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Past generations thought of native plants as weeds — probably because they grow without human intervention. Nowadays, that's a selling point. Natives thrive on the temperatures and amount of rainfall you get where you live, reducing your need to water, fertilize, and deal with pests and diseases. You probably won't find them at the hardware store, but these native beauties are worth searching for.

Amelanchier Arborea

Also known as Downy Serviceberry, this small tree is native to most of the United States east of the Rockies. Its stunning spring flowers give way to colorful summer berries beloved by birds and humans alike. In the fall, the leaves turn vivid red and gold. Its growth habit and tolerance for varied climates make it as practical in the landscape as it is beautiful.

Anemone Canadensis

Anemone comes in two variants, one native and the other an invader. Almost every experienced gardener has been taken in by the friendly white flowers of Japanese anemone, only to have the invasive species quickly take over the whole garden. It's a mystery how this evil twin of the native windflower came to dominate the nursery trade. But now that you know there is an ecological alternative, you can help shift demand for exquisite white-flowered groundcovers towards the beautiful native anemone, *Anemone canadensis*.

