Affinity Northern White Cedar
(Desmocladus occidentalis L.)
‘Affinity’ is a fast growing, compact, upright tree with good seedling vigor. Use: Intended for field and farmstead windbreaks and screen or border planting in recreational or urban areas. ‘Affinity’ is an important source for winter browse.

‘Lancer’ Perennial Pea
(Lathyrus latifolius L.)
‘Lancer’ is an attractive, deep-rooted legume. Use: Planted along roadsides for beautification. Used in seed mixtures with grasses and other legumes to establish cover in critically eroding areas. Also provides cover and some food for wildlife.

‘Roselow’ Sargent Crabapple
(Malus sargentii Rehde)
‘Roselow’ is a short, compact, woody plant. Use: Windbreak for field and farmstead. It produces an abundance of tiny red fruit, attractive to wildlife.

Riverbend Germplasm Silky Willow
(Salix sericea Marshall)
Riverbend is a tall, erect, multi-branched native shrub that grows to 12 feet in height. Use: Intended for use in streambank/shoreline restoration and riparian corridors.

‘Imperial’ Carolina Poplar
(Populus x canadensis Moench)
‘Imperial’ is a tall fast growing tree shaped somewhat like a pyramid. Use: Good as a windbreak especially around orchards because it is deciduous and does not interfere with air circulation in the spring.

Icy Blue Germplasm Canada Wildrye
(Elymus canadensis L.)
Icy Blue is a native perennial bunchgrass that grows to four feet tall with erect or arching culms. Its whitish, waxy bloom, gives it a distinctive ‘icy blue’ color. Use: Prairie restoration, erosion control and wildlife habitat enhancement.

‘Indigo’ Silky Dogwood
(Cornus amomum Mill)
‘Indigo’ is a dense, multi-stemmed woody plant that grows to a height of ten feet. Use: Can be used in multi-row field windbreaks and farmstead windbreaks. It is a good source of food for wildlife and is also used for beautification and landscaping.

‘Magenta’ Hybrid Crabapple
(Malus sp.)
‘Magenta’ hybrid crabapple is an attractive compact tree reaching heights of up to 30 ft. with a symmetrical rounded crown. Use: Magenta is intended for windbreaks, and wildlife food and cover.
Vintage Germplasm
Common Elderberry
Sambucus nigra L. ssp. canadensis (L.) R. Bolli

Vintage Germplasm
Common Elderberry is a stoloniferous, multi-stemmed, and native perennial shrub.
Use: It is intended for use in streambank and shoreline stabilization. It can be used for enhancement of riparian corridors and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

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Big Bluestem
Big Bluestem can reach a height of 8 feet. It is leafy at the base with long silky hairs that are widely dispersed on the upper surface.

Switchgrass
Switchgrass can reach a height of 7 feet. A dense mat of white, silky hairs extends from the ligule onto the upper leaf surface.

Indiangrass
Indiangrass can reach a height of 6 feet. The narrow plum like seed heads turn golden at maturity.

Little Bluestem
Little bluestem grows from 2-4 feet. Leaves are slightly folded and become reddish brown at maturity.