



Farm & Native Plant Nursery

Specializing in plants native to NY & the Adirondacks

Go Native !

What is a native plant?

Native plants are indigenous to an area at the time of European settlement.

What is a non-native plant?

A non-native plant was not present in an area at the time of European settlement. It has since been introduced, either purposefully or accidentally.

What is an invasive plant?

An invasive plant is a non-native plant that grows out of control, out-competing our native plants for nutrients, sunlight, and space. Invasives upset the balance of the ecosystem and can cause harm to the environment, the economy, and can even be dangerous for our health!

Why does any of this matter?

Not all non-native plants are invasive. In fact, many of the plants found in NY are non-native and only a small percentage of them have become invasive. While certain characteristics are often attributed to invasives, such as a lack of predators, lots of seeds, and vegetative reproduction to name a few, we can't always tell if a plant will become invasive or not when moved to a new environment. If we plant natives - we can still have all the joys and benefits of gardening and landscaping without the risk of unleashing the next invasive plant that takes over the neighborhood block - or worse - the nearby forest or wetland!

We are proud to be 100% New York Native!

Don't be fooled by plants labeled as "Native " at other nurseries. This often just means that they are native to the United States. So the plant you are buying might be native to New York... or to California... or to Tennessee... At Fiddlehead Creek, 'Native' means that the plant you are buying is native to New York - not New Mexico.

With so many benefits to planting natives, its hard to think of a reason not to!

Feel good

Native plants come in just about every size, shape, and color - so you can be sure to find something that you will like. You can design a native plant garden with interest in all 4 seasons, or a theme garden based on form or function. And with all the benefits they provide, you can feel good about enjoying the beautiful flowers and plants all around you. When you plant with natives, there is plenty of time to sit back, relax, and take it all in.

Protect NY Biodiversity

Planting native plants helps protect New York's biodiversity by providing food and habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, as well as assuring that you are not planting an invasive plant that could take over and outcompete other native plants. Biodiversity supports a number of natural ecosystem processes and services that benefit us such as clean air and water.

Save time and money

Natives have evolved in our environment over many years, so they are already adapted to survive here; therefore, they require less fertilizer, pesticides, and watering - which saves you time and money. The more natives you plant, the less grass you have, and the less time you have to spend mowing your lawn!