. Generally in wet-mesic or sometimes mesic soils and often in at least partly shaded habitats. | Shrub | Perennial |
| purple-stemmed angelica | Angelica atropurpurea | Banks of streams and rivers, marshes, and open swamps. This species prefers rich sites and often occurs near or adjacent to streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| purple-stemmed aster | Symphyotrichum puniceum var. puniceum | Swamps, marshes, fens, wet thickets, stream banks, and ditches. A common aster of various wetland types and usually not too weedy. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| purpletop | Tridens flavus var. flavus | Roadsides, sandy successional fields, gravel pits, and openings in forests in dry to dry-mesic sandy or gravely soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| pussy willow | Salix discolor | Swamps, rich fens, wet thickets, wet successional fields, roadsides, ditches, marshes, vernal pools, and edges of lakes and streams. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
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| Pylaie's rush | Juncus pylaei | Edges of ponds and streams, wet fields, marshes, openings in swamps, ditches, and swales. Occurs in a wide variety of open wet to seasonally wet habitats. Habitat differences between Juncus pylaei and J. effusus ssp. solutus are not clear. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| pyxies, pyxie moss | Pyxidanthera barbulata | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| quill-leaved arrowhead | Sagittaria teres | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| ragged fringed orchid | Platanthera lacera | Wet fields and pastures and springy mucky herb dominated openings in swamps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| ragged thoroughwort | Eupatorium pilosum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rattlesnake fern | Botrychium virginianum | Rich mesic hardwood forests. | Fern | Perennial |
| rattlesnake hawkweed | Hieracium venosum | Dry-mesic to dry thin forests to woodlands often on slopes. Sometimes it occurs on the edges of forests or woodlands but it is really more of an understory plant. The adjacent herbaceous vegetation is often low and not dense. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rattlesnake manna grass | Glyceria canadensis | Marshes, edges of ponds, and swamps. Predominately in saturated to slightly inundated soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| red baneberry | Actaea rubra | Mesic to dry-mesic forests. Often in at least slightly rich soils. | Herbaceous | |
| red chokeberry | Aronia arbutifolia | Swamps, marshes, wet thickets, lake edges, and peatlands. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| red milkweed | Asclepias rubra | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| red mulberry | Morus rubra | Fairly local and populations are often small. Rich dry to dry-mesic forests often on calcareous bedrock or soils. Not weedy like M. alba. | Tree | Perennial |
| red pine | Pinus resinosa | Cultivated, planted in large plantations, and native. In central and western New York it occurs on steep south and west facing slopes and bluffs in dry rocky soils. In other parts of New York it occurs primarily on deep sandy soils or in pine barrens. | Tree | Perennial |
| red pondweed | Potamogeton alpinus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| red spruce | | A component of northern mixed coniferous-hardwood forests with Betula alleghaniensis, Fagus grandifolia, and Acer saccharum. In northern and cool areas it usually grows in thin mesic soils dropping out in the richer deeper soils where hardwoods dominant. Ascends to high elevation sites and also occurs occasionally near or in wetlands especially in the warmer and more southern parts of New York where it is a rare species. | Tree | Perennial |
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| red-footed spike rush | Eleocharis erythropoda | Shores of streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes; rich fens; and floating logs at edges of ponds. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| red-osier dogwood | Cornus sericea | Shrub swamps, fens, marshes, and edges of ponds and streams often in calcareous soils but not restricted to these soils. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| red-topped panic grass | Coleataenia rigidula ssp. rigidula | Edges of ponds, stream edges, and river and ice scour meadows in at least seasonally saturated soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| reed canary grass | Phalaris arundinacea | Marshes, ditches, wet successional fields, wet hayfields, edges of ponds, stream banks, and openings in swamps. This species appears to do extremely well in areas with nutrient rich run off and often occurs in large dense populations. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| reflexed flat sedge | Cyperus retrorsus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| ribbed sedge | Carex virescens | Grows in similar habitats to the closely related C. swanii but is less common than the latter. Dry-mesic to mesic forests often of a southern affinity; ravine crests; and dirt roads through forests. Occurs primarily on upper slopes and crests. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| ribbon-leaved pondweed | Potamogeton epihydrus | Shallow water of lakes and streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rice cut grass | Leersia oryzoides | Marshes, swamps, and low wet thickets. Growing in wetter often more open sites than the related Leersia virginica. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| rigid tick trefoil | Desmodium obtusum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rigid yellow flax | Linum striatum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| river birch | Betula nigra | Riverbanks and low wet areas. Also commonly cultivated. With us primarily in southeastern NY. | Tree | Perennial |
| river bulrush | Bolboschoenus fluviatilis | Marshes, openings in swamps, edges of ponds and streams, fresh tidal marshes, and inland salt marshes and ponds. Often in large extensive marshes and mostly not associated with saline or brackish water. Sometimes occurring in large stands but more frequently occurring as small patches. Patches are often comprised predominately of vegetative individuals with only a few or no reproductive culms present. | Graminoid | |

| | | Hardwood forests, forest edges and openings, thickets, disturbed | | |
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| river grape, frost grape | Vitis riparia | sites, and rocky open slopes. | Vine | Perennial |
| river horsetail | Equisetum fluviatile | Usually emergent from shallow water at edges of quite lakes and ponds, ditches, and marshes. | Fern | Perennial |
| riverweed, threadfoot | Podostemum ceratophyllum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| roadside agrimony | Agrimonia striata | Pastures, successional fields, thickets, floodplain forests, successional and weedy forests, stream banks, and roadsides often in mesic to wet-mesic disturbed soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Robbins's pondweed, fern pondweed | Potamogeton robbinsii | Shallow water of lakes and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Robbins's spike rush | Eleocharis robbinsii | Floating and emergent in streams and edges of lakes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Robin's plantain | Erigeron pulchellus var. pulchellus | Rich deciduous forests, edges of forests, thin open forests, sometimes on road banks, and other open habitats. Generally doing best where the herbaceous layer is not tall. Clonal and forming patches. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| rock elm | Ulmus thomasii | Rocky ridges and summits, rock outcrops, cracks and thin soils over bedrock, and woodlands. Primarily in dry soils over calcareous bedrock. | Tree | Perennial |
| rock harlequin, pink corydalis | Capnoides sempervirens | Cracks in rock outcrops and soils adjacent to exposed bedrock on rocky summits, cliffs, ledges, and woodlands. Primarily on acidic rocks in open exposed habitats but sometimes in more shaded rocky sites. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| rock muhly | Muhlenbergia sobolifera | Dry-mesic forested sites of a southern affinity often in rocky soils. | Graminoid | |
| rock spikemoss | Selaginella rupestris | Dry rock outcrops, ledges, and thin soil over bedrock. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| rose pogonia | Pogonia ophioglossoides | Peaty open wetlands including rich fens and acidic bogs. Perhaps more common in acidic bogs. It also grows adjacent to these habitats in disturbed upland soils including along abandoned railroad grades. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rough aster | Eurybia radula | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rough avens | Geum laciniatum | Successional fields, pastures, wet thickets, wet disturbed soils, edges of dirt roads, and marshes Generally grows in non-shaded habitats with wet soils but sometimes occurs in more mesic soils. Populations are often small in number and individual plants are widely spaced. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rough bedstraw | Galium asprellum | Marshes, swamps, wet thickets, stream sides, and pond edges. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| rough cotton grass | Eriophorum tenellum | Peaty wetlands including bogs. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| rough dropseed | Sporobolus compositus var. compositus | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| rough goldenrod | Solidago rugosa × S. sempervirens = S. ×asperula | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| rough pennyroyal | Hedeoma hispida | | Forb/herb | |
| rough sedge | Carex scabrata | Forested seeps, wet areas in forests, and edges of very small streams. It also occasionally occurs in other wetland habitats. This species occurs predominately in the very specific niche of mucky seepage areas in hardwood forests or Thuja occidentalis swamps. It often fills the entire seepage area with evenly spaced culms via its long rhizomes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| rough sunflower | Helianthus strumosus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| rough-leaved goldenrod | Solidago patula | Rich swamps, fens, seepage areas in forests, and marshes. Restricted to saturated or seasonally inundated soils. It does best in rich more open environments but also occurs in fairly well shaded swamps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| round-fruited rosette grass | Dichanthelium sphaerocarpon | | Graminoid | |
| round-fruited sedge | Carex brevior | Rocky summits, bluffs, open forests with outcrops of bedrock, woodlands, native grasslands, roadsides, gravel and sand pits, disturbed soils, and utility rights-of-way. Mostly in very dry rocky or coarse grained soils. It does very well in calcareous soils and occurs rarely in the most acidic environments. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| round-headed bush clover | Lespedeza capitata | Pine barrens, woodlands, dry fields, edges of forests, railroad edges, and utility rights-of-way. In dry to dry-mesic acidic sandy or coarse soils. Less common in central and western New York. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| round-leaved dogwood | Cornus rugosa | Bluffs, rocky slopes, and talus as an understory shrub in woodlands and forests. Usually somewhat restricted in distribution at a site and preferring the specific niches listed. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| round-leaved shadbush | Amelanchier sanguinea | Bluffs, tops of cliffs and rock outcrops, ledges, and roadsides in thin dry to dry-mesic often rocky soils. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| round-leaved shinleaf | Pyrola americana | Hardwood or pine-hardwood forests with dry to mesic acidic sandy or coarse soils and sandy roadsides. Fairly common in sandy forests on Long Island. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |

| round-leaved sundew | Drosera rotundifolia | Rich fens, acidic bogs, open peaty wetlands, floating logs, and wet springy roadsides. Does well in open sites with low adjacent herbaceous vegetation. Sometimes on edges of shrub hummocks in open wetlands. Usually not in areas with much of a tree canopy. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| round-leaved | Eupatorium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| thoroughwort | rotundifolium | | 1 010/11010 | 1 Clommar |
| round-leaved tick trefoil | Desmodium rotundifolium | Thin dry-mesic oak-hickory or oak dominated forests, edges of paths through forests, and bluffs. Usually not very abundant at a site. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| round-lobed hepatica | Hepatica americana | Dry-mesic to mesic forests and forest edges in alkaline to circumneutral soils. When co-occurring with Hepatica acutiloba it often occurs higher on slopes in shallower drier soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| royal fern | Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis | Swamps and stream edges it sometimes grows in inundated soils. | Fern | Perennial |
| Rudge's sedge | Carex debilis var. rudgei | Hardwood and mixed hardwood-coniferous forests, forest edges, openings in forests, and edges of streams. It appears to have an affinity for edges of very small streams in forested sites although it also occurs in other habitats as noted above. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| rue anemone | Thalictrum thalictroides | Hardwood forests, forest edges, openings in forests, edges of forested dirt roads on mid to upper slopes and usually in thin drymesic coarse grained or rocky circumneutral to calcareous soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Rugel's plantain | Plantago rugelii | Fields, pastures, lawns, roadsides, and disturbed soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Sago pondweed | Stuckenia pectinata | Shallow water of ponds, lakes and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | |
| sallow sedge | Carex lurida | Marshes, openings in swamps, ditches and swales, wet fields, edges of streams and ponds, peaty acidic wetlands, and occasionally in calcareous wet habitats. A very common species that occurs in a wide variety of wetland sites that are mostly open and often acidic although it can occasionally be found in more basic sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| salt grass | Distichlis spicata | Salt and brackish marshes. Sometimes occurring in monospecific dense stands. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| salt-loving spike rush | Eleocharis parvula | Brackish marshes and pond edges including inland salt marshes. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| saltmarsh elder | Iva frutescens | Coastal salt marshes. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| saltmarsh loosestrife | Lythrum lineare | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| saltmarsh mallow | Kosteletzkya pentacarpos var. pentacarpos | | Shrub | Perennial |
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| saltmarsh water hemp | Amaranthus cannabinus | Brackish and fresh water tidal marshes. This species usually occurs upslope from mud flats in denser taller herbaceous dominated tidal marshes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| salt-meadow cord grass | Sporobolus pumilus | Salt and brackish marshes including shrubby brackish areas. This species often form large dense monospecific stands. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sand bead grass | Paspalum setaceum var. psammophilum | | Graminoid | |
| sand blackberry | Rubus cuneifolius | | Shrub | Perennial |
| sand dropseed | Sporobolus cryptandrus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sandplain wild flax, Bicknell's yellow flax | Linum intercursum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| sassafras | Sassafras albidum | Mesic to dry forests, edges of forests, woodlands, talus slopes, bluffs, sand dunes, dry stream banks, pastures, hedge rows, successional fields, and road banks. Often in sandy or gravely soils. | Tree | Perennial |
| Saul's oak | Quercus alba × Q. montana = Q. ×saulii | | Tree | Perennial |
| scarlet oak | Quercus coccinea | Dry to dry-mesic forests and woodlands. Predominately on very dry ridges, hilltops, crests, and upper slopes. Perhaps a fire dependent species it can often form dense monospecific stands, and sometimes in the driest situations, the trees appear dwarfed. | Tree | Perennial |
| scarlet smartweed | Persicaria coccinea | | | |
| Schreber's aster | Eurybia schreberi | Dry-mesic to mesic forests and woodlands particularly on the edges of these habitats, non-weedy open road banks, and occasionally on stream banks. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Scotch lovage | Ligusticum scoticum ssp. scoticum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Scribner's rosette grass | Dichanthelium oligosanthes ssp. scribnerianum | | Graminoid | |
| scrub oak, bear oak | Quercus ilicifolia | Pine and other barrens, rocky summits, openings in woodlands, and utility rights-of way. Often on upper slopes, crests, and hilltops in dry acidic thin, sandy, or rocky soils. | Tree | Perennial |

| | | Coastal salt marshes, rich fens, calcareous marshes, and openings | | |
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| sea arrow grass | Triglochin maritima | in rich peaty swamps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| sea lavender | Limonium carolinianum | Coastal salt marshes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| seabeach knotweed | Polygonum glaucum | Restricted to the beaches of Long Island. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| seabeach orach | Atriplex mucronata | Upper edges of salt marshes and adjacent sandy maritime areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| seabeach sandwort | Honckenya peploides ssp. robusta | Sandy beaches and maritime areas. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| sea-coast angelica | Angelica lucida | Coastal. Open meadows and edges of forests often in sand. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| seacoast bulrush | Bolboschoenus robustus | Coastal salt marshes. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| seaside buttercup, seaside crowfoot | Ranunculus cymbalaria | Upper edge of brackish and salt marshes including inland salt marshes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| seaside plantain | Plantago maritima var. juncoides | Maritime salt marshes and coastal beaches. | Forb/herb | |
| secund rush | Juneus secundus | Rocky summits and open dry exposed graminoid dominated hill tops in acidic soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sedge rush | Juncus scirpoides var. scirpoides | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| sensitive fern | Onoclea sensibilis | Wet forests, swamps, seepage areas, marshes, and wet fields. A somewhat weedy species that grows in a wide variety of at least seasonally wet habitats. In the northern and cooler parts of New York it is perhaps a little more restricted to rich seepage areas. | Fern | Perennial |
| shagbark hickory | Carya ovata var. ovata | Of the hickories that occur in New York, Carya ovata grows in the widest range of forested habitats. It occurs with C. glabra in dry to mesic warm forests of a southern affinity, with C. cordiformis in low bottomland forests, as well as in rich mesic forests, dry calcareous forests, and sometimes on hummocks in swamps. | Tree | Perennial |
| sharn-angled snike riish | Eleocharis tenuis var. pseudoptera | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sharp-fruited rush | Juneus acuminatus | Marshes, wet depressions, emergent on edges of ponds and lakes, edges of streams, and ditches. Occurs in a wide variety of wet to at least seasonally wet mostly open habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| | Sisyrinchium mucronatum | Pastures and fields sometimes somewhat seasonally wet. Perhaps more common than records indicate. | Herbaceous | Perennial |

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| shaved sedge | Carex tonsa | Rocky summits, open shale and fine talus slopes, rock outcrops, sandy open areas, summits, gravel pits, woodlands and dry forests, and roadsides. Generally in very open xeric habitats but also occasionally occurring under some tree canopy. Seemingly very distinct from C. tonsa var. rugosperma but variability in individual plants obscures some of the distinctions between these two taxa. Perhaps the two are worthy of species status but more research is needed. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sheep laurel, sheepkill | Kalmia angustifolia var. angustifolia | Sub-alpine forests, wet acidic peatlands, and dry sandy forests and forest edges. Primarily a species of acidic soils it grows in dry to wet open or slightly shaded habitats. | Shrub | Perennial |
| Sherard's bugleweed, Sherard's water horehound | Lycopus uniflorus × L. virginicus = L. ×sherardii | | | |
| shining bedstraw | Galium concinnum | Dry hillsides. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| shining firmoss | Huperzia lucidula | Cool mesic northern hardwood, coniferous, and hardwood- coniferous forests. Most common on hilltops and in more northern and cooler parts of New York. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| shining ladies' tresses | Spiranthes lucida | Rich fens and calcareous seepy habitats with thin soils. Does well in or on the edges of rivulets through fens which have marly rocky soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| shining rosette grass | Dichanthelium lucidum | | | |
| shining willow | Salix lucida | Shrub swamps, stream and lake edges, rich fens, ditches, and wet thickets. Populations are often isolated and small. | Tree | Perennial |
| shiny wedge grass | Sphenopholis nitida | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| shore horsetail | Equisetum arvense \times E. fluviatile = E. \times litorale | | Fern | Perennial |
| short-awned foxtail | Alopecurus aequalis var. aequalis | Marshes, swamps, and occasionally wet roadsides. Somewhat local with populations often small. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| short-fringed sedge | Carex crinita var. brevicrinis | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| short-fruited rush | Juneus brachycarpus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| short-leaved pine | Pinus echinata | | Tree | Perennial |
| short-toothed mountain mint | Pycnanthemum muticum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| showy aster | Eurybia spectabilis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| showy goldenrod | Solidago speciosa | Successional fields and edges of forests in sandy soil. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| showy tick trefoil | Desmodium canadense | Edges of forests, thickets, fields, rocky stream banks, and roadsides. Often in open habitats in dry coarse soils but sometimes in wet habitats at least seasonally. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| shrubby cinquefoil | Dasiphora fruticosa | Calcareous cliffs, ledges, rocky river shores, seeps, and swamps, rich fens. A plant of calcareous regions. | Shrub | Perennial |
| shrubby St. John's wort | Hypericum prolificum | | Shrub | Perennial |
| sickle-leaved golden aster | Pityopsis falcata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| side oats grama | Bouteloua curtipendula var. curtipendula | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| silky dogwood | Cornus amomum ssp. amomum | Fens, swamps, shrub swamps, marshes, edges of ponds, edges of streams, and ditches. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| silky willow | Salix sericea | Swamps, rich fens, wet thickets, wet successional fields, roadsides, ditches, marshes, and edges of lakes and streams. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| silver maple | Acer saccharinum | Floodplain forests and banks of larger streams and rivers. This species is also widely cultivated. | Tree | Perennial |
| silver rod | Solidago bicolor | Thin forests, woodlands and opening, edges of forests, roadside banks where the herbaceous vegetation is not tall or dense, and successional fields in dry to mesic often thin soils. Does best without intense herbaceous competition. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| silvery spleenwort | Deparia acrostichoides | Rich hardwood forests, and shale and fine talus slopes. A rich calcareous forest herb often in slightly wetter than mesic soils but soil moisture appears to be less critical than soil mineral content. | Fern | Perennial |
| silvery-green sedge | Carex argyrantha | Cliffs and ledges, openings in forests, woodlands, rocky summits, roadsides, and gravel and sand mines. Dry to dry-mesic acidic soils. It does best in open sites but also grows under some tree canopy. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| single-glumed spike rush | Eleocharis uniglumis | Fresh to slightly brackish tidal marshes along the Hudson River. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| skunk cabbage | Symplocarpus foetidus | Seepage springs and slopes, swamps, and wet floodplain forests. Symplocarpus foetidus is common in a variety of shaded wetlands although it does have a preference for cold seepage areas and mucky soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| skunk meadow rue | Thalictrum revolutum | Dry to dry-mesic openings in forests, forest edges, pine barrens, rocky open areas, dirt roadsides, and thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slender blue iris, slender blue flag | Iris prismatica | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| slender bulrush | Schoenoplectus heterochaetus | | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| slender bush clover | Lespedeza virginica | Dry to dry-mesic woodlands, rocky summits, and edges of forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slender flat-topped goldenrod | Euthamia caroliniana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slender glasswort | Salicornia depressa | Mostly on the upper edges of salt marshes and adjacent maritime areas. Occasionally in waste places and roadsides where heavily salt influenced. | Forb/herb | |
| slender marsh pink | Sabatia campanulata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slender muhly | Muhlenbergia tenuiflora | Dry-mesic forested sites of a southern affinity and openings in forests often in rocky soils. | Graminoid | |
| slender nut sedge | Scleria minor | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| slender rich woodland sedge | Carex gracilescens | Dry-mesic to mesic forests, forests edges, roads, utility rights-of-way, and paths through forests. Often on calcareous deep to thin soils or bedrock but occasionally in more acidic sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| slender sedge | Carex tenera | Thin forests, fields, pastures, roadsides, and railroad edges. Mostly in dry to dry-mesic sandy or rocky soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| slender spike grass | Chasmanthium laxum | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| slender spike rush | Eleocharis tenuis var. tenuis | Marshes, swamps, wet thickets, and wet disturbed soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| slender water milfoil | Myriophyllum tenellum | Edges of lakes and ponds in sandy, coarse, or peaty soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slender wedge grass | Sphenopholis intermedia | Rich mesic to dry-mesic forests, fens and marshes. Perhaps more common in high pH sites. Populations are often small with plants widely scattered. | Graminoid | |
| Islander woodland sedge | Carex digitalis var. digitalis | Dry-mesic to mesic forests, roads and paths through forests, and utility rights-of-way. Mostly in more southern forest types dominated by oaks. Often on slopes and in rocky soils. Usually with at least some canopy cover and in areas without adjacent dense herbaceous vegetation. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| slender yellow flax | Linum virginianum | Openings in forests, edges of forests, and dirt roads through forests on non-weedy roadsides on dry to dry-mesic thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slender yellow-eyed grass | Xyris torta | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| slimspike threeawn | Aristida longespica | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| slippery elm | Ulmus rubra | Dry to mesic forests, forest edges, openings in forests, rock outcrops, and stream sides generally in calcareous sites. | Tree | Perennial |

| Slosson's wood fern | Dryopteris cristata × D. marginalis = D. ×slossoniae | | Fern | Perennial |
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| small cranberry | Vaccinium oxycoccos | Acidic bogs and wet seepy disturbed soils. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| small Jack-in-the-pulpit | Arisaema pusillum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| small pussytoes | Antennaria howellii ssp. neodioica | Open forests and woodlands, ledges, fine shale talus slopes, gravelly roadsides, and fields over thin soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| small reed grass | Greeneochloa coarctata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| small Solomon's seal | Polygonatum biflorum var. biflorum | Mesic to dry hardwood forests, stream banks, alluvial thickets, woodlands, and edges of forests. Polygonatum biflorum sensu stricto usually occurs in drier, sandier or rockier habitats where P. pubescens does not occur. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| small sundrops | Oenothera perennis | Fields, edges of forests, and roadsides mostly in thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| small white aster | Symphyotrichum racemosum | Successional fields, roadsides, shores of lakes, and disturbed soils. With us mostly in dry to mesic soils in southeastern NY. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| small whorled pogonia | Isotria medeoloides | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Small's yellow-eyed grass, large yellow-eyed grass | Xyris smalliana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| small-flowered buttercup, small-flowered crowfoot | Ranunculus micranthus | Wet to wet-mesic seepy forested rock outcrops, ledges, and adjacent soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| small-flowered evening primrose | Oenothera parviflora | | Forb/herb | |
| small-fruited rosette grass | Dichanthelium microcarpon | | Graminoid | |
| small-headed rush | Juncus brachycephalus | Fairly restricted to calcareous wet or seepy open habitats. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| small-leaved white snakeroot | Ageratina aromatica | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| small-spurred round- leaved orchid | Platanthera orbiculata | Mesic coniferous to hardwood forests often in thin acidic soils. Populations are often small and isolated. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smartweed dodder | Cuscuta polygonorum | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth alder | Alnus serrulata | Stream banks, wet thickets, and ditches. A southern species it is most common in southeastern NY. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |

| smooth arrowwood | Viburnum dentatum var. lucidum | Shrub swamps including rich fens, marshes, forested swamps, wet to mesic successional shrublands, thickets, occasional in mesic deciduous understories, and roadsides. Grows in a large variety of wet to dry habitats. Lately the non-native viburnum leaf beetle (Pyrrhalta viburni) has been completely defoliating this and a few other Viburnum species in parts of New York. It appears that this species might suffer a huge decline. | | Perennial |
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| smooth aster | Symphyotrichum laeve var. laeve | Dry rocky forested slopes, woodlands, edges of forests, roadsides, occasionally fields, and thickets. Does particularly well in calcareous soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth cord grass | Sporobolus alterniflorus | Salt and brackish marshes. A dwarf form grows in high salt marshes while a taller form grows in low salt marshes and more brackish marshes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| smooth false foxglove | Aureolaria flava | Hardwood forests, woodlands, and forest edges with oaks often in thin dry to dry-mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth oxeye | Heliopsis helianthoides ssp. helianthoides | Alluvial thickets and forests, stream banks, and disturbed areas in alluvial soils. Predominately a species of alluvial soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth shadbush | Amelanchier laevis | Forests, forest edges, openings in forests, thickets, bluffs, rock outcrops, ledges, hummocks in swamps, and roadsides. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| smooth small-leaved tick trefoil | Desmodium marilandicum | Edges of forests, thickets, and fields with thin soils. Mostly in acidic coarse soils | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth sumac | Rhus glabra | A pioneer species. Similar habitat to R. typhina but perhaps a little less common. Old fields, edges of fields, roadsides, shrubby thickets, stream banks, and edges of forests. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| smooth tick trefoil | Desmodium laevigatum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth white violet | Viola minuscula | Margins of ponds and lakes, stream edges, acidic to alkaline peatlands, and wet thickets in perennially saturated mucky soils often growing in mosses. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| smooth winterberry | Ilex laevigata | Swamps with trees and/or shrubs dominant. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| smooth wire-stemmed muhly | Muhlenbergia frondosa | | Graminoid | |
| smooth-fruited hirsute sedge | Carex hirsutella | Dry-mesic to mesic forests, woodlands, fields, and pastures. Similar habitat to C. swanii and C. virescens except more frequent in open non-forested habitats such as fields. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| smooth-sheathed sedge | Carex laevivaginata | Swamps, marshes, seepage areas, and bottomland wetlands. Mostly in calcareous soils that are saturated. It does particularly well in mucky seepages. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| soapwort gentian | Gentiana saponaria | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| soft-stemmed bulrush | tabernaemontani | Emergent in marshes; edges of lakes, ponds, and slow-moving streams; fens; roadside ditches; and disturbed inundated soils. One of the most common Schoenoplectus in at least parts of New York, it grows in pristine rare habitats like rich fens as well as in disturbed areas. It usually is emergent from perennially inundated soils to sometimes only seasonally inundated soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sooty beak sedge | Rhynchospora fusca | Edge of acid lakes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| southeastern bracken fern | Pteridium aquilinum ssp. pseudocaudatum | | Fern | Perennial |
| southern agrimony | | Pastures, successional fields, thickets, wet open forests, and edges of marshes in non-shaded to partly shaded wet-mesic to wet soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern arrowwood | Viburnum dentatum var. venosum | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| southern blue flag | Iris virginica | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern ground cedar | Diphasiastrum digitatum | Mesic forests, forested roadsides, and forest openings often on upper slopes and hilltops with sterile thin soils. Does best in successional forests and sites with recent disturbances. It often grows with Dendrolycopodium obscurum. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| southern lady fern | Athyrium asplenioides | | Fern | Perennial |
| southern seaside goldenrod | Solidago mexicana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern shorthusk | Brachyelytrum erectum | Mesic to dry-mesic hardwood forests often in warmer and more southern sites than B. aristosum. Sometimes in calcareous sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| southern slender ladies' tresses | Spiranthes lacera var. gracilis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern snailseed pondweed | Potamogeton diversifolius | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern sundrops | Oenothera fruticosa ssp. fruticosa | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern three-petaled bedstraw | | Marshes, swamps, wet forests, edges of lakes and streams, wet thickets, and ditches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern tickle grass | Agrostis hyemalis | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| southern twayblade | Neottia bifolia | Acidic bogs in Sphagnum. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| southern water plantain | Alisma subcordatum | This species along with A. triviale are very similar in terms of their habitat preferences and we have not detected a difference in habitat types. Edges of streams, rivers, ponds, and marshes; and seasonally flooded ponds. This species does quite well on seasonally exposed "draw down" zones on edges of marshes, ponds, and streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| southern wild raisin | Viburnum nudum | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| southern wood violet | Viola hirsutula | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| southern wrinkle-leaved goldenrod | Solidago rugosa var. aspera | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| spatulate-leaved sundew | Drosera intermedia | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| speckled alder | Alnus incana ssp. rugosa | Forms dense thickets along drainage channels, edges of streams, edges of lakes, fens, bogs, marshes, and forested swamps. A common wetland shrub that occurs in numerous wetland habitats. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| spicebush | Lindera benzoin | Floodplain forests, swamps, shrub swamps, wet woods, mesic forests, seeps in forests, and fens. Occurs in mesic to wet soils often but not always in at least partial shade. In some forest understories it can be the dominant species in the shrub layer. | Shrub | Perennial |
| spike muhly | Muhlenbergia glomerata | Rich and medium fens, calcareous forested seeps, and occasionally in calcareous swamps. | Graminoid | |
| spikenard | Aralia racemosa | Ravines, ledges, shaded roadsides, thickets, and forest clearings often but not restricted to rich sites. It usually occurs as thinly scattered plants and appears to do well in slightly disturbed areas. Ledges and partially shaded shale talus in ravines are preferred sites. | Subshrub | Perennial |
| spinulose wood fern | Dryopteris carthusiana | Swamps, wet forests, and pine forests including pine plantations. Generally occurring in wet to wet-mesic soils but also in mesic to dry-mesic pine forests and also occasionally in mesic hardwood forests. It clearly has an affinity for pine plantations. | Fern | Perennial |
| spiny-fruited coontail | Ceratophyllum echinatum | Much less common than C. demersum but in similar habitats. Ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| spiny-spored quillwort | Isoetes echinospora ssp. muricata | Submerged and rooted aquatic on the edges of lakes often in sandy or coarse soils. | lycophyte | Perennial |

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| spotted Joe Pye weed | Eutrochium maculatum var. maculatum | Marshes, rich fens, wet fields, ditches, seepage areas, and swamps. In general this species does best in non-shaded environments and is very common in a wide variety of wetlands. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| spotted pondweed | Potamogeton pulcher | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| spotted spurge | Euphorbia maculata | Disturbed soils, waste places (including urban settings), roadsides, railroad edges, and cultivated ground. Mostly in very open thin disturbed soils, a ubiquitous weed. | Herbaceous | |
| spotted St. John's wort | Hypericum punctatum | Woods roads, forests, and edges of fields. At least in parts of New York it grows in slightly mineral rich dry-mesic forests with thin but diverse and interesting herbaceous vegetation. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| spotted water hemlock | Cicuta maculata var. maculata | Marshes and open swamps similar to C. bulbifera in the way it is usually not dense or abundant at a site. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| spotted wintergreen | Chimaphila maculata | Dry sandy or coarse soils in hardwood forests. Less frequently in more mesic forests or hummocks in swamps. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| spreading dogbane | Apocynum androsaemifolium | Roadsides, fields, thickets, often in thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| spreading rush | Juneus subcaudatus | Marshes, edges of streams, and peaty acidic and basic wetlands including fens. In a wide variety of wet habitats and perhaps overlooked. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| spreading sedge | Carex laxiculmis var. laxiculmis | Hardwood forests, thickets, fields, and roads and paths thought forests. Often on heavy clay in seasonally flooded or poorly drained soils but also in more mesic sites. Occurring in slightly calcareous to acidic soils but usually not on deep loamy soils. More weedy than var. copulata. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| spreading wood rush | Luzula echinata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| spreading-beaked sedge | Carex squarrosa | Wet fields, wet woods, and edges of streams. Very rare or absent from most of western and northern New York but becoming somewhat more common in eastern and southeastern parts of the state. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| square-stemmed spike rush | Eleocharis quadrangulata | Brackish marshes and pond edges including inland salt marshes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| staggerbush | Lyonia mariana | | Shrub | Perennial |

| staghorn clubmoss | Lycopodium clavatum | Dry to mesic forests, forest openings, forest edges, and sometimes in more open sites in thin acidic soils. Also occasionally in mosses on edges of swamps and marshes. Does well in successional forests and in disturbed soils that become colonized by mosses. | lycophyte | Perennial |
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| staghorn sumac | Rhus typhina | A pioneer species. Old fields, edges of fields, roadsides, shrubby thickets, open stream banks, and edges of forests. | Tree | Perennial |
| stalked bugleweed, stalked water horehound | Lycopus rubellus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| stalked panic grass | Coleataenia pulchra | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| stalked wool grass | Scirpus pedicellatus | Marshes, sedge meadows, edges of streams, and wet logging roads. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| star duckweed | Lemna trisulca | Quiet water of ponds, lakes, and marshes. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| star sedge | Carex echinata ssp. echinata | One of the most common members of section Stellulatae at least in the more acidic parts of the state. Bogs, coniferous peatlands, seeps, wet ditches, wet fields, coniferous and hardwood swamps including Thuja occidentalis swamps, shrub swamps, edges of streams and creeks, and on floating logs in ponds and on pond edges. Mostly in acidic soils and preferring open habitat or openings in the tree canopy. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| starflower | Lysimachia borealis | Cool northern hardwood and mixed hardwood-coniferous forests. Also in peatlands. Often in acidic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| starry campion | Silene stellata | Thin deciduous forests and woodlands often on rocky slopes with dry to dry-mesic calcareous or mineral rich soils. A thin delicate herb mostly occurring in small populations in understories of thin forests. The adjacent herbaceous layer is usually not tall or dense but quite diverse. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| starry Solomon's seal | Maianthemum stellatum | Alluvial forests, mesic to wet forests, edges of marly ponds, and fens. Somewhat local in parts of New York. Perhaps preferring calcareous or deep rich wet-mesic or seasonally wet soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| steeplebush | Spiraea tomentosa | Streamside meadows, wet thickets, ditches, peatlands, swamps, and marshes. | Shrub | Perennial |
| sticky hawkweed | Hieracium scabrum | Edges of deciduous forests, thin forests, woodlands, road banks, utility line clearings, and successional fields with thin soils. Does not do well with intensive herbaceous competition. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| stiff flat-topped goldenrod | Solidago rigida var. rigida | Thin dry wooded calcareous slopes, rocky open areas along the coast, rocky river shores, edges of railroads, and roadsides. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| stiff-leaved aster | Ionactis linariifolia | Rocky summits, woodlands, ledges, roadside clearings where it is not too weedy, and utility line rights-of-way, on thin and/or sandy soil or almost directly on bedrock. This species does well with a lot of light but not with dense herbaceous vegetation. | Forb/herb | |
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| stoneroot, horsebalm | Collinsonia canadensis | Rich mesic hardwood forests, edges of streams, and low thickets. Sometimes in slightly, at least seasonally, wet soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| stout smartweed | Persicaria robustior | | | |
| stout woodreed | Cinna arundinacea | Low wet forests and thickets, swamps, and floodplains. Often growing in large populations. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| straw sedge | Carex straminea | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| striped bladderwort | Utricularia striata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| striped maple | Acer pensylvanicum | A small understory tree that does well in cool microclimates. Forests with a northern affinity, slopes in ravines, and rocky forests. | Tree | Perennial |
| striped violet, pale violet | Viola striata | Floodplain forests and thickets, gravel bars on stream edges, and mesic forests in well drained calcareous to circumneutral soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Stuve's bush clover | Lespedeza stuevei | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| succulent hawthorn | Crataegus succulenta var. succulenta | | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| sugar maple | Acer saccharum | A widespread and common large tree. It is a little picky about its habitat preferences. In northern or cool habitats it grows with other hardwoods notably beech and yellow birch as well as hemlock. The soils are at least slightly deep or rich. In more southern areas it does well at the toe of the slope in deep rich soils. It also occurs in thin soils over limestone. | Tree | Perennial |
| summer grape | Vitis aestivalis | Hardwood forests, forest edges and openings, thickets, and disturbed sites. | Vine | Perennial |
| swamp azalea | Rhododendron viscosum | Acidic swamps, swamp edges, and edges of ponds. Usually bordering small acidic ponds with various other tall shrubs including Clethra alnifolia, Vaccinium corymbosum, and Nemopanthus mucronatus. Most common in the more southern parts of New York and restricted or absent from the rest of the state. | Shrub | Perennial |
| swamp candles | Lysimachia terrestris | Marshes, peatlands, ponds, lakes, slow moving stream edges, and ditches in shallow water or occasionally on only saturated soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| swamp cottonwood | Populus heterophylla | | Tree | Perennial |
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| swamp dewberry | Rubus hispidus | Cool swamps and swamp edges, peatlands, wet-mesic to cool mesic forests, and roadsides often in mosses. | Shrub | Perennial |
| swamp dock | Rumex verticillatus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| swamp fetterbush | Eubotrys racemosa | | Shrub | Perennial |
| swamp goldenrod | Solidago gigantea | Swamps, wet forests, wet fields, and thickets. Solidago gigantea does best in saturated soils although it tolerates soils that are simply mesic, at least seasonally. It usually does not occur in dense stands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| swamp Jack-in-the-pulpit | Arisaema stewardsonii | Swamps. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| swamp oats | Sphenopholis pensylvanica | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| swamp red currant | Ribes triste | Cool swamps, edges of streams, wet thickets, and wet cool hardwood-coniferous and coniferous forests. Most abundant and common in the cooler and more northern parts of New York. | Shrub | Perennial |
| swamp rose | Rosa palustris | Swamps, edges of streams and lakes, marshes, and rich shrubby fens. | Shrub | Perennial |
| swamp rose mallow | Hibiscus moscheutos ssp. moscheutos | Brackish and fresh tidal and non-tidal often large and extensive marshes. | Shrub | Perennial |
| swamp saxifrage | Micranthes pensylvanica | Low areas in swamps and wet forests with mucky saturated soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| swamp sunflower | Helianthus angustifolius | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| swamp white oak | Quercus bicolor | Swamps, wet depressions, and thickets. Often in swamps on ridges and hill tops. Always in at least seasonally wet soils this species is often absent from deep alluvial soils where Quercus macrocarpa occurs. | Tree | Perennial |
| swamp wrinkle-leaved goldenrod | Solidago rugosa var. sphagnophila | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Swan's sedge | Carex swanii | Dry-mesic to mesic forests. Usually in forests of a southern affinity with oaks dominant and often occurs on the upper slopes and crests. The forest canopy can be a little open and the adjacent herbaceous layer is usually not very dense. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| sweet fern | Comptonia peregrina | Barrens, rocky summits, woodlands, fields and clearings, open heathlands, roadsides, and utility rights-of-way. A plant of open dry thin acidic soils. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |

| sweet goldenrod | Solidago odora | Roadsides, woodlands, and rocky openings. A more southern species occurring with us in only the more southern parts of NY. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| sweet white violet | Viola blanda | Mesic hardwood and mixed coniferous-hardwood forests, mesic to wet-mesic forest openings, hummocks in swamps, swamp margins, and forested dirt roadsides. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| sweetgale | Myrica gale | Edges of streams and ponds, shrub swamps, bogs, and fens. Mostly in cool peaty wet habitats. Sometimes becoming a dominant shrub species in these habitats. | Shrub | Perennial |
| sweetgum | Liquidambar styraciflua | Cultivated and native. Native populations are restricted to southeastern New York including Long Island. Swamps, successional forests, and edges of forests. | Tree | Perennial |
| sweet-scented bedstraw | Galium triflorum | Mesic hardwood forests. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| switch grass | Panicum virgatum | River and ice scour shores, river banks, exposed gravel bars in rivers, Great Lakes and maritime dunes, upper edges of salt and brackish marshes, roadsides, disturbed dry-mesic soils, and occasionally fields. This species is occasionally planted for conservation efforts. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| tall anemone, thimbleweed | Anemone virginiana | Thickets, vegetated roadsides, dry-mesic forests and woodlands, openings in forests, and stream sides in dry to mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| tall cinquefoil | Drymocallis arguta | Dry forest openings, alvar habitats, often but not restricted to calcareous regions. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| tall flat-topped white aster | Doellingeria umbellata var. umbellata | Roadside ditches, wet to mesic successional fields, thickets, marshes, seepages, and openings in swamps. Perhaps more common in northern and cooler parts of NY. Usually preferring wet ground but also growing in drier situations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| tall goldenrod | Solidago altissima ssp. altissima | Successional fields, pastures, road banks, and disturbed soil. Sometimes occurring in disturbed soil in forested situations but clearly doing best in open areas. Forms dense patches in successional fields and is one of our most common goldenrods except in the northern part of the state. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| tall horned beak sedge | Rhynchospora macrostachya | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| tall lettuce | Lactuca canadensis | Cut forests, edges and clearings in forests, roadsides, thickets, edges of fields, and disturbed areas. | Forb/herb | |
| tall meadow rue | Thalictrum pubescens | Rich fens, stream banks, swamps, marshes, and wet thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| tall rattlesnake root | Nabalus altissimus | Mesic forests, thickets, and edges of forests. Prenanthes altissima is a generalist in terms of soil preferences and is our most widespread and common Prenanthes throughout the state. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| tall sunflower | Helianthus giganteus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| tamarack | Larix laricina | Bogs, cool northern swamps, rich peatlands, and cool mesic forests at high elevation. Predominately a plant of cool northern wetlands it is local in distribution in the warmer and more southern parts of New York. | Tree | Perennial |
| tawny cotton grass | Eriophorum virginicum | Peaty acidic wetlands including bogs, peaty shores of ponds, and swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| ternate-leaved cinquefoil | Potentilla norvegica | Roadsides, disturbed sites, successional fields, forest edges, open rock outcrops, and openings in forests. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Texas wild flax | Linum medium var. texanum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| thicket creeper | Parthenocissus inserta | | Vine | Perennial |
| thin bead grass | Paspalum setaceum var. setaceum | | Graminoid | |
| thin-leaved late purple aster | Symphyotrichum phlogifolium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| thin-leaved sunflower | Helianthus decapetalus | Most common on stream banks and in alluvial thickets and forests. It also occurs in deciduous swamps, wet forests, and wet to mesic disturbed areas. This species is long rhizomatous and can create large dense patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| thread-leaved sundew | Drosera filiformis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| three-fruited sedge | Carex trisperma | Coniferous or deciduous swamps, bogs, and peaty wetlands. Very common and dominant in peaty understories of swamps usually on hummocks with at most saturated soils although occurring adjacent to wetter soils. Often growing on mosses and sometimes forming continuous somewhat thin carpets in these habitats. It also grows in more open bogs and peatlands but usually does not occur in the very specific habitat of hummocks in bogs, where the closely related Carex billingsii occurs. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| three-leaved rattlesnake root | Nabalus trifoliolatus | Forests, forests edges, and thickets. Growing into the alpine zone of New York's highest peaks. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| three-lobed red maple | Acer rubrum var. trilobum | | Tree | Perennial |

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| three-lobed violet | Viola palmata var. triloba | Dry-mesic hardwood forests and forest edges on middle to upper slopes and tops of hills in acidic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| three-ribbed spike rush | Eleocharis tricostata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| three-square bulrush | Schoenoplectus pungens var. pungens | Edge of lakes, streams, rivers, and ponds; and marshes. In fresh to brackish water including inland salt marshes. Often in gravel, sand, or coarse soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| three-way sedge | Dulichium arundinaceum var. arundinaceum | Margins of ponds, marshes, and swamps. Often in standing water and perhaps most robust in non-shaded sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| thyme-leaved pinweed | Lechea minor | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| toothed flat sedge | Cyperus dentatus | Gravelly and sandy shores of lakes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| toothed white-topped aster | Sericocarpus asteroides | Open bluffs, thin forests, utility rights-of- way, and non-forested habitat in dry to dry-mesic thin soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Torrey's beak sedge | Rhynchospora torreyana | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Torrey's bulrush | Schoenoplectus torreyi | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Torrey's rush | Juncus torreyi | Marshes, edges of ponds, and other wetland habitats. Somewhat local in distribution but often occurring in large populations. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| Torrey's thoroughwort | Eupatorium torreyanum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| tower mustard | Turritis glabra | Successional fields, roadsides, and disturbed places often in thin dry soils. A native species almost always found in non-native habitats. | Forb/herb | |
| trailing arbutus, mayflower | Epigaea repens | Dry to mesic acidic hardwood or hemlock-hardwood forests often in a association with Vaccinium and Gaylussacia spp. Also in areas with less of a tree canopy cover. This species does particularly well on edges of dirt or logging roads through forests on acidic soils. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| trailing bush clover | Lespedeza procumbens | Dry-mesic to mesic hardwood forests, woodlands, barrens, bluffs, and rocky summits. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| trembling aspen, quaking aspen | Populus tremuloides | Successional forests, logged forests, burned forests, forest edges, openings in forests, successional fields, and roadsides. | Tree | Perennial |
| triangle-leaved violet | Viola emarginata | | Herbaceous Dicot | Perennial |
| triploid wood fern | Dryopteris carthusiana × D. intermedia = D. ×triploidea | | Fern | Perennial |

| troublesome sedge | Carex molesta | Fields, swales in fields, limestone woodlands, and alvars. A calciphile that grows readily in successional fields as well as more native open habitats such as limestone pavements barrens and woodlands. It grows in very dry to at least seasonally wet sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| trumpet honeysuckle, coral honeysuckle | Lonicera sempervirens | | Vine | Perennial |
| Tuckerman's quillwort | Isoetes tuckermanii | Edges of often acidic lakes. | lycophyte | Perennial |
| Tuckerman's witch grass | Panicum tuckermanii | | Graminoid | |
| tufted hair grass | Deschampsia cespitosa ssp. cespitosa | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| tufted loosestrife | | Marshes and swamps often in relatively small populations that are not dense. Plants sometimes grow with dense herbaceous cover. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| tulip tree, tulip poplar, yellow poplar | Liriodendron tulipifera | Mesic to wet-mesic hardwood forests. In all but the most southern parts of New York this tree is often an indicator of deep rich mesic circumneutral soils growing primarily in valley bottoms (excluding the lowest floodplains) and on lower slopes. In the most southern parts of the state it also grows in more acidic drier sites and occurs in a wider array of forested habitats. | Tree | Perennial |
| Turk's cap lily | Lilium superbum | Floodplain forests and thickets often in full sun in deep alluvium. Most common in the southern tier of New York. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| tussock sedge | Carex stricta | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| twig rush | Cladium mariscoides | Acidic to more minerotrophic non-shaded peatlands. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| twining milk pea | Galactia regularis | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| twisted spike rush | Eleocharis tortilis | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| two-colored fringed orchid | Platanthera blephariglottis × P. ciliaris = P. ×bicolor | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| two-flowered dwarf dandelion | Krigia biflora | Mesic young forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| two-leaved toothwort | Cardamine diphylla | Rich mesic deciduous forests, seepage areas, bottomlands, and stream banks. Growing in richer often slightly wetter soils than C. concatenata but in places growing together. Much less common in cooler parts of NY. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| typical hoary sedge | Carex canescens ssp. | | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| upland thoroughwort | Eupatorium sessilifolium | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| vanilla sweet grass | Anthoxanthum nitens ssp. nitens | Upper edges of salt marshes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| variable dock | Rumex britannica × R. crispus = R. ×dissimilis | | | |
| variable sedge | Carex polymorpha | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| various-leaved water milfoil, variable-leaved water milfoil | Myriophyllum heterophyllum | Lakes, ponds, and quiet water of streams. Sometimes quite abundant. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| veined thoroughwort | Eupatorium subvenosum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| velvet rosette grass | Dichanthelium scoparium | | Graminoid | |
| velvet sedge | Carex vestita | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| vernal water starwort | Callitriche palustris | Ditches, streams, tidal streams, and drainages and pools in marshes and swamps. Mostly in slow to somewhat faster moving water. Also stranded on edges of streams and drainage channels. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| violet wood sorrel | Oxalis violacea | Dry to dry-mesic woodlands, rocky summits, and edges of forests. Local in distribution, populations are often isolated but sometimes consist of large patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| virgin's bower | Clematis virginiana | Riparian forests and thickets, rich fens, shrub swamps, wet-mesic hedgerows, and wet thickets. | Vine, Subshrub | Perennial |
| Virginia bugleweed, Virginia water horehound | Lycopus virginicus | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Virginia bunchflower | Melanthium virginicum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Virginia chain fern | Anchistea virginica | Acid bogs, swamps, edges of ponds, and wet thickets. In at least parts of NY this species is very limited in distribution. Where it occurs it can form large stands. | Fern | Perennial |
| Virginia creeper | Parthenocissus quinquefolia | Mesic forests (particularly bottomland and young successional forests), forest edges, hedgerows, thickets, openings in forests, talus slopes, and rock outcrops. | Vine | Perennial |
| Virginia ground cherry | Physalis virginiana var. virginiana | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| Virginia marbleseed | Lithospermum virginianum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| Virginia marsh St. John's wort | Hypericum virginicum | Marshes, shrub swamps, and acidic peaty wetlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Virginia meadow beauty | Rhexia virginica | Pond and lake shores, edges of streams, and thickets in wet peaty or sandy soils. Primarily in full sun. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Virginia mountain mint | Pycnanthemum virginianum | Edges of marshes, fields, thickets, and railroad edges in wet to dry soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Virginia pine | Pinus virginiana | | Tree | Perennial |
| Virginia rose | Rosa virginiana | | Shrub | Perennial |
| Virginia snakeroot | Endodeca serpentaria | A southern species with us primarily in southeastern NY. Drymesic south to south-west facing oak-hickory forested slopes often with abundant non-weedy herbaceous species such as Lespedeza intermedia, Agrimonia rostellata, and Carex willdenowii. Often with dense Dichanthelium boscii stands and Carya glabra dominant in the canopy. Sometimes in small seasonal drainages in this habitat. Populations are usually small and not dense. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Virginia wild rye | Elymus virginicus var. virginicus | Predominately in floodplain forests and thickets but occasionally else where often in disturbed soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Virginian rock polypody, Virginian polypody | Polypodium virginianum | Rims of cliffs, ledges, tops of boulders in forests, and talus slopes on thin mesic soil over rocks. Distinctions in habitat preferences between this and the very closely related P. appalachianum as well as the hybrid between the two (P. x incognitum) have not been detected. | Fern | Perennial |
| walking spike rush | Eleocharis rostellata | Rich and marl fens often forming large patches. Fairly restricted to wet very calcareous soils. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Walter's sedge | Carex striata | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| wand-like bush clover | Lespedeza violacea | Dry-mesic hardwood forests and woodlands. Often on rocky acidic to circumneutral soils including shale talus on upper slopes and bluffs. | Forb/herb | |
| water bulrush | Schoenoplectus subterminalis | Often submerged except for the emergent inflorescences. The leaves are often flaccid. In slow moving streams and edges of lakes. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| water celery, tape grass | Vallisneria americana | Lakes, streams, rivers, and tidal bays. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| water lobelia | Lobelia dortmanna | Soft water lakes and ponds. Basal rosette of leaves are submersed and grow on firm sandy to gravelly (occasionally more mucky) substrates. Scapes are submersed or often become emersed. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| water pimpernel, brookweed | Samolus valerandi | Brackish marshes (including tidal ones) and pond and wetland edges. | Forb/herb | |
| water purslane | Ludwigia palustris | Edges of ponds, lakes, and streams; wet depressions, vernal pools, swamps, and marshes. Grows predominately in open sites where the soils are saturated to seasonally inundated and the adjacent herbaceous vegetation is not dense or tall. It does particularly well in open exposed muddy edges that result from water levels dropping. It can form dense extensive patches. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| water sedge | Carex aquatilis | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| water willow | Decodon verticillatus | On the edges of ponds and lakes, swamps, and wet thickets. Occasionally in Sphagnum dominated peatlands. Sometimes forming dense impenetrable thickets in shallow to deep water. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| watershield | Brasenia schreberi | Ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wavy-leaved aster | Symphyotrichum undulatum | Forest edges, woodlands, rocky open forests, edges of forests, bluffs, and occasionally roadsides. Grows in dry to mesic soils but more often in drier soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| weak rush | Juncus debilis | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| weak stellate sedge | Carex seorsa | Acidic hardwood swamps, seepy wet forests, peaty shrublands, and pond edges. It can often be found in small pocket wetlands dominated by shrubs and some Acer rubrum. It mostly grows in some shade. Restricted to acidic wetlands. Perhaps most common in southeastern New York. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| whip nut sedge | Scleria triglomerata | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| white ash | Fraxinus americana | Dry to mesic and occasionally wetter forests and in more open habitats like barrens, woodlands, and rocky summits. Also appearing as an early successional tree in old fields. Commonly produces abundant seedlings in both closed and open sites. | Tree | Perennial |
| white avens | Geum canadense | Various types of forests but particularly floodplain and successional forests, forest edges, openings in forests, thickets, and disturbed sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white baneberry, doll's eyes | Actaea pachypoda | Rich mesic forests. Often in slightly richer sites than Actaea rubra. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| white basswood | Tilia americana var. heterophylla | | Tree | Perennial |
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| white beak sedge | Rhynchospora alba | Peatlands both basic and acidic including rich fens, poor fens, and acidic bogs. In these habitats it grows in heavily saturated and inundated soils often where the mat is not as well formed advising the botanist not to step in these areas. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| white bog orchid, bog candle | Platanthera dilatata var. dilatata | Fens, seepages, peaty open wet habitats, swamps, and wet roadside ditches. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| white colicroot, unicorn root | Aletris farinosa | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white cut grass | Leersia virginica | Edges of dirt roads through forests, seepages in forests, and wet thickets. Predominately in seasonal wet to damp shaded sites. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| white dock | Rumex triangulivalvis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white fringed orchid | Platanthera blephariglottis var. blephariglottis | Bogs and peaty open wetlands in Sphagnum. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white milkweed | Asclepias variegata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white oak | = | Dry to mesic forests. Tolerant of a wide variety of soil types it is lacking in the most xeric woodlands, in cool habitats, and in the richest deepest soils. Some forests were previously selectively logged for this species and perhaps as a result white oak is less frequent than it was formerly. | Tree | Perennial |
| white pine | Pinus strobus | Occurs in a wide variety of wet to dry habitats including mesic forests, dry rocky forests on slopes, successional fields and shrublands, lake edges, hummocks in swamps, rises in bogs, and elsewhere. Usually needing disturbances or openings to establish and therefore in many forests it is only a small component of the tree canopy. On lake edges and in areas regenerating from clearing or other disturbances it sometimes forms pure stands. | Tree | Perennial |
| white spruce | Picea glauca | Cultivated and occasionally naturalizing as well as native in the northern parts of New York in mesic cool forests. Sometimes in wetter soils. | Tree | Perennial |
| white turtlehead | Chelone glabra | Swamps, marshes, rich fens, ditches, and wet thickets. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white vervain | Verbena urticifolia | Disturbed soils, roadsides, successional fields, thickets, forested openings, and edges of forests in wet to mesic soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| white water buttercup, white water crowfoot | Ranunculus trichophyllus | | | |
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| white wood aster | Eurybia divaricata | Dry-mesic to mesic deciduous to mixed coniferous-deciduous forests and woodlands. It does very well on the edges of these habitats. Also on trail and woods road margins. This species is sometimes the dominant herbaceous species in forested habitats although it is not an aggressive plant. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white-bracted thoroughwort | Eupatorium leucolepis | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| white-edged sedge | Carex debilis var. debilis | | Graminoid | Perennial |
| white-haired rosette grass | Dichanthelium villosissimum | | Graminoid | |
| white-leaved greenbrier | Smilax glauca | Primarily in dry to dry-mesic oak dominated forests and forest edges. A plant restricted to the warmer and more southern parts of New York. | Vine | Perennial |
| white-tinged sedge | Carex albicans | Dry-mesic to mesic hardwood forests often of a southern affinity, forest edges and openings, woodlands, rocky summits, occasional on edges of seasonal drainages, dirt road banks, and utility rights-of-way. Primarily grows in at least some shade. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| whorled loosestrife | Lysimachia quadrifolia | Acidic dry-mesic to mesic hardwood forests and forest edges. Sometimes it grows in more open sites but generally it is a forest herb. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| whorled marsh pennywort | Hydrocotyle verticillata var. verticillata | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| whorled milkweed | Asclepias verticillata | Thin rocky forests, rocky summits, and woodlands of a southern affinity. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| whorled mountain mint | Pycnanthemum verticillatum var. verticillatum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| whorled water milfoil | Myriophyllum verticillatum | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| whorled wood aster | Oclemena acuminata | Cool mesic deciduous and mixed coniferous-deciduous forests and hummocks in swamps. Occurs where the soils are medium rich and the herbaceous layer is not dense. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wide-leaved cattail | Typha latifolia | Fresh tidal and non-tidal marshes, ditches, pond and lake edges, stream sides, swamps, wet thickets, and rich fens. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| wide-leaved prickly bog sedge | Carex atlantica ssp. atlantica | Wet pond margins, stream edges, shrub swamps, hardwood swamps, hummock in bogs, and floating logs. Grows in acidic wet sometimes peaty soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
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| widgeon grass, ditch grass | Ruppia maritima | | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| Wiegand's rush | Juncus anthelatus | | | |
| wild bean | Phaseolus polystachios | | Vine, Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wild black cherry | Prunus serotina var. serotina | Hardwood forests, forest edges, and hedge rows. A major forest tree in hardwood forests preferring rich mesic soils. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| wild black currant | Ribes americanum | Floodplain forests, thickets, and stream edges. Often in deep well drained alluvium. | Shrub | Perennial |
| wild calla | Calla palustris | Cool Tsuga canadensis, mixed coniferous-hardwood, and coniferous swamps. Also in cool seepages. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wild columbine, red columbine | Aquilegia canadensis | Cliffs, ledges, talus slopes, on or adjacent to forested rock outcrops, and edges of paths and dirt roads through forests often associated with calcareous soils and/or bedrock | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wild geranium | Geranium maculatum | Edges of hardwood forests, open forests, successional forests, and occasionally on hummocks in seepy swamps. Does best on edges of forests in rocky dry-mesic rich soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wild ginger | Asarum canadense | Slopes and bases of slopes in rich mesic forests with deep or calcareous soils and occasionally somewhat drier forests over limestone. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wild hydrangea | Hydrangea arborescens | Banks of streams in narrow forested ravines and slopes of ravines. Very specific to these niches in New York. Rare and local in New York although present in many of the ravines in south-central New York where this species is at the edge of its range. | Shrub | Perennial |
| wild indigo | Baptisia tinctoria | Dry to mesic acidic open to occasionally somewhat closed habitats including rocky summits, woodlands, thin deciduous forests, edges of forests, disturbed soils, and roadsides. It occurs in Quercus montana woodlands with ericaceous shrubs. In shaded habitat it occurs as a small plant while in open habitat it becomes a dense robust herb the size of a beach ball. | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| wild lupine, sundial lupine | Lupinus perennis ssp. perennis | Pine barrens, sandy open barrens, acidic oak dominated forests, bluffs, roadsides through forests, and edges of forests. This species does well with a relatively frequent fire regime. It may be decreasing in abundance as fires are prevented. In forested habitats, it often grows where Quercus montana and ericaceous shrubs are dominant. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
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| wild oats, sessile-leaved bellwort | Uvularia sessilifolia | Mesic to dry-mesic northern hardwood forests in thin acidic soils. Very common in the northern and cooler parts of New York. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| wild pink | Silene caroliniana ssp. pensylvanica | Edge of forests and open road margins. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wild sarsaparilla | Aralia nudicaulis | A forest understory herbaceous plant it occurs in a wide variety of dry to mesic forest types although it usually is absent or sparse in our deepest and richest soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| wild sensitive plant | Chamaecrista nictitans var. nictitans | Rocky summits, woodlands, thin forests, railroad edges, gravel pits, and disturbed soils. Mostly in open acidic sites with thin dry soils. If a lot of available habitat is present it can form extensive patches. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| wild yam | Dioscorea villosa | Alluvial thickets and rich low forests. | Vine | Perennial |
| Willdenow's sedge | Carex willdenowii | On acidic to somewhat basic dry rocky slopes and crests in hardwood forests of a southern affinity. Also on bluffs and rims of ravines. Often growing in areas with interesting southern plants of dry oak-hickory forests. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| willow oak | Quercus phellos | | Tree | Perennial |
| willow-leaved aster | Symphyotrichum praealtum | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| winter grape | Vitis vulpina | | Vine | Perennial |
| wintergreen, teaberry | Gaultheria procumbens | Dry-mesic to mesic acidic hardwood and hemlock-hardwood forests often in association with ericaceous shrubs. | Subshrub, Shrub | Perennial |
| witch hazel | Hamamelis virginiana | An understory shrub in various dry-mesic to mesic hardwood forests. | Tree, Shrub | Perennial |
| wood anemone | Anemone quinquefolia var. quinquefolia | Mesic thickets, forests, forest edges, and edges of streams often in valley bottoms. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| wood betony, eastern lousewort | Pedicularis canadensis | Utility rights-of-way, dry to dry-mesic woodlands and thin canopied hardwood forests, forest openings, and bluffs. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| wood bulrush | Scirpus expansus | Marshes and seepage areas. | Graminoid | Perennial |

| wood horsetail | Equisetum sylvaticum | Swamps, wet forests, banks of small streams, rich fens, and seepages. Usually an understory plant in slightly open swamps growing both on hummocks and in hollows. It prefers sites with calcareous or somewhat rich soils but is not completely limited to these conditions. | Fern | Perennial |
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| wood lily | Lilium philadelphicum | Forests, woodlands, edges of forests, and utility rights-of-way in dry thin or sandy soils. Often on hilltops in partial shade in relatively poor soils. | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| wood nettle | Laportea canadensis | Rich wet-mesic to mesic forests, stream edges, and forested seeps. Generally in rich cool shaded wet-mesic sites and sometimes forming large dense populations. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| woodland agrimony | Agrimonia rostellata | Predominately dry-mesic oak-hickory forests and woodlands often in coarse grained or rocky calcareous to circumneutral soils but also openings in forests and rich mesic forests. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| woodland buttercup, woodland crowfoot | Ranunculus hispidus | Dry-mesic to mesic forested slopes and summits, and thickets in thin rocky calcareous to circumneutral soils. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| woodland club sedge | Trichophorum planifolium | Dry to mesic hardwood forests of a southern affinity, woodlands, and bluffs. Often in forests with oaks and hickories dominant. Usually in forests that are not very weedy and the adjacent herbaceous layer is not very dense. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| woodland sunflower | Helianthus divaricatus | Dry to dry-mesic deciduous forests, thin forests, and woodlands as well as edges of these habitats. This species does best on dry rocky thinly forested slopes where the herbaceous vegetation is not very tall or dense but can be quite diverse. It can form large patches although it usually does not grow in dense stands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| woolly rosette grass | Dichanthelium lanuginosum | Dry to dry-mesic thin forests and woodlands, openings and disturbed areas in forests, and open habitat with thin rocky or gravelly soils. It also occasionally occurs in wet soils of peatlands and swamps. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| woolly sedge | Carex pellita | Marshes, wet fields, clearings in forests, Lake Ontario sand dunes, ditches, and rarely peatlands. Generally in non-peaty wetlands and preferring calcareous soils. | | Perennial |
| woolly-fruited sedge | Carex lasiocarpa ssp. americana | Rich swamps, fens, pond edges, and inland salt marshes. In both acidic and high pH sites, it often occurs in standing water. | Graminoid | Perennial |
| Wright's rosette grass | Dichanthelium wrightianum | | Graminoid | |

| wrinkle-seeded sedge | Carex rugosperma | Dry to mesic hardwood forests usually at least somewhat open, woodlands, pine barrens, fields, shale and fine talus slopes, road banks, paths through forests, and utility rights-of-way. Most common in dry sites with at least some canopy cover but also occasionally occurs in more open habitat. Sometimes occurring with var. tonsa. Grows in more acidic environments than C. umbellata although the two occasionally occur together. | Graminoid | Perennial |
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| yellow birch | Betula alleghaniensis | Cool mesic forests and swamps. A widespread tree in NY it is dominant or co-dominant in some types of northern hardwood forests as well as cool swamps. | Tree | Perennial |
| yellow giant hyssop, catnip giant hyssop | Agastache nepetoides | | Herbaceous | Perennial |
| yellow ladies' tresses | Spiranthes ochroleuca | Dry to dry-mesic oak dominated forests and woodlands. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| yellow oak, chinquapin oak | Quercus muehlenbergii | Dry to mesic forests and woodlands on calcareous soils or bedrock including alvars, limestone woodlands and forests, and mesic forests in rich deep soils. | Tree | Perennial |
| yellow pimpernel | Taenidia integerrima | Thin forests, non weedy clearings and forest openings, rims of ravines, and shale talus slopes. The soils are often dry, rocky, and calcareous. This species appears to need a lot of light to flower and become vigorous although it does not do well with herbaceous competition. It also is much more abundant in calcareous regions. Its habitat preferences are similar to Zizia aptera except perhaps for the preferences for calcareous sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| yellow pinesap | Hypopitys monotropa | In a wide variety of dry-mesic to mesic forests. Often not occurring in large populations and much less frequent then the more common M. uniflora. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| yellow star grass | Hypoxis hirsuta | Oak dominated forests, woodlands, rocky summits, and utility rights-of-way in dry to dry-mesic soils. Most common in warmer and more southern parts of New York. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| yellow trout lily | Erythronium americanum ssp. americanum | Bluffs, slopes, and bottomlands in rich mesic to dry-mesic hardwood or hardwood-coniferous forests. Occurs in deep soils adjacent to a dense and diverse herbaceous layer but perhaps is more common in thinner drier sites where the herbaceous layer is also thinner and less diverse. In the latter sites it can become a dominant member of the herb layer. | Forb/herb | Perennial |
| yellow water buttercup, yellow water crowfoot | Ranunculus flabellaris | | Forb/herb | Perennial |

| yellow-fruited sedge | | Dry to wet fields, openings in mesic forests, gravel pits, and edge of ponds. Apparently more common in eastern and southeastern New York. | Graminoid | Perennial | |
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| zigzag goldenrod | Solidago flexicaulis | Rich mesic forests, forested road banks, edges of forests, and thickets. Prefers deep calcareous soils. Solidago flexicaulis is an understory herb of mesic forested environments. In the northern parts of NY it is more restricted to rich forests while in the southern parts of NY it grows in a wider variety of soils although still prefers the richer sites. | Forb/herb | Perennial | |
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