### High Line Plant Guide
#### Fall 2010

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#### Chelsea Grasslands
- **Gibraltar bushclover**
  - *Lespedeza thunbergii 'Gibraltar'*
  - Seasonal interest: late summer / fall flowers

#### 10th Avenue Square
- **Grace smokebush**
  - *Cotinus x 'Grace'*
  - Seasonal interest: purple / red fall foliage

#### Washington Grasslands
- **Bouteloua curtipendula**
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  - Seasonal interest: silver / gold seeds and stems

#### Gansevoort Woodland
- **Firetail mountain fleece**
  - *Perisicaria amplexicaulis 'Firetail'*
  - Seasonal interest: flowers into late summer

#### Natural Native Plant List
- **Symphoricarpos oblongifolius**
  - *Symphoricarpos oblongifolius*
  - Seasonal interest: purple flowers in late summer

- **Ilex verticillata**
  - *Ilex verticillata*
  - Seasonal interest: red fruit in fall

- **Cotinus x 'Grace'**
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  - Seasonal interest: purple / red fall foliage

- **Autumn Bride hairy alumroot**
  - *Heuchera villosa 'Autumn Bride'*
  - Seasonal interest: late summer flowers

- **Grace smokebush**
  - *Cotinus x 'Grace'*
  - Seasonal interest: purple / red fall foliage

- **Winterthur smooth witherod**
  - *Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur'*
  - Seasonal interest: red fall color

- **Viking black chokeberry**
  - *Aronia melanocarpa 'Viking'*
  - Seasonal interest: purple fruits, red fall foliage

- **Compass plant**
  - *Silphium laciniatum*
  - Seasonal interest: yellow flowers in late summer

- **Olive goldenrod**
  - *Solidago ohiensis*
  - Seasonal interest: yellow / gold summer flowers

- **Smooth sumac**
  - *Rhus glabra*
  - Seasonal interest: red / orange fall color

- **Nassella tenuissima**
  - *Nassella tenuissima*
  - Seasonal interest: fine feathery foliage

- **Sinonome toadlily**
  - *Tricyrtis 'Sinonome'*
  - Seasonal interest: intricate purple fall flowers

- **Grass of Parnassus**
  - *Eryngium giganteum*
  - Seasonal interest: silver / gold seeds and stems

- **Northern sea oats**
  - *Chasmanthium latifolium*
  - Seasonal interest: gold color, fall flowers

- **Ohio goldenrod**
  - *Solidago ohiensis*
  - Seasonal interest: yellow / gold summer flowers

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  - *Aronia melanocarpa 'Viking'*
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- **Mexican feathergrass**
  - *Nassella tenuissima*
  - Seasonal interest: fine feathery foliage

- **Firetail mountain fleece**
  - *Perisicaria amplexicaulis 'Firetail'*
  - Seasonal interest: flowers into late summer

- **Wide leaf ironweed**
  - *Vernonia glauca*
  - Seasonal interest: purple flowers in late summer

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### Notes
- For the purposes of this guide, native range is based on the species of the plant cultivars listed. Cultivars themselves do not have native ranges.
The High Line's planting design is inspired by the self-seeded landscape that took root on the elevated rail tracks after the trains stopped running. The High Line includes more than 200 species of perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees – chosen for their hardiness, adaptability, diversity, and seasonal variation in color and texture. Some of the species that originally grew on the High Line’s rail bed are reflected in the park landscape today. The High Line design team was a collaboration between landscape architecture and urban design firm James Corner Field Operations (the project lead), design firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, and planting designer Piet Oudolf.

1. **GANSEVOORT WOODLAND**
   At the top of the Gansevoort Stair lies the Gansevoort Woodland – a thicket predominantly comprised of birch and serviceberry trees. A series of raised steel planters provides adequate planting depth to accommodate the trees’ root systems. Vines cascade over the High Line railing, forming a lush, green balcony visible to passers-by on the street below.
   Thanks to Donald Pels and Wendy Keys

2. **WASHINGTON GRASSLANDS**
   The Washington Grasslands, where wild grasses sway in the breeze, stretch from Little West 27th Street to West 30th Street. Just to the south of the 14th Street Passage, a mix of grasses and shade-loving perennials grow in a quiet, protected area among chokeberry, sassafras, and witch hazel.

3. **DILLER – VON FURSTENBERG SUNDECK**
   The Diller – von Furstenberg Sundek, between 14th and 15th Streets, is one of the High Line’s most popular gathering spots. Large-scale outdoor furniture is aligned along a gentle curve of historic rail track and surrounded by grasses, perennials, and shrubs. Alongside the water feature, a series of raised steel planters contain a mix of wetland species. On the lower level, the Sundeck Preserve consists of wildflowers, grasses, and sumac trees that create a striking silhouette against the skyline of the Hudson River and New Jersey.
   Thanks to The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation

4. **10TH AVENUE SQUARE**
   Just beyond the Chelsea Market Passage, visitors arrive at the 10th Avenue Square. Here, a grove of three-flower maple trees frames a spectacular view of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. A wood amphitheater cuts into the existing structure, providing visitors with a unique view of Tenth Avenue.
   Thanks to Hermine and David Heller
   Thanks to Michael and Sukey Novogratz

5. **NORTHERN SPUR PRESERVE**
   Evoking the wild landscape that grew on the High Line before it was a park, the Northern Spur Preserve features an impressionistic landscape of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. It is best observed from the intimate observation deck, where views of this robust planting bed are set against the city streets below.
   Thanks to Christy and John Mack Foundation

CHELSEA GRASSLANDS
Just beyond the 10th Avenue Square are the meandering pathways of the Chelsea Grasslands, where a mix of meadow grasses and perennials surprise visitors with dramatic variety in color and texture throughout the year. Here, sweeps of bright flowers and green grasses in summer evolve into an animated tapestry of bright golds, deep reds, and rich browns in fall. This space reflects Piet Oudolf’s appreciation for the aesthetic characteristics of each plant as they change throughout the season.
   Thanks to The Tiffany & Co. Foundation

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