

Stafford Township's Arbor Day Scavenger Hunt: Native Plants of Stafford & New Jersey

Why are natives so important?

Plants that naturally occur in a region in which they evolved are referred to as native plants. Native plants are low maintenance, requiring little water or fertilizer. This helps with water conservation and reducing the amount of pollution going into the ground, our storm drains, and our waterways. Native plants also help support our wildlife by providing shelter, essential food, and nectar for pollinators.

Rules:

1. You may enter the Scavenger Hunt as an individual or a team.
2. Plants must be located in NJ.
3. Do not remove any plants from where you find them.
4. It is recommended that sightings be recorded using the iNaturalist App, available for download on iPhone or Android devices. Create an account and join the project by going to: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/stafford-township-arbor-day-savenger-hunt>.
5. To qualify for an entry for a prize, you must register by submitting your contact information (name and email address) and iNaturalist username to arborday@staffordnj.gov by midnight on the last day of the scavenger hunt. Please enter "Scavenger Hunt 2022" in the subject line.
6. To document a sighting, take at least 2 photographs of the species and upload those photos to the iNaturalist app.
7. To make your sighting easily identifiable, consider taking several photos (e.g., bark, leaf, flower, bud, etc.).

NOTE: Participants who prefer not to or are unable to use iNaturalist may submit their observations (labeled photographs) via email to the address listed above.



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MATERIAL AND/OR NATIVE PLANTS!**