Native Plants with a Twist

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I’M A PLANT NUT

I like to grow things……

I’m fascinated by the world of plants

I seek out the rare and new!

These botanical curiosities are my passion.

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What is a Native Plant?

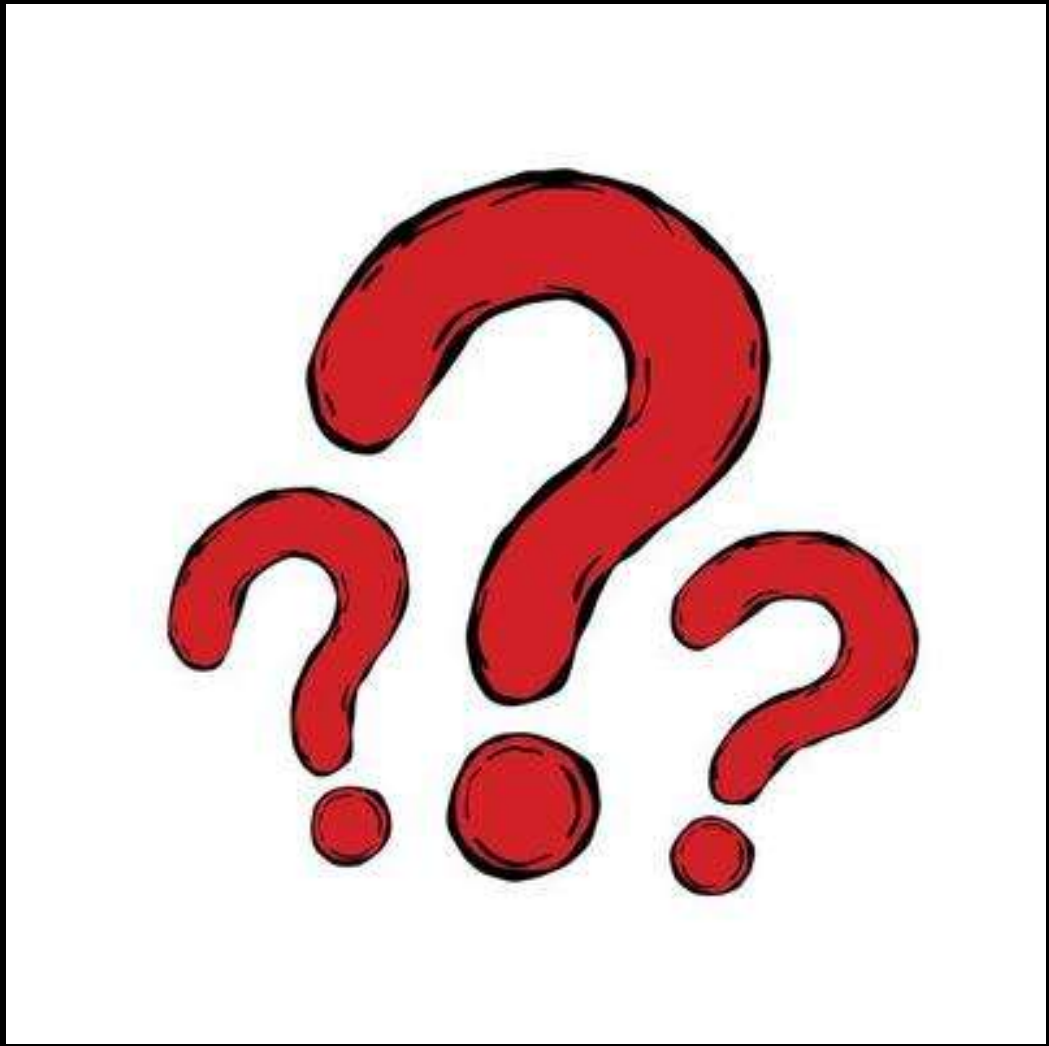
Plants that are endemic (indigenous) to a region, having developed there naturally or persisted over many years.

What’s a Cultivar?

- A plant that has been intentionally selected and maintained for a specific trait(s)
- These desired traits are maintained when the plant is propagated.

Malus domestica ‘McIntosh’

Is a cultivar of a native species also native?



What is a Native Plant with a Twist?

- An exploration of the rare species, unique variation, and underutilized varieties, subspecies, and cultivars within the eastern U.S. native flora.

- A perspective on the creative use and integration of these plants in ornamental gardens.

Themes to Twist Your Garden

We value the impact of colored foliage…

Contrasting Texture

Play with Form

Repetition of Color, Form, Texture

Unexpected Accent

Unique Living Sculpture

Bend the Rules!

Brings “Fun” into the Garden

A selection of my “current” favorite native plants and notable “twists”

Acer pensylvanicum
striped maple, moosewood, snake bark maple

‘Erythrocladum’

(Unnamed Variegated Selection)

Acer rubrum – red maple

‘Brandywine’

‘Shocking Gold’

‘Snowfire’

Acer saccharum – sugar maple

‘Millanes Dwarf’

‘Newton Sentry’

‘Sweet Shadow’

Asimina triloba
paw paw, Indiana banana

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paw paw
gelato
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‘Spilt Milk’

Calycanthus floridus - sweetshrub

‘Michael Lindsey’

‘Athens’

‘Burgundy Spice’

Carpinus caroliniana – ironwood, musclewood, blue-beech

‘J.N. Upright’ Firespire®

Clethra alnifolia – summersweet

‘Ruby Spice’

‘Firefly’

‘Sherry Sue’

var. *tomentosa*

‘Woodlanders Sarah’

Hamamelis virginiana – common witch hazel

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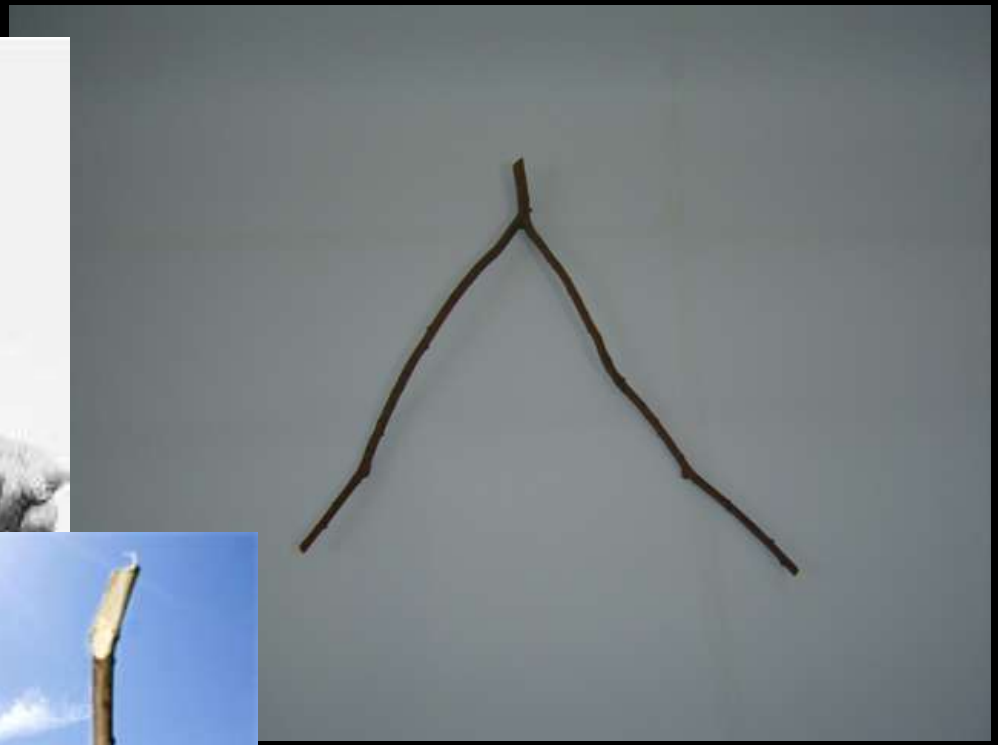

‘Harvest Moon’

‘Little Suzie’

‘Mohonk Red’

‘Copper Curls’

‘Green Thumb’

‘Little Prospect’

(Late Blooming Selection)

Hydrangea arborescens – smooth hydrangea

‘Annabelle’

var. *radiata* ‘Samantha’

‘Haas Halo’ PP 24783

‘Hayes Starburst’

‘Pink Pincushion’

Invincibelle® Ruby PP 28317

‘Green Dragon’

Ilex verticillata
Winterberry Holly

‘Winter Red’

‘Winter Gold’

'Roberta Case'

‘Sunsplash’

Kalmia latifolia – Mountain Laurel

‘Sarah’

‘Firecracker’

‘Shooting Star’

‘Galaxy’

‘Yankee Doodle’

‘Tightwad Too’

‘Forever Red’

var. *myrtifolia* ‘Little Linda’

var. *angustifolia* ‘Willowcrest’

(Unnamed Hybrid)

(Unnamed Yellow Flush Selection)

Lindera benzoin - spicebush

‘Rubra’

Nyssa sylvatica

‘Autumn Cascades’

‘Sheri’s Cloud’

‘Wildfire’

‘Zydeco Twist’

Pinus strobus – Eastern White Pine

‘Hillside Winter Gold’

‘Little Giant’

‘Mini Twists’

‘Pendula’

Rhus typhina – staghorn sumac

Tiger Eyes® (‘Bailtiger’)

Vaccinium corymbosum
highbush blueberry

‘Chandler’

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