

Saltmarsh Garden Plant List from 2024

Small tree/large shrub -

Prunus maritima – Beach plum

Shrubs -

Ilex glabra – Inkberry

Clethra alnifolia - Summersweet

Comptonia peregrina – Sweet fern

Perennials-

Euthamia graminifolia – Grass-leaved goldenrod - yellow flowers in fall

Solidago sempervirens – Seaside goldenrod, - tall, broad leaves, self-seeded

Asclepias tuberosa – Butterfly milkweed - orange flower, dry conditions

Asclepias syriaca - Common milkweed - pink flowered

Pycnanthemum muticum - Broad-leaved mountain mint, deters rabbits

Eutrochium dubium - Coastal plain Joe Pye weed - pink flowers

Monarda fistulosa – Wild bee balm - lavender flowers

Silphium perfoliatum – Cup plant - tall, narrow, yellow flowers

Symphotrichum novae-angliae – New England aster – purple flower

Eupatorium perfoliatum – Boneset - white flower

Hibiscus moscheutos – Swamp rose mallow - damp conditions, large pink blooms in late summer

Helenium autumnale – Sneezeweed – fall-blooming, yellow flower

Grasses-

Schizachyrium scoparium – Little bluestem – spikey and bluish

Eragrostis spectabilis – Purple love grass – low, fine purplish seeds

Bouteloua curtipendula – Side oats grama - low, small seed-heavy spike

Ammophila breviligulata – American beach grass – along the perimeter for stability

In 2024 season we added:

Rudbeckia Triloba/ Brown-eyed Susan – along the entry path

In 2025 we added Rudbeckia triloba along the walk again. They don't usually come back the second year but they do self seed and we removed many small plants that came up in the wrong places.

We added some boneset (eupatorium perfoliatum) plants and three Swamp rose mallow (Hibiscus moscheutos)

2025 EXPENSES:

LOCKLEY LANDSCAPING – May2, 2025 - \$750 for garden clean up and Toscana compost.submitted

June3 – Lockley Landscaping – 3 men for 3 hours to remove encroaching beach grass and black swallow wort. \$600.submitted

June 11,- Surfing Hydrangea – 9 Rudbeckia triloba plants - \$129submitted

June 12 – Surfing Hydrangea – 3 Hibiscus moscheutos plants – 57.60submitted

June 18 – 12 small boneset plants (Eupatorium perfoliatum) from InSitu native plants at Sustainable farm stand - \$120 paid by my Venmo.submitted

June 18 – 6 potted Eupatorium plants, Surfing Hydrangea, \$91.20 submitted

June 30 – 11 small Joe Pye Weed (Eutrochium) paid by my Venmo at Sustainable Farm to InSitu - \$88.

Work:

Paulette and Ruthie Klinck planted on June 11 – 9 Rudbeckia plants

Paulette and Beth Davies planted on June 19 – 12 Eupatorium and 3 Hibiscus plants and 6 larger Eupatorium plants

Provisionals – June 26 – learned about the garden and weeded @8am and on July 17 at 8am planted, weeded, watered by hand, and identified plants.

Provisional Cindy K made up an hour by hand watering on July 28.

Provisional Helen Dubois made up an hour by planting *Alium canadensis* bulbs before annual meeting on August 20.

We spent little time working in the garden this 4th season because it's largely taking care of itself. The project is working. The plants are hardy. They need little water, and are flourishing even in our current drought conditions. They are covered with bees and we see birds and a few butterflies. Rabbits have not been a problem for the past two years, probably because the plants are more mature.

Budget for this Conservation Initiative - \$3,000; spent – \$1,826.80. We are requesting the same amount of \$3K for next year.\

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Boling, Saltmarsh Coastal-resilient Garden Chair

