





Live Stake Descriptions

All five of these livestakes:

- are native to North Carolina
- tolerate full sun to part shade, and medium to wet soils
- deciduous (lose leaves in the fall)
- have fibrous root systems to help with erosion once established
- can be trimmed, pruned and cut to maintain a hedge like appearance

Botanical Name Common name	Size	Description (Blooms / Fruit / Stems)	Notes	Photo
<i>Cornus amomum</i> Silky dogwood	Height: 6-12ft Spread: 6-12 ft	Blooms: showy, yellowish white cymes 2.5" across. May - June Fruit: showy blue clusters in fall Stems: burgundy winter interest	Attracts birds, tolerates deer, will tolerate close to full shade, may spread to form thickets, twigs and undersides of leaves have fine "silky" hairs	
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> Ninebark	Height: 5-8 ft Spread: 4-6 ft	Blooms: yellowish-white, flowering May to June Fruit: drooping clusters of reddish fruit Stems: peel like cinnamon, providing winter interest	Attracts pollinators, grows well in rocky soil. May be cut down to the ground in winter to rejuvenate shrub.	
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush	Height: 5-12ft Spread: 4-8ft	Bloom: showy, fragrant, white Fruit: showy round ball Stems: gnarly winter interest	Attracts butterflies Sun to part shade. can tolerate standing water.	
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> Elderberry	Height: 5-12ft Spread: 5-12 ft	Bloom: White, showy, fragrant, June to July Fruit: Showy, edible Stems: bumpy lenticels	Attracts birds, butterflies, berries edible for human consumption.	
<i>Salix sericea</i> Silky Willow	Height: 10-12ft Spread: 8-10ft	Bloom: small greenish yellow April to May Fruit: splits open when dry Stem: thin and smooth	Rapid growth. Host plant for the caterpillars of the Acadian hairstreak butterfly	