## Why use native plants?

Native plants provide additional benefits because they are adapted to local soil and climate conditions, they increase habitat for a variety of wildlife, and enhance the natural landscape of the Chesapeake Bay region.

## Creating waterfowl habitat:

Waterfowl prefer several types of habitat: agricultural fields, submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), and herbaceous emergent plant habitat. If your property includes either agricultural lands or waterfront, you can add these important native plant species to attract a variety of waterfowl.

## How to improve waterfowl habitat in your landscape:

Many waterfowl are looking for sheltered areas where they can rest and refuel during their cold weather migration. Planting a variety of herbaceous wetland species (see reverse side), as well as a variety of shoreline species, will help provide necessary food and shelter. These plants also will stabilize shoreline soils, reduce sediment flows, and filter water run-off. This will also help support SAV habitat, another important food source for waterfowl.

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**The Friday and Saturday before Mother's Day and the Friday and Saturday after Labor Day. It's a great day for the retail public. Native plants and garden accents available for sale as well as community workshops for the public!**

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Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*)


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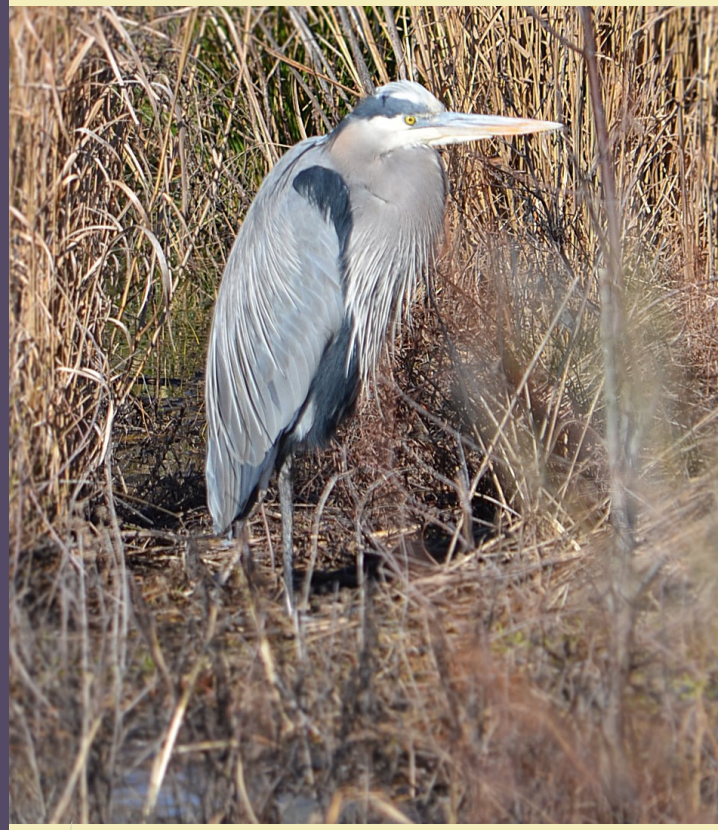
# Using Native Plants to Attract Waterfowl

***Restoring the Bay… one wetland at a time.***



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| Species Name | Common Name | Shade Tol. | Height | Water Tolerance | Salinity Tol. (ppt) | Attracts | Nesting | Cover | Food | Flowering Period | Color |
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| **Herbaceous Plants** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Distichlis spicata* | spike grass | ○ | 8"-16" | above MWH | 0-50 | W | | | | Aug.-Oct. | green |
| *Eleocharis obtusa* | blunt spikerush | ◐ | 0.5'-1' | RI (0"-6") | <0.5 | S,W | | | | May-July | green |
| *Juncus effusus* | soft rush | ○ | 3"-4" | II | <0.5 | S,M,W | | | | June-Sept. | greenish brown |
| *Leersia oryzoides* | rice cutgrass | ● | 1'-3' | RI (0"-3") | <0.5 | S,W | | | | July-Oct. | lavender |
| *Panicum virgatum* | switch grass | ○ | 2'-4' | MHW,U | 0-10 +/- | S,M,W | | | | July-Oct. | green |
| *Peltandra virginica* | arrow arum | ◐ | 2'-3' | PI (0"-18") | 0-1 +/- | S,M,W | | | | April-July | green to white |
| *Pontederia cordata* | pickerelweed | ◐ | 1'-3.5' | PI (0"-12") | <0.5 | W | | | | June-Nov. | purple |
| *Sagittaria latifolia* | duck potato | ◐ | up to 4' | PI (0"-18") | <0.5 | M,W | | | | July-Sept. | white |
| *Saururus cernuus* | lizard's tail | ◐ | up to 4' | PI (0"-12") | <0.5 | W | | | | June-Sept. | white |
| *Scirpus cyperinus* | woolgrass | ○ | 4'-5' | SI | <0.5 | M,W | | | | Aug.-Sept. | brown |
| *Scirpus pungens* | common three-square | ○ | up to 4' | PI (0"-12") | 0-15 | S,M | | | | June-Sept. | green |
| *Scirpus robustus* | saltmarsh blurush | ○ | up to 4' | near MHW | 0-30 | | | | | July-Oct. | green |
| *Scirpus tabernaemontani* | soft stem bulrush | ○ | 6'-10' | PI (0"-12") | 0-5 +/- | | | | | June-Sept. | green |
| *Spartina alterniflora* | smooth cordgrass | ○ | 4'-7' | midtide to MHW | 0-35 +/- | S,M,W | | | | July-Sept. | green |
| *Spartina patens* | salt meadow hay | ○ | 1'-3' | above MHW | 0-35 +/- | S,W | | | | July-Sept. | green |
| *Typha latifolia* | broad-leaved cattail | ○ | up to 6' | PI (0"12") | <0.5 | | | | | May-June | greenish brown |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Shrubs** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Cephalanthus occidentalis* | buttonbush | ● | 6'-12' | PI (0"-12") | resistant | P,B,M,W | | | | July-Aug. | white |
| *Morella pensylvanica* | bayberry | ● | 6'-15' | II | 0-20 | S,W | | | | Mar.-April | yellowish green |

**Native Plant Attractions Key**

B=Beneficial insects
P=Pollinators
H=Hummingbirds
S=Songbirds
M=Mammals
W=Waterfowl

**Shade Tolerance Key**

○ = Full Sun
◐ = Partial Shade
● = Full Shade

**Water Tolerance Key**

MHW - Mean High Water
SI - Seasonal Inundation
PI - Regular Inundation

**(ppt = parts per thousand)**

II - Irregular Innundation
PI - Permanent Innundation
U - Upland

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