"Showy" Plant Species commonly found on Plum Island (Parker River NWR)

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Trees/Shrubs

Shadbush	*Amelanchier canadensis*
Black cherry	*Prunus serotina*
Pin cherry	*Prunus penyslvanica*
Quaking aspen	*Populus tremuloides*
Large-toothed aspen	*Populus grandidentata*
Pussy willow	*Salix discolor*
Black willow	*Salix nigra*
River birch	*Betula nigra*
Paper birch	*Betula papyrifera*
Gray birch	*Betula populifolia*
Red Oak	*Quercus rubra*
Black Oak	*Quercus velutina*
Staghorn sumac	*Rhus typhina*
Winged sumac	*Rhus copallina*
Basswood	*Tilia neglecta*
Black Gum	*Nyssa sylvaitca*
Red Maple	*Acer rubrum*
Box elder	*Acer negundo*

Shrubs

Bayberry	*Myrica pensylvanica*
Beach plum	*Prunus maritime*
Choke cherry	*Prunus virginiana*
Red chokeberry	*Pyrus arbutifolia*
Alder	*Alnus rugosa*
Common alder	*Alnus serrulata*
Common barberry	*Verberis vulgaris* (also have introduced European and Japanese barberry)
Winterberry	*Ilex verticillata*
Alder buckthorn	*Rhamnus frangula*
Low sweet blueberry	*Vaccinium angustifolium*
Highbush blueberry	*Vaccinium corymbosum*
Arrow-wood	*Viburnum recognitum*

Vines

Virgin's bower	*Clematis virginiana*
Poison Ivy	*Toxicodendron radicans*
Virginia creeper	*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
Climbing bittersweet	*Celastrus scandens* (not Oriental bittersweet, exotic and very invasive!)
Fox grape	*Vitis labrusca*
Frost grape	*Vitis riparia*
Marsh elder	*Iva frutescens*
Greenbrier	*Smilax rotundifolia*

Herbaceous Plants

Sweet Flag	*Acorus calamus*
Jack-in-the-pulpit	*Acorus atrorubens*
Blue Flag	*Iris versicolor*
Pasture rose	*Rosa carolina*
Virginia Rose	*Rosa virginia*
Beach pea	*Lathyrus japonicus*
Beach heather	*Hudsonia tomentosa*
Touch-me-not	*Impatiens capensis*
Milkweed	*Asclepias syriaca*
Common skullcap	*Scutellaria epilobiifolia*
Butter-and-Eggs	*Linaria vulgaris*
Cranberry	*Vaccinium macrocarpon*
New England Aster	*Aster novi-belgii*
Salt Marsh Aster	*Aster subulatus*
Beggar-ticks	*Bidens connata*
Black-eyed Susan	*Rudbeckia hirta*
Seaside goldenrod	*Solidago sempervirens*

Salt marsh plants:

Big cordgrass	*Spartina alterniflora*
Salt marsh cordgrass	*Spartina patens*
saltgrass	*Distichlis spicata*
Sea arrowgrass	*Triglochin maritimum*
Red fescue	*Festuca rubra*
Black rush	*Juncus geradii*
Orach	*Atriplex patula*
Sea milkwort	*Glaux maritima*