

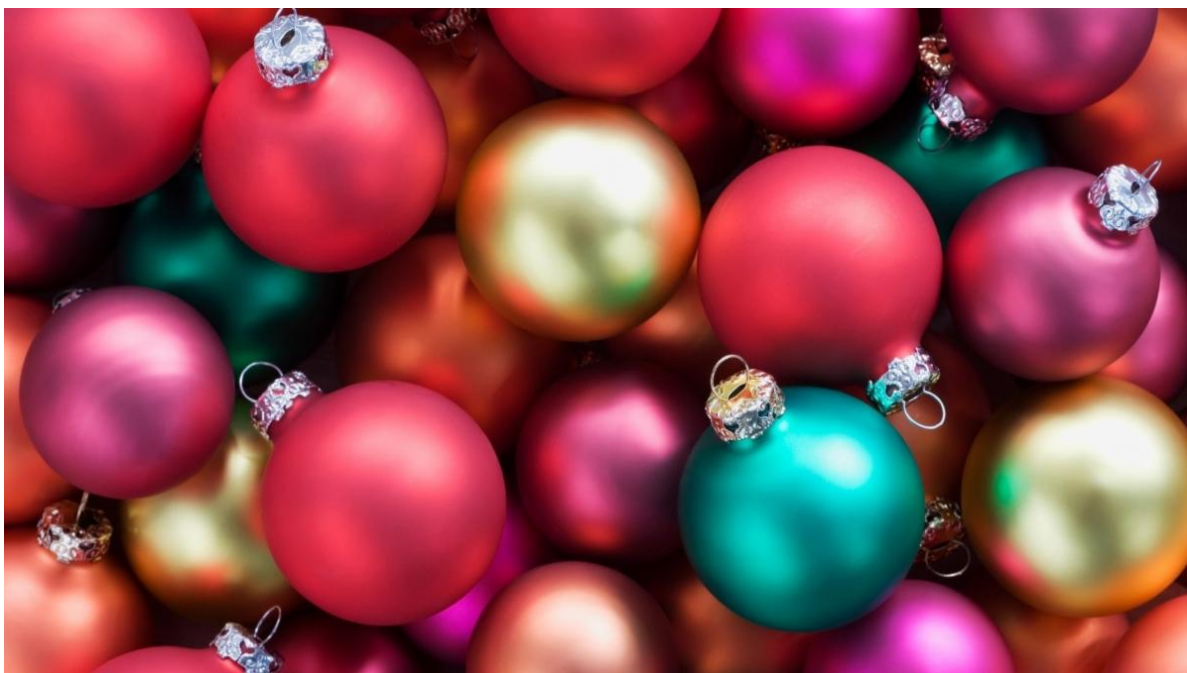
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DECEMBER 2023 ~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WATER PAGES eNEWSLETTER



*Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy holiday
season from the
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Water Resources Program!*

Chris, Lisa, Chris, Hollie, Matt, Caitlin, Roy, & Allison

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program

2023 Highlights

305 Certified Green
Infrastructure Champions



4,500+
Completed Contract Hours

2,200+
Program Attendees



30+
Municipalities Engaged



25 Projects Installed



4,436 Student Hours



21 Years Working
Toward Our Mission



109,690+ Square Feet Of
Drainage Area Managed



21,780+ Square Feet Of
Green Infrastructure Practices Installed

DID YOU REGISTER YET?
What are you waiting for?
Become a leader, become a
Green Infrastructure Champion in 2024!

Classes start Friday, January 12, 2024

Become a Green Infrastructure Champion!



Help reduce localized flooding and improve water quality

Join us for the next Green Infrastructure Champions Training Program



The Green Infrastructure Champions Training Program can offer:

- Training on green infrastructure planning and implementation
- Technical support to develop a design for a green infrastructure demonstration project
- Networking opportunities with other Green Infrastructure Champions for mutual support
- Assistance with grant writing and submission



CLASS OFFERINGS (all classes are virtual):

1. How to identify green infrastructure projects in your town
2. Moving from planning to implementation of green infrastructure
3. Maintaining green infrastructure practices/ projects
4. Stormwater management regulations, policies, and ordinances
5. Green infrastructure planning and implementation for Sustainable Jersey points
6. Green infrastructure projects for schools
7. Retrofitting traditional detention basins with green infrastructure
8. How to design and build a rain garden
9. Developing green infrastructure master plans for an entire site or neighborhood
10. Using green infrastructure to promote climate resiliency

Attend at least five two-hour classes
and become a certified Green Infrastructure Champion!

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Let's take a look back at our *Rain Garden Native Plant Spotlights* from 2023!



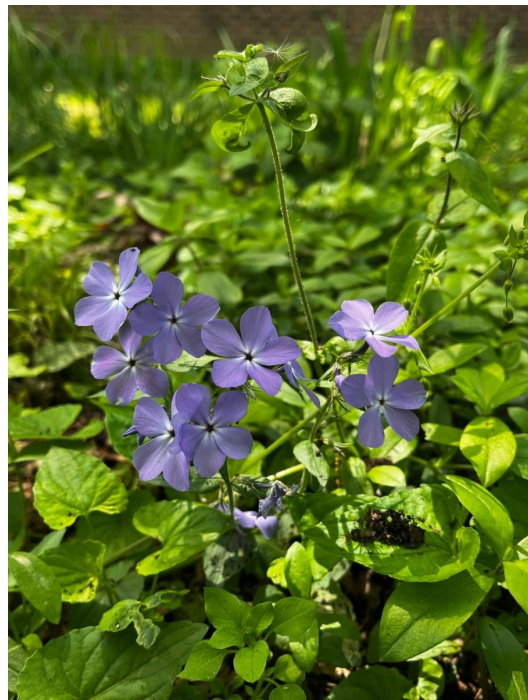
January/February
Red Twig Dogwood
(Cornus sericea)



March
Spicebush
(Lindera benzoin)



April
Golden Groundsel
(Packera aurea)



May
Wild Blue Phlox
(Phlox divaricata)



June
Sedges
(*Carex spp.*)



July
Wild Bergamot/Bee Balm
(*Monarda fistulosa*)



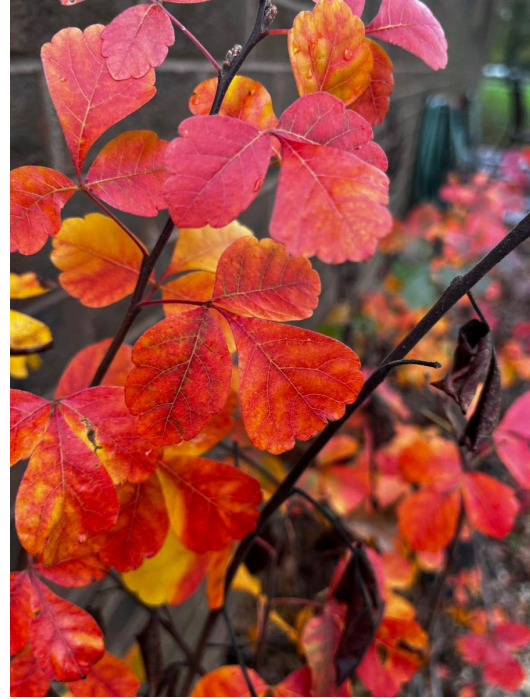
August
Coastal Plain Joe Pye Weed
(*Eutrochium dubium*)



September
Blue Mistflower
(*Conoclinium coelestinum*)



October
Aromatic Aster
(Symphyotrichum oblongifolium)



November
Fragrant Sumac
(Rhus aromatica)

For more information about these rain garden native plants, see the 2023 Water Pages eNewsletters at water.rutgers.edu!

Rain Garden Native Plant Spotlight for December 2023 ~ Common Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

Common Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) is a deciduous shrub known best for its striking red berries that persist through the winter months, providing food for birds and adding winter interest to rain gardens and decorative cuttings.

For more information:
Jerseyyards.org native plant database
<https://www.jerseyyards.org/plant/ilex-verticillata/>

Wildflower.org
https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ILVE



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