Appendix A: Native Vegetation

Several sources were used to determine vegetation species native to the Catskill Mountain region. The first list of species that is provided here, includes species recommendations for planting in different locations within the riparian buffer including, upland, bench and streamside plantings (Table A.1). This list provides information regarding the characteristics of each plant, these characteristics are described below. The second list of species is a more comprehensive list of species that are native to the Catskill Mountain region and the habitat types that species are commonly found in (Table A.2). The information on plant characteristics and wetland indicator status was obtained from the USDA plants database. Wetland indicator status was also determined using the National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands: 1988 New York.

Northeast Indicator Category (NEWIS): The estimated probability of a species occurring in wetlands versus nonwetlands in the region. OBL, FACW, FAC, FACU, UPL.

Indicator Category Definitions

OBL: Obligate Wetland. Occur almost always (estimated probability >99% under natural conditions in wetlands.

FACW: Facultative Wetland. Usually occur in wetlands (estimated probability 67%-99%), but occasionally found in nonwetlands.

FAC: Facultative. Equally likely to occur in wetlands or nonwetlands (estimated probability 34%-66%).

FACU: Facultative Upland. Usually occur in nonwetlands (estimated probability 67%-99%), but occasionally found in wetlands (estimated probability 1%-33%).

UPL: Obligate Upland. Occur in wetlands in another region, but occur almost always (estimated probability >99%) under natural conditions in nonwetlands in the region specified. If a species does not occur in wetlands in any region, it is not on the National List.

A positive (+) or negative (-) sign was used with the Facultative Inidcator categories to more specifically define regional frequency of occurrence in wetlands. The positive sign indicates a frequency toward the higher end of the category (more frequently found in wetlands), and a negative sign indicates a frequency toward the lower end of the category (less frequently found in wetlands).

Habit: Habit symbols are combined to describe the life form of the species.

Symbol	Characteristic or Life Form
A	Annual
В	Biennial
С	Clubmoss

Е	Emergent
<u>@</u>	Epiphytic
F	Forb
/	Floating
F3	Fern
G	Grass
GL	Grasslike
Н	Partly woody
HS	Half shrub
H2	Horsetail
I	Introduced
N	Native
P	Perennial
+	Parasitic
P3	Pepperwort
Q S	Quillwort
S	Shrub
-	Saprophytic
Z	Submerged
\$	Succulent
T	Tree
V	Herbaceous vine
W	Waterfern
WV	Woody vine

Species Characteristics

Growth Rate: The growth rate relative to other plant species. Slow, Moderate, Rapid, Unknown

Coarse Textured Soils: Can this plant establish and grow in coarse textured soils?

Coarse Textured Soils: Can this plant establish and grow in fine textured soils?

Moisture Use: What are this plant's relative moisture requirements for growth?

Planting Density per Acre: The recommended minimum and maximum number of individuals to plant per acre.

Cuttings: Can the plant be propagated as cuttings?

Seedling Vigor: What is the relative vigor of the plant in seedling stage? Low, Medium, High, Unknown

Table A.1 Recommended species for planting in upland, bench and streamside locations within the riparian buffers of Catskill streams.

Species recommended for upland plantings

Species recommended for			Cwarryth	Caarga	Ti	Maistre	Coodling	
G		NIEWY	Growth	Coarse	Fine	Moisture	Seedling	G
Scientific Name	Common Name	NEWIS	Rate	Soils	Soils	Use	Vigor	Cuttings
Trees								
Acer rubrum	Red maple	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	No
Betula alleghaniensis	Yellow birch	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium	No
Betula papyrifera	Paper birch	FACU	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	Yes
Betula populifolia	Gray birch	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Low	Medium	No
Carya ovata	Shagbark hickory	FACU	Rapid	Yes	No	Medium	High	No
Pinus resinosa	Red pine	FACU	Rapid	Yes	No	Low	High	No
Pinus rigida	Pitch pine	FACU	Rapid	Yes	No	Low	High	No
Populus grandidentata	Bigtooth aspen	FACU-	Rapid	Yes	No	High	Medium	No
Prunus pensylvanica	Pin cherry	FACU	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Medium	Low	Yes
Prunus serotina	Black cherry	FACU	Rapid	Yes	No	Medium	High	No
Ulmus rubra	Slippery or red elm	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	High	No
Shrubs								
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	FACU	Moderate	No	No	Low	Medium	No
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain laurel	FACU	Slow	Yes	No	Low	Low	Yes
Prunus virginiana	Choke cherry	FACU	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium	No
Vaccinium angustifolium	Lowbush blueberry	FACU	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Medium	Low	Yes

Species recommended for	bench plantings.							
Scientific Name	Common Name	NEWIS	Growth Rate	Coarse Soils	Fine Soils	Moisture Use	Seedling Vigor	Cuttings
Trees							9	
Acer rubrum	Red maple	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	No
Betula alleghaniensis	Yellow birch	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium	No
Betula populifolia	Gray birch	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Low	Medium	No
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green ash	FACW	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium	No
Populus balsamifera	Balsam Poplar	FACW	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	Yes
Quercus bicolor	Swamp white oak	FACW+	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	High	No
Ulmus americana	American elm	FACW-	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	Yes
Ulmus rubra	Slippery or red elm	FAC	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	High	No
Shrubs								
Alnus serrulata	Hazel alder	OBL	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Low	No
Alnus viridis ssp. crispa	Mountain alder	FAC	Moderate	No	No	High	Medium	No
Amelanchier arborea	Downy Service Berry	FAC-	Moderate	Yes		Medium	Low	Yes
Cornus amomum	Silky dogwood	FACW	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	Yes
Rhododendron maximum	Great or white laurel rhododendron	FAC	Slow	Yes	No	Medium	Low	Yes
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush blueberry	FACW-	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Medium	Low	Yes
Sambuscus nigra								
canadensis	Common Edlerberry	FACW-	Rapid	No	No	Medium	High	No
Herbaceous								
Adiantum pedatum	Northern maidenhair	FAC-	Moderate	Yes	No	Medium	Low	No
Andropogon gerardii	Big Bluestem	FAC	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	Low	No
Arisaema triphyllum	Jack-in-the-Pulpit	FACW-	Moderate	Yes	No	High	Low	No
Athyrium filix-femina	Common ladyfern	FAC	Moderate	No	No	Medium	Unknown	No
	common sneezeweed or Helen's							
Helenium autumnale	Flower	FACW+	Rapid	Yes	Yes	Medium	High	No
Helianthus tuberosus	Jerusalem Artichoke	FAC	Rapid	Yes	No	Low	Medium	No
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon fern	FACW	Moderate	No	Yes	Medium	Medium	No

			Growth	Coarse	Fine	Moisture	Seedling	
Scientific Name	Common Name	NEWIS	Rate	Soils	Soils	Use	Vigor	Cuttings
Willows								
Salix amygdaloides	Peach-leaved willow	FACW	Rapid	Yes	No	High	Low	Yes
Salix bebbiana	Beaked willow	FACW	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	Unknown	Yes
Salix discolor	Pussy willow	FACW	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	High	Yes
Salix eriocephala	Gall willow	FACW	Rapid	No	Yes	High	High	Yes
Salix nigra	Black willow	FACW+	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Low	Yes
Salix sericea	Silky willow	OBL	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	Yes
Shrubs								
Alnus serrulata	Hazel alder	OBL	Rapid	Yes	Yes	High	Low	No
Cornus amomum	Silky dogwood	FACW	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	Yes
Herbaceous								
Carex flaccosperma	Blue Wood Sedge	FAC	Slow	No	Yes	High	Low	No
Carex grayi	Gray's Sedge	FACW+	Slow	No	Yes	High	Low	No
Carex intumescens	Greater bladder sedge	FACW+	Moderate	No	Yes	High	Low	No
Carex lacustris	Hairy sedge	OBL	Rapid	No	Yes	High	Low	No
Carex stricta	Upright sedge	OBL	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium	No
Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	OBL	Moderate	No	Yes	Medium	Medium	No
Cinna arundinacea	Sweet Woodreed	FACW+	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Low	Medium	No
Elymus riparius	Riverbank wildrye	FACW	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	High	No
Osmunda regalis	Royal fern	OBL	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	Unknown	Yes
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	OBL	Slow	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	No
Symplocarpus foetidus	Skunk cabbage	OBL	Moderate	Yes	Yes	High	Medium	No

Table A.2 Tree, shrub and herbaceous species native to the Catskill Mountain region.

Common Name Trees	Scientific Name	Habitat Types
American beech FACU	Fagus grandifolia	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, dominant; AND Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; common associate; AND Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; codominant tree
American elm FAC, FACW; NT	Ulmus americana	Successional northern hardwood syamp; found throughout New York; codominant
Balsam fir FAC, FACW; NT	Abies balsamea	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); dominant; AND Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; almost entirely balsam fir; AND Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods; dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; AND Boreal coniferous forest; southern most portion
Balsam poplar FACU, FACW; NT	Populus balsamifera	Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree
Basswood FACU	Tilia americana	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, not dominant; AND Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant
Bigtooth aspen FACU	Populus grandidentata	Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree
Bitternut hickory FACU, FAC	Carya cordiformis	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; not dominant; AND Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; low percent cover
Black ash FACW NT	Fraxinus nigra	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; codominant
Black birch FACU	Betula lenta	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant
Black cherry FACU	Prunus serotina	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, not dominant; AND Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; common associate; AND Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree
Black gum FAC	Nyssa sylvatica	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring tree; AND Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; low percent cover
Black oak	Quercus velutina	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; dominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; dominant
Butternut FACU	Juglans cinerea	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; low percent cover
Chestnut oak UPL, FACU	Quercus prinus	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; dominant
Choke cherry	Prunus virginiana	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation

FACU, FAC		
Eastern hemlock FACU	Tsuga canadensis	Hemlock-hardwoods forest; 305-1006 meters; co-dominant with hardwood species; AND Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods; dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; common associate; AND Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; less frequently occurring tree; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; dominant
Eastern hop hornbeam FACU	Ostrya virginiana	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; not dominant
Gray birch FAC NT	Betula populifolia	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; AND Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree
Green ash FAC, FACW, NT	Fraxinus pensylvanica	Successional northern hardwoods; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring tree; AND Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; codominant
Ironwood	Carpinus carolinianus	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; low percent cover
Mountain ash FACU, FAC	Sorbus americana	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); sub-canopy; AND Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; almost entirely balsam fir; occassional individual; AND Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic tree; AND Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub
Mountain maple FACU	Acer spicatum	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); sub-canopy; AND Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; subcanopy tree
Mountain paper birch	Betula cordifolia	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); common associate; AND Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; almost entirely balsam fir; small amounts of paper birch; AND Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic tree
Paper birch FACU	Betula papyrifera	Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree; AND Boreal coniferous forest; southern most portion
Pignut FACU	Carya glabra	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; mixed in lower densities
Pin cherry FACU	Prunus pensylvanica	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); sub-canopy; AND Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree
Pitch pine FACU	Pinus rigida	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; dominant Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic species
Quaking aspen FACU, FAC, IT	Populus tremuloides	Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree
Red maple FAC, NT	Acer rubrum	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, not dominant; AND Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; not dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; common associate; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; AND Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; codominant tree; AND

		Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree; AND
		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; codominant tree; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; codominant; AND
		Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; dominant
Red oak	Quercus rubra	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, not dominant; AND
		Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations (1); usually ridgetops, upper slopes (3)dominant;
FACU		AND
		Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND
		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND
		Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils;
		dominant; AND
		Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; codominant
		Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods with a shrub layer; dominant; AND
		Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND
		Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; dominant
Red spruce	Picea rubens	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); dominant; AND
FACU		Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; almost entirely balsam fir; occassional individual; AND
		Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic tree
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; codominant tree; AND
		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; dominant tree
		Boreal coniferous forest; southern most portion
		Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils;
Scarlet oak	Quercus coccinea	dominant; AND
		Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic species
Scrub oak	Quercus ilicifolia	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; dominant
Serviceberry FAC, FACU, NT	Amelanchier arborea	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation
Shagbark hickory FACU	Carya ovata	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; not dominant
Slippery or red elm FAC, NT	Ulmus rubra	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; codominant
Striped maple	Acer pensylvanicum	Hemlock-hardwoods forest; 305-1006 meters; mid-story tree; AND
FACU	F	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); sub-canopy; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; subcanopy tree
Sugar maple	Acer saccharum	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, dominant; AND
UPL, FACU		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND
,		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; codominant tree
Swamp white oak	Quercus bicolor	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; codominant
FACW, OBL, NT		
Sweet pignut, Red hickory UPL, FACU	Carya ovalis	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; mixed in lower densities
White ash	Fraxinus americana	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; not dominant; AND
FACU		Successional northern hardwoods; AND
		Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; codominant
		Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations (1); usually ridgetops, upper slopes (3)dominant;
White oak	Quercus alba	AND

		Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils;
FACU		dominant
White pine	Pinus strobus	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, not dominant; AND
FACU		Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods; dominant; AND
		Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND
		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND
		Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils;
		dominant; AND
		Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; AND
		Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; codominant; AND
		Successional northern hardwoods; characteristic tree; AND
		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; less frequently occurring tree; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring tree; AND
		Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; low percent cover
Yellow birch	Betula alleghaniensis	Northern hardwoods forest; moist, well-drained, acidic soils, dominant; AND
FACU, FAC, NT		Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); sub-canopy or (common associate Source 3); AND
		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; codominant; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; codominant tree; AND
		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; less frequently occurring tree; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; codominant; AND
		Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; codominant

Shrubs

American fly honeysuckle	Lonicera canadensis	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); shrub layer; AND
FACU		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic shrub
Beaked hazelnut	Corylus cornuta	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; subcanopy low shrub
UPL, FACU		
Bearberry	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic shrub
UPL, FACU		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub
Canada yew	Taxus canadensis	Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic shrub
FACU, FAC		
Chokeberry	Aronia spp. ? Notes say dry	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation
Chokeberry, Black	Aronia melanocarpa	
FAC, FACW, NS		
Chokeberry, Purple	Aronia prunifolia	
FACW, NS		
Chokeberry, Red	Aronia arbutifolia	
FACW, NS		
Choke-cherry	Prunus virginiana	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; sub-canopy
FACU, FAC		
Common elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
FACW, UPL, NS		
Common juniper	Juniperus communis	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic shrub
Deerberry	Vaccinium stamineum	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation
FACU		

Dwarf raspberry/blackberry FACW, FAC, NF	Rubus pubescens	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); shrub layer
Flowering dogwood FACU	Cornus florida	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; sub-canopy
Gray dogwood	Cornus racemosa	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; subcanopy low shrub; AND Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Great rhododendron FAC, NT	Rhododendron maximum	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; characteristic shrub
Green alder	Alnus viridis	Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; almost entirely balsam fir; occassional individuals; AND Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub
Hazel/Brook alder OBL, FACW, NT	Alnus serrulata	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Highbush blueberry FACW,NS	Vaccinium corymbosum	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; AND Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; characteristic shrub; AND Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Hobblebush FAC, NS	Viburnum lantanoides	Hemlock-hardwoods forest; 305-1006 meters; shrub layer; AND Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); shrub layer; AND Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic shrub; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub
Huckleberry FACU	Gaylussacia baccata	Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods with a shrub layer; dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; shrub layer; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic shrub
Labrador tea OBL, FACW, NS	Ledum groenlandicum	Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; almost entirely balsam fir; occassional individuals
Lowbush blueberry FACU	Vaccinium angustifolium	Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods with a shrub layer; dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; on warmer ridgetops; stunted oak and pine forest with dwarf shrub openings; dominant; AND Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; subcanopy low shrub; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; shrub layer; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic shrub; AND Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic shrub
Maple-leaved viburnum UPL, FACU	Viburnum acerifolium	Hemlock-hardwoods forest; 305-1006 meters; shrub layer; AND Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; subcanopy low shrub
Mountain alder FAC, FACW, NS	Alnus viridis ssp. crispa Alnus crispa	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub
Mountain/Early azalea FAC, NS	Rhododendron prinophyllum	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); shrub layer
Mountain holly, Catberry OBL, NS	Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); shrub layer; AND Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic and dominant shrub; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub
Mountain laurel FACU	Kalmia latifolia	Spruce-fir rocky summit; exposed ledges and ridgetops; sparse woods with a shrub layer; dominant; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation

Nannyberry FAC, FACU, NTS	Viburnum lentago	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub
Northern Arrowwood FACW, NS	Viburnum recognitum	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Raspberries	Rubus spp.	Hemlock-hardwoods forest; 305-1006 meters; shrub layer
Red elderberry	Sambucus racemosa	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); shrub layer
FACU		Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; subcanopy low shrub
Redosier dogwood	Cornus sericea	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Scrub oak	Quercus ilicifolia	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic shrub
Shadbush/ downy serviceberry FAC, FACU, NT	Amelanchier arborea	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; sub-canopy
Sheep laurel FAC, NS	Kalmia angustifolia	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation
Silky dogwood FACW, NS	Cornus amomum	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Southern low blueberry	Vaccinium pallidum	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; subcanopy low shrub; AND Appalachian oak-pine forest; mixed forest occurs on sandy soils, sandy ravines in pine barrens, or on slopes with well drained rocky soils; shrub layer; AND Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic shrub
Speckled alder FACW, FAC, OBL, NT	Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Spicebush FACW	Lindera benzoin	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Sweet fern	Comptonia peregrina	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic shrub
Velvetleaf Blueberry FAC, FACU, FACW, NS	Vaccinium myrtilloides	Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; shrub layer; AND Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub
Wild raisin, Withe-rod FACW, NS	Viburnum cassinoides	Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub; AND Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Winterberry FACW, OBL, NST	Ilex verticillata	Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; less frequently occurring shrub; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring shrub Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic shrub
Witch hazel FAC, FACU, NST	Hamamelis virginiana	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; dryer, warmer, south and west-facing slopes and lower elevations; sub-canopy

Herbaceous

Arrow arum	Peltandra virginica	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
OBL		
Bellwort, Sessile-leaf	Uvularia sessilifolia	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
FACU		
Black cohosh	Cimicifuga racemosa	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb
Bluebeads	Clintonia borealis	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND
FAC, FACU, PNF		Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant
Bracken fern	Pteridium aquilinum	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation

FACU, FAC		
Bristly/Stiff clubmoss FAC, FACU PNC	Lycopodium annotinum	Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb
Bromelike sedge FACW, PNGL	Carex bromoides	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring herb
Bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND
FAC, FACU, NS		Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND
		Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant; AND
		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb
Canada mayflower	Maianthemum canadense	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND
(Wild Lily of the Valley)		Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND
FAC, FACU, PNF		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; characteristic herb
Christmas fern	Polystichum acrostichoides	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
FACU, UPL, FAC		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; characteristic herb; AND
		Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; dominant fern
Common (Tufted) hairgrass	Deschampsia flexuosa	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic herb; AND
		Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb; AND
		Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic herb
Common wood fern	Dryopteris campyloptera	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant
Common wood-sorrel	Oxalis acetosella	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND
		Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND
		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant; AND
		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb
Cow-wheat FACU	Melampyrum lineare	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic herb
Creeping snowberry FACW, NS	Gaultheria hispidula	Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb
Crested wood fern FACW, OBL, PNEF3	Dryopteris cristata	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; herbaceous layer
Dewdrop, Robin-Run-Away	Dalibarda repens	Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb
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False nettle, Small spike	Boehmeria cylindrica	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
FACW, OBL, PNF	,	
False Solomon's seal FACU	Smilacina racemosa	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb
Foamflower FAC, PNF	Tiarella cordifolia	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
Goldthread FACW, FAC, PNF	Coptis trifolia	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND
		Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant; AND

		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; characteristic herb
Greater bladder sedge FACW, OBL, PNGL	Carex intumescens	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
Hairy/Smooth Sheath sedge OBL, PNGL	Carex lacustris	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
Harebell FACU, UPL, FAC	Campanula rotundifolia	Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb
Hepatica americana	Hepatica americana	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb
Indian cucumber-root	Medeola virginiana	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant
Jewelweed FACW, ANF	Impatiens capensis	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
Large-leaf goldenrod	Solidago macrophylla	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb
Little bluestem FACU, PNG	Schizachyrium scoparium	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation
Marsh fern	Thelypteris palustris	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; dominant fern
Marsh marigold OBL, PNF	Caltha palustris	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
Mountain (Whorled) aster	Aster acuminatus	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb
Mountain goldenrod FACU	Solidago spathulata ssp. randii	Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb
Mountain sorrel, white woodsorrel FAC, UPL, PNF	Oxalis montana	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring herb
Mountain wood fern	Dryopteris campyloptera	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND Mountain fir forest; 1100-1400 meters; cool upper slopes exposed to wind; characteristic herb; AND Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
Northern long sedge	Carex folliculata	Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb; AND Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring herb
Partridge berry FACU	Mitchella repens	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
Pennsylvania sedge	Carex pensylvanica	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic herb; AND Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic herb
Pink corydalis	Corydalis sempervirens	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation
Poverty-grass	Danthonia spicata	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic herb; AND Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic herb
Purple trillium FACU, UPL	Trillium erectum	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
Rattlesnake root FACU	Prenanthes alba	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb

Round-leaf violet FAC, PNF	Viola rotundifolia	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant
Royal fern OBL, PNF3	Osmunda regalis	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; dominant fern
Sensitive fern	Onoclea sensibilis	Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; characteristic herb
FACW, PNEF3		Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; dominant fern
Shining clubmoss	Lycopodium lucidulum	Mountain Spruce-fir forest; higher elevation peaks (900-1200 meters); characteristic herb; AND
FACW, FAC, PNC		Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND
		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant
Skunk cabbage OBL, PNF	Symplocarpus foetidus	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
Small ricegrass	Oryzopsis pungens	Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb
Spinulose wood fern	Dryopteris carthusiana	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; herbaceous layer
Star flower	Trientalis borealis	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND
FAC, PNF		Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb
Tall meadow rue	Thalictrum pubescens	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
FACW, PNF		
Threeseeded sedge	Carex trisperma	Spruce-fir swamp; found in the Catskills ecozone; shrub layer often sparse; characteristic herb; AND
OBL, PNGL		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring herb
Three-toothed cinquefoil	Potentilla tridentata	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; characteristic herb; AND
		Spruce-fir rocky summit; occurs on cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; patchy or sparse vegetation; characteristic herb
Trailing arbutus	Epigaea repens	Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic herb
Twisted stalk, Rosy	Streptopus roseus	Hemlock-northern hardwood forest; occurs on middle to lower slopes of ravines; cool, mid-elevation slopes; groundlayer plant; AND
FAC, FACU, PF		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant
Upright sedge	Carex stricta	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
OBL, PNEGL		
White goldenrod	Solidago bicolor	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb
White hellebore	Veratrum viride	Red maple-hardwood swamp; found throughout New York; characteristic herb
FACW, FACU, OBL, PNF		
Wild Sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	Appalachian oak-hickory forest; usually on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes; groundlayer herb; AND
FACU, FAC		Spruce-northern hardwood forest; occurs on lower mountain slopes; characteristic groundlayer plant; AND
		Hemlock-hardwood swamp; found throughout upstate New York; less frequently occurring herb
Wintergreen	Gaultheria procumbens	Pitch pine-oak-heath rocky summit; occurs on warm, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; sparse vegetation; AND
FACU		Red pine rocky summit; cool, dry, rocky ridgetops and summits; POSSIBLY in the Catskills; characteristic herb

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