Mountain Laurel (Kalmia latifolia) One of our finest evergreen shrubs. Pink buds open to reveal pale pink cup-shaped flowers in late May and early June. (Southeastern Maine to southern Ohio, south to Louisiana and western Florida.)

Sweet Gum (Liquidambar styraciflua) A rapidly growing tree, up to 100’ tall, known for brilliant fall foliage and spiny globular fruit. (Southern Connecticut to New Jersey, Illinois, southeastern Texas and central Florida.)

Tulip Tree (Liriodendron tulipifera) This magnolia relative bears greenish tulip-shaped blooms in early summer. It soars to 150’ or more, with strong straight trunks. (Vermont to southern Ontario and Michigan, south to Missouri, Louisiana and Florida.)

Cucumber Magnolia (Magnolia acuminata) Cucumber-shaped cones of fruit follow yellowish flowers. May reach 80’ or more. (New York to Georgia, west to Alabama, Arkansas.)

Ashe’s Magnolia (Magnolia macrophylla subsp. ashei) 24” long leaves and large white flowers in spring. (Western Florida.)

Fraser’s Magnolia (Magnolia fraseri) Fragrant white, 8-10’ wide flowers open in June. (Virginia to Georgia and Alabama.)

Bigleaf Magnolia (Magnolia macrophylla) Bears huge leaves up to 3’ long and a foot across. After leaves have unfurled, fragrant off-white blossoms up to 16” across open. (Virginia to southern Ohio, to Tennessee, Louisiana and Georgia.)

Pyramid Magnolia (Magnolia pyramidata) An unusual Magnolia bearing 4-8” leaves and white flowers up to 5” on 10-20’ plants. (Georgia, Florida and Alabama.)

Sweetbay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana) Bears creamy, fragrant flowers in early summer, followed by red fruit. (Eastern Massachusetts to New York to Florida and Texas.)

Mountain Andromeda (Pieris floribunda) Evergreen shrub up to 4’ tall, covered in white urn-shaped flowers in early spring. (West Virginia and northern Georgia.)

Smooth Azalea (Rhododendron arboreum) Frangrant white or pink flowers with red stamens open after the leaves in early summer. Foliage turns red in the fall. Grows 8-20’ tall. (Pennsylvania to Georgia, Alabama.)

Catawba Rhododendron (Rhododendron catawbiense) Lavender-pink flowers in large white trusses top 8-10’ stems with thick evergreen foliage. (Virginia to Kentucky, south to Alabama and Georgia.)

Rosebay Rhododendron (Rhododendron maximum) A large evergreen shrub, up to 10’ tall, sports pinkish blooms in early summer. (Southern Maine, Ontario to Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Georgia.)

Roseshell Azalea (Rhododendron prinophyllum) Bears heavily scented pink flowers in spring just as leaves are preparing to unfurl. (New Hampshire, southern Quebec to Virginia, Illinois, Missouri.)

Pinkshell Azalea (Rhododendron vaseyi) Inhabits the higher elevations of North Carolina where it becomes an 8’ tall shrub. Clothed in pale pink flowers in early spring.

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The Palmer W. Bigelow, Jr. Inner Park was once a five-acre field. When left fallow, it developed into a woodland of mixed hardwood trees. Beginning in the early 1990's, Tower Hill staff and volunteers began clearing trails, thinning the dense understory, and opening up the canopy in what would become a native plant garden.

The Greco-Roman landscape parks of the 18th and 19th centuries inspired the style of the Inner Park. Classical Revival style architecture, including features like the Folly, the Pope Urn, and the Temple of Peace, reflect the romance of antiquity. Tower Hill continues to develop the Inner Park as a display of North American flora. The trees, shrubs, and perennials planted here illustrate the vast range of native plants hardy to Zone 5B, including those highlighted in this brochure.