

# Best Native Plants for Buffer Zones and Rain Gardens

## Broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus*)

This grass is salt tolerant, helps to control erosion, and it is the primary native meadow grass in the north-east.



## Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

This grass grows on ridges, hilltops, and steep slopes. It is adapted to soils ranging from sandy to clay-loam in texture.



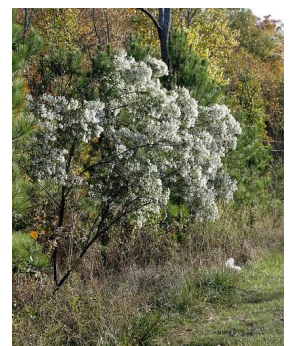
## Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)

This grass tolerates a wide range of soils and occasional flooding. It is a clump-forming, warm season grass that typically grows to 3' tall.



## Groundsel (*Baccharis halimifolia*)

This shrub is tolerant to salt, wetlands, drought, and heat. Groundsel can be used as a filler or on the edge of a natural area. Grows to 5-12 ft. tall.



## Northern Bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*)

This shrub is tolerant to salt, wetlands, drought, and erosion. The fruits are attractive to birds and this plant is resistant to deer damage. Grows to 5-10 ft. tall.



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