



## 5.2 Mixed Wood Shield



### Grass-Leaved Goldenrod

(*Euthamia graminifolia*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 3-6 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This bushy plant has dense yellow flowers that support a wide variety of insect species and songbirds. This species has no serious pests or diseases.



### Autumnale Sneezeweed

(*Helenium autumnale*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Average to high  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Mid summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 3-5 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This showy perennial provides a pop of color in the late summer to fall season. It is tolerant of many soil and water conditions but performs best in wet, well draining soil.



### Common Evening Primrose

(*Oenothera biennis*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 3-5 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This fragrant flower produces a profusion of yellow flowers that open in the evening and close in the morning. This species blooms in its second year, and the whole plant is edible.



### Blue Wood Aster

(*Symphyotrichum cordifolium*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-5 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This densely flowering plant is a stunning late season choice, providing nectar to butterflies and visual interest. This species is generally pest free and deer resistant.



### Smooth Aster

(*Symphyotrichum laeve*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun  
**WATER:** Low to average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 2-4 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
These small and densely blooming flowers are a striking blue to purple color with a golden-yellow center. This species has no serious pests or diseases.



### Calico Aster

(*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun  
**WATER:** Average  
**SEASON OF INTEREST:** Late summer through fall  
**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft  
**DURATION:** Perennial  
This plant produces unique white flowers with berry-pink centers late summer through fall. It is a great source of nectar to butterflies and bees. Susceptible to powdery mildew.



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### New England Aster

(*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun

**WATER:** Average

**SEASON OF INTEREST:**

Late summer through fall

**HEIGHT:** 4-6 ft

**DURATION:** Perennial

This easy to grow plant produces purple, daisy-like flowers with a yellow or red center that attracts pollinators. Do not worry if flowers close at night or in cloudy weather, they will perk up once the sun returns. Resistant to deer and rabbits.



### Old Field Goldenrod

(*Solidago nemoralis*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun

**WATER:** Low to average

**SEASON OF INTEREST:**

Summer through fall

**HEIGHT:** 1-2 ft

**DURATION:** Perennial

This plant is a less-aggressive, shorter alternative to tall goldenrod. Its showy, yellow flowers are attractive to birds and pollinators and provides a splash of color to the late season. It can tolerate poor, dry soil.



### Black-Eyed Susan

(*Rudbeckia hirta*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun

**WATER:** Low to average

**SEASON OF INTEREST:**

Summer through fall

**HEIGHT:** 2-3 ft

**DURATION:** Short-lived

perennial

This short-lived perennial with 3 inch blooms self seeds and can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.



### Cutleaf Coneflower

(*Rudbeckia laciniata*)



**LIGHT:** Full sun to partial sun

**WATER:** Average to high

**SEASON OF INTEREST:**

Mid summer through fall

**HEIGHT:** 3-9 ft

**DURATION:** Perennial

This 3-4 inch flower grows well in a large pot with support, and its attractive seedheads extend the season of interest into the winter. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.