



Nativars and Commonly Misabeled Non-Native Plants



For the purposes of the [Deer Creek Watershed Alliance \(DCWA\) Rainscaping Cost-Share](#) and [MSD Rainscaping Small Grants Programs](#), cultivars of native plants (“nativars”) are considered native plants, with the following exceptions*:

- *Allium* ‘Millenium’, *Allium* ‘All Summer Beauty’
- *Echinacea purpurea* ‘Hot Papaya’, ‘Milkshake’, ‘Pink Double Delight’, ‘Raspberry Trifle’, ‘Pink Poodle’, ‘Marmalade’, ‘Double Scoop Cranberry’, ‘Greenline’, ‘Secret Passion’, ‘Secret Lust’ and other purple coneflowers that lack true flowers.
 - In general, purple coneflowers that resemble the straight species count as natives.
- *Hydrangea arborescens* ‘Annabelle’, ‘Invincibelle Wee White’

The following are non-native plants that are frequently mislabeled as natives on applications to both Rainscaping Programs. These do not count as natives:

- *Achillea* ‘Moonshine’ - yarrow
- *Clethra alnifolia* - sweet pepperbush
- *Ilex glabra* - inkberry
- *Magnolia virginiana* - sweetbay magnolia

Note, plants on these lists are not prohibited through either Program as plant palettes are not required to be 100% native. Plant palettes should be at least 70% native in accordance with recommendations from [Doug Tallamy](#). Learn more about gardening with native plants in Shaw Nature Reserve’s [Native Landscaping Manual](#).

**Research into the ecological implications of nativars is currently lacking. This list may be expanded in the future as we learn more.*