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## Best Native Plant Sale in Rhode Island

**Saturday June 2, 2007 9:00 - 12:00 Rain or Shine**  
**Flagg Road, on the URI campus in Kingston.**

### Why should you come to this plant sale?

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is dedicated to the study, conservation, cultivation and restoration of Rhode Island's native plants. We want everyone to take a wild plant home and put it in your garden so you can appreciate how beautiful and valuable these plants are.

- **OUR PLANTS ARE REASONABLY PRICED** Our volunteer Seed Starters have mastered the art of plant propagation on a shoestring budget, donating seeds and cuttings from their own gardens to produce the large range of perennials, ground covers, and native species offered in the sale. Plants also come from RIWPS members who graciously dig plants from their own gardens, making native plants accessible to everyone.
- **GREAT SELECTION** This plant sale is unique because it features a wide variety of wildflowers and native shrubs often not available in local nurseries. There are plants available for every location, wet places (bogs), dry places (drought tolerant), acid soils (rhododendrons and laurels), and shady areas. This is a great opportunity to replace plants lost during our hard winter. Here are just a few examples: *Trilliums, Bloodroot, Columbine, Asters, Bleeding Heart, Wild Blue Phlox, Virginia Bluebells, Jack in the Pulpit, Marsh Marigold, Mayapple, Solomon's Seal, Christmas Fern, Maidenhair Fern, bog plants*, PLUS tons of gorgeous *native laurels, azaleas* and *rhododendrons*.
- **AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN** about the beauty and value of native plants in the home garden. Knowledgeable members of the RI Wild Plant Society will be on hand all day to answer your questions and give out plant information.
- **RARE AND COLLECTIBLE PLANTS** One of our best-kept secrets is the Silent Auction at 10:30 am featuring collectable and specimen plants. Every year "hard-core" gardeners turn-out to try and out-bid each other for the rare, mature and collectible specimen plants we collect each year for the auction.
- **Smart gardeners should come early for the best selection.**

*All the proceeds of this sale go directly to the RI Wild Plant Society's education and conservation programs.*

*Make Saturday a two-fer! Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> is also the day of BioBlitz at Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge. This wonderful event, sponsored by the RI Natural History Survey is a count by volunteer naturalists of as many species of life as can be found on the refuge that day. For more information call 874-5800 or visit [www.rinhs.org](http://www.rinhs.org)*