

Native Vines and Ground Covers



Running Serviceberry (*Amelanchier stolonifera*) Grows from 2 to 5 feet high with a spread of 4 to 5 feet. Grows best with medium moisture, in well-drained soil. However is tolerant of other soil types. Full sun to partial shade. Showy white flowers bloom early and are followed by fruits that turn purplish blue in the summer. These are edible and similar to blueberries. Good for planting along streams and ponds. Zones 4-8.



Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) Grows from 4 to 6 inches with a spread of 20 inches. Spreads easily to form a mat. Grows best in moist, well-drained, rich, acidic soil. Full sun to partial shade. Light pink, cup-shaped flowers give way to a bright red berry in the fall. It is attractive to wildlife and edible for humans although not particularly good eating. It is a useful in preventing erosion and is commonly planted along banks. Zones 2-6.



American Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) A climbing vine that can grow up to 25 feet high. Tolerant of a variety of soil types from medium moisture to dry. Will grow in full sun to partial shade. Plants bear either male or female flowers. Must have both for propagation. Orange capsules contain a bright red fruit. Zones 3-8.



Virginbower (*Clematis virginiana*) A climbing vine that can grow up to 20 feet high. Grows best in soil with average to medium moisture and full sun to partial shade. Attractive clusters of silky seeds follow showy white flowers. Grows best on a trellis or fence. Zones 2-10.



Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*) Grows to approximately 6 inches in height and spreads easily. Favors moist, rich, acidic soils. Grows best in partial to full shade. Larger white bracts surround small green flowers. A red berry is produced in the fall is attractive to birds. Zones 2-7.



Checkerberry (*Gaultheria procumbens*) Also known as Wintergreen. Grows up to 6 inches high and spreads 4 to 6 inches annually. Favors well-drained, acidic soil with average moisture. Grows in partial to full shade but produces more fruit with adequate light. Leaves are evergreen and red berries remain on the plant all winter. Young leaves and berries have a wintergreen flavor. Zones 3-7.





Creeping Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*) Grows approximately 2 feet high with a spread of 8 feet. Tolerates a wide range of soil as long it is well drained. Grows best in full sun. Foliage is often a silvery blue color. Small, blue, berry-like fruit. Zones 3-9.



Partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*) Grows to be about 2 inches high and spreads easily. Pale pink or white flowers bloom mid-summer. Red berries with two “eyes” are formed from the two flowers that produce each berry. Foliage is evergreen. Prefers acidic to neutral, consistently moist soil. Will grow in a variety of light conditions. Zones 4-9



Woodbine (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) Also known as Virginia Creeper. A climbing vine that can reach heights of up to 40 feet. Grows easily. Will tolerate a range of soil types and a variety of light conditions (except for complete shade). Drought tolerant. Small white flowers in spring. Foliage turns bright red in the fall and small purple berries are produced. When not in a position to climb it is an excellent ground cover and will put down more roots. Zones 3-9.



Lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*) Grows from 2 to 24 inches and spreads to form colonies. Prefers an acidic, well-drained soil that has previously been untilled. A popular ground cover. Blueberries are attractive to wildlife and humans. Grows well in partial shade to full sun. Zones 2-6.



Cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) Grows from 6 to 9 inches high and spreads easily. Prefers an acidic, wet to moist soil. Typically grows in bogs. Grows best in full sun. Small pink flowers bloom in the spring and are followed by the commonly known red berries. Useful for both wildlife and human consumption. Zones 2-6.



Fox Grape (*Vitis labrusca*) This vine can reach heights of 20 to 25 feet. Grows best in well-drained moist soils. Prefers full sun. Small dark purple grapes are produced in late summer through early fall. Leaves are large and round. Decorative for arbors and fences. Attracts wildlife. Zones 4-8.



