

**What is a native plant?** There are many definitions; however, most botanists would probably agree that: native means plants growing in North America prior to European settlement. Because a plant is native does not mean it is problem-free! Some native plants may become invasive. The perennials in this brochure can be easily grown, are low maintenance, and are hardy for at least zones 3-4. As always, careful site selection, planning and care will help insure success.

#### **RIGHT PLANT-RIGHT PLACE!**

We welcome all your gardening questions! Please feel free to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension and ....*Happy Gardening!*

Gardens are ever changing and maturing. Choosing perennials for your garden helps ensure a continuity of color and style.

Combining perennials for height, color and foliage allows the gardener to define his or her space. Adding annuals, shrubs and trees can allow a garden to delight for the four seasons. There are many, many more perennials that can be grown in our area. For a wonderful addition to your garden, check out perennials!

*Include some spring and fall perennials, along with annual flowers for months of a beautiful, flowering garden.  
Enjoy your perennials and share with friends!*

#### **References**

Native Plants of the Northeast. Leopold, Donald J. 2005  
The Well-Tended Perennial Garden. Disabato-Aust, Tracy. 1998

#### **ONLINE**

[www.davegardens.com](http://www.davegardens.com) - Information on perennials.  
[www.gardening.cornell.edu/](http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/) - Information on perennials  
[www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) - Information on perennials.  
[www.plants.usda.gov](http://www.plants.usda.gov) - For flower images.

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