



*Pine Barrens  
Gardening  
Potential*





goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)

A colorful large legume forming clumps. Blooms around Independence Day; the rest of the time has nice foliage.





goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)





*wild indigo (Baptisia tinctoria)*

Forms large, showy bluish mounds with yellow blooms in June; in the fall produces black capsules in place of flowers.





birdfoot violet (*Viola pedata*)

A small plant with multitudes of bright flowers in May;  
can grow in compacted poor soil.



birdfoot violet  
(*Viola pedata*)





stiff aster (*Ionactis linariifolia*)

A low, miniature aster that may be used as a groundcover;  
a profound bloomer





stiff aster (*Ionactis linariifolia*) seedlings





showy aster (*Eurybia spectabilis*)

An attraction of pine barrens, hard to find elsewhere.

Only about a foot tall, with large blue or purple blooms





showy aster  
(*Eurybia spectabilis*)





sickle-leaved golden aster (*Pityopsis falcata*)  
Forms small and large clumps of yellow flowers in August





sickle-leaved golden aster (*Pityopsis falcata*)  
A common plant in sandy open areas; already  
flowering at the East Entrance to Myles Standish



slender-leaved  
mountain mint  
(*Pycnanthemum  
tenuifolium*)  
A locally rare  
elegant plant  
seen only once  
in Myles  
Standish. Could  
be propagated  
from that clone.







bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)

A nice evergreen groundcover with bright red copious fruit;  
can grow on bare sand





bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)  
Advancing on open sand





mayflower or trailing arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)  
The state flower. Makes an evergreen groundcover





mayflower or trailing arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)  
Flowering in May; doing best growing under pines





wintergreen  
(*Gaultheria  
procumbens*)  
Evergreen,  
with showy fruit





huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*) in the fall





huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*) in May





huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*)  
In fruit, South Line Road, Myles Standish





dangleberry (*Gaylussacia frondosa*)

Also yields edible berries. Occurs in Myles Standish, though is more rare than huckleberry.





lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)

A low shrub with copious edible fruit; grows  
in dry, open, rocky habitats





lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*) berries





hillside blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*)

Another low blueberry with white or pink flowers in spring





hillside blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*) in fruit





inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)

A shrub with glossy evergreen foliage naturally forming compact bushes; responds well to trimming; can be purchased commercially





dwarf upland willow (*Salix tristis*)

A small shrub forming clones only up to 1.5 ft tall,  
with bluish foliage





dwarf chestnut oak (*Quercus prinoides*)

A relatively uncommon low compact shrub found in the Forest; responds well to trimming, forms clumps





dwarf chestnut oak (*Quercus prinoides*)  
Acorns are of unusual purple color.





dwarf chestnut oak (*Quercus prinoides*) seedlings





creeping sand cherry (*Prunus pumila*)  
Forms a low prostrate clone (found in Myles Standish)





creeping sand cherry (*Prunus pumila*) in flower  
Photo P. McLaughlin





creeping sand cherry (*Prunus pumila*)  
Produces edible small cherries





wild raisin (*Viburnum nudum* var. *cassinoides*)  
Fruit first become white/yellow, then pink, and finally blue





wild raisin (*Viburnum nudum* var. *cassinoides*)  
A large shrub with fine glossy foliage, pretty flowers, and colorful edible fruit, which change colors while ripening





wild raisin (*Viburnum nudum* var. *cassinoides*)  
with ripe berries (edible; resemble raisins)





wild raisin (*Viburnum  
nudum* var. *cassinoides*)  
breaking bud in spring





mountain holly (*Nemopanthus mucronatus*)  
A tall shrub that produces bright red small cherry-like fruit in August





mountain holly (*Nemopanthus mucronatus*) fruit





mountain holly (*Nemopanthus mucronatus*) seedlings





highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)  
A characteristic vase shape, as seen in winter





highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)  
in flower in May





candleberry

(*Myrica*  
*pensylvanica*)

Can form a tall shrub  
or even a small tree,  
but most often is a  
medium-sized shrub  
with pleasant scent  
and glossy leaves.





candleberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*)

Produces copious dry fruit of light gray color close around branches; fruit as well as some leaves stay through the winter (it is semi-evergreen).





American holly (*Ilex opaca*) in winter





American holly (*Ilex opaca*)

A small evergreen tree, a symbol of American Christmas