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Name and Charac.	Latin	Picture	Planting Info.		Nursery
River Birch Tree 60' tall, 40'wide	<i>Betula nigra</i>		full sun to partial sun	wet or dry soils acidic to neutral in soil pH, somewhat sensitive to being transplanted in Autumn, amend the soil, fertilize, water thoroughly, and mulch adequately	Alabama Nurseries
Red Bud Tree 15'tall, 15' wide	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>		full sun to partial sun	needs a moist, rich, well-drained soil, somewhat adaptable to many types of soils, soil pHs, and moistures	Alabama Nurseries
Sweet pepper bush 8'	<i>Clethra alniflora</i>		full sun to partial sun	Blooms in late summer	Garden Delights
Oak leaved hydrangea 4-8' tall	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>		full sun to partial sun	Blooms in late July, requires a moist, organic, fertile soil mulch the root zone	Blooming Colors
Aster 18-30"	<i>Aster sp.</i>		Sun	Blooms in the fall	Wild Flowers Inc.
Cardinal Flower 1-3'	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>		full sun to partial sun	Blooms in mid summer requires moist soil, tolerant to flooding but not drought	Wild Flowers Inc.
Indigo 2-3'	<i>Baptisia sp.</i>		full sun	Blooms in early summer, grows in average soil	Wild Flowers Inc.

Swamp sun flower 6'	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>		Sun	prefers a moist soil but will thrive in well drained soils if watered during dry spells.	Wild Flowers Inc.
Bee balm 2'	<i>Monarda didyma</i>		Early Sun	moist, light soil	Wild Flowers Inc.
Penstemon 2-3'	<i>Penstemon sp.</i>		Sun to part shade	will grow in regular garden soil moist to on the dry side, spaced about 10 inches apart	Wild Flowers Inc.
Black eyed susan 3'	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>		Sun to part shade	Does best in moist soil. Water before the soil dries out	Wild Flowers Inc.
Phlox 8-24"	<i>Phlox sp.</i>		Sun	well-drained, sandy soil that is moist to on the dry side	Wild Flowers Inc.
Purple cone flower 1-3'	<i>Echinacea angustiflora</i>		Sun	soil sand to loam with moisture dry to medium blooms June to July	Wild Flowers Inc.
Coreopsis 6-18"	<i>Coreopsis sp.</i>		medium to full sun	Tolerates dry conditions and ordinary soil. Will also grow in shallow or chalky soils.	Wild Flowers Inc.
Blazing star 1-3'	<i>Liatris spicata</i>		Sun and light shade	good drainage in winter important. Once established, drought tolerant. blooms June to early fall	Wild Flowers Inc.
Blue flag iris 2-3'	<i>Iris versicolor</i>		Sun to part shade	Soil heavy, rich, organic; pH 5-7 moist or wet minimal fertilization tolerates moderately brackish water and permanent inundation	Wild Flowers Inc.

Carolina jasmine vine 20'+	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>		Sun to part shade	Needs adequate moisture but very drought tolerant but tends to drop leaves until watered, toxic	Blooming Colors
Passion flowers vine 8-12'	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>		Sun to part sun	Light, evenly moist soil; mulch well	Wild Flowers Inc.
Coral honey suckle vine	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>		Sun to part sun	Prune coral honeysuckle back in the winter to increase flowering. Don't over-fertilize. Drought tolerant	Wild Flowers Inc.
Indian grass 1'	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>		Sun to part shade	grows in a variety of soils, best in rich, moist, fine textured types, tolerates heavy clays, sand and gravel, limerock, mild salinity, and soil pH upto 4.5, likes fertilizer and irrigation. It should not be mowed in first year, never cut shorter than 4-6 in, tolerant to water tables that rise within a foot of the surface, sogginess, and brief flooding, but iwill not tolerate prolonged saturation.	Wild Flowers Inc.

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