



## Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

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## **Best Native Plant Sale in Rhode Island**

**Saturday June 4, 2011 9 till noon, rain or shine**  
**East Farm, Route 108 about a mile south of URI campus (Rte. 138) in Kingston.**

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

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is dedicated to the study, cultivation, and preservation of Rhode Island's native plants and their habitats. Take home some native plants from this unique sale and try them in your garden. You will quickly see how these plants improve the ecology of your landscape. You will notice an increase in the number and variety of birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. Native plants are beautiful and valuable.

- **WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?**

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We are completely focused on providing native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. We have expanded our selection of natives, so now it's better than ever! We've made a special effort to have many excellent native shrubs, each with their own attractions of blossom, form, and foliage. There will be Mt. Laurels, Carolina Spicebush, Buttonbush, Bayberry, White lacecap hydrangea, Winterberry and Ninebark among others.

Why native? Native plants are adapted to our temperatures, rainfall, and soils. They will flourish in our gardens without fertilizers and chemicals, they reduce water consumption and save you time and money, plus they are low-maintenance

- **OUR PLANTS ARE REASONABLY PRICED and not generally available in nearby nurseries.**
- They've been carefully raised by our volunteer Seed Starter groups from seeds, seedlings and cuttings. Plants also come from RIWPS members who graciously dig plants from their own gardens to donate to the sale, making native plants accessible to everyone.

- **GREAT SELECTION** This plant sale is unique because it features a wide variety of wildflowers, ferns and native shrubs. There are plants available for every location, wet places such as bogs, dry places (drought tolerant), acid soils (rhododendrons and laurels), and sunny or shady areas. This is a great opportunity to replace plants lost during our hard winter. Barney Webster will again be selling ***native RI aquatic plants*** for your backyard pond or water feature.
- Here are just a few examples:
- ***Trilliums, Bloodroot, Columbine, Asters, Jack in the Pulpit, Marsh Marigold, White turtlehead, Mayapple, Black Cohosh, Solomon's Seal, Maidenhair Fern, Goldie's Fern; bog plants, PLUS tons of gorgeous native laurels, azaleas and rhododendrons.***
- **AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN** about native plants. 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 outbid 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.** RIWPS Members can shop from 8am to 9am. Become a RIWPS member at the sale to take advantage of this opportunity to shop early.
- *All the proceeds of this sale go directly to the RI Wild Plant Society's education and conservation programs.*