Phytolacca americana
Pokeweed

A beautiful plant that can become a troublesome weed. Tall, with thick, red stems, racemes of white flowers, and beautiful, arching clusters of purple-black berries. Use with caution; this plant spreads aggressively. Poisonous berries and roots.

**Suggested companions:** Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis), smooth aster (Aster laevis), wild bergamot (Monarda fistulosa), black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)

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