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Native Plants for Your Backyard

Native plants of the Southeastern United States are more diverse in number and kind than in most other countries, prized for their beauty worldwide. Our native plants are an integral part of a healthy ecosystem, providing the energy that sustains our forests and wildlife, including important pollinators and migratory birds. By "growing native" you can help support native wildlife. This helps sustain the natural connections that have developed between plants and animals over thousands of years. Consider turning your lawn into a native garden. You'll help the local environment and often use less water and spend less time and money maintaining your yard if the plants are properly planted.

The plants listed are appealing to many species of wildlife and will look attractive in your yard. To maximize your success with these plants, match the right plants with the right site conditions (soil, pH, sun, and moisture). Check out the resources on the back of this factsheet for assistance or contact your local extension office for soil testing and more information about these plants.

Shrubs	Trees	Vines	Wildflowers	Grasses
American beautyberry Callicarpa americana	Serviceberry Amelanchier arborea	Trumpet creeper Campsis radicans	Bee balm Monarda didyma	Big bluestem Andropogon gerardii
Sweetshrub Calycanthus floridus	Redbud Cercis canadensis	Carolina jasmine Gelsemium sempervirens	Fire pink Silene virginica	Little bluestem Schizachyrium scoparium
Blueberry Vaccinium pallidum	Red buckeye Aesculus pavia	Crossvine Bignonia capreolata	Cardinal flower Lobelia cardinalis	Purple lovegrass Eragrostis spectabilis
Carolina rose <i>Rosa carolina</i>	Carolina silverbell Halesia carolina	Passionflower Passiflora incarnata	Blazing star Liatris spicata	Bottle brush Elymus hystrix
Oakleaf hydrangea Hydrangea quercifolia	Fringe tree Chionanthus virginicus	Virgin's bower Clematis virginiana	Black-eye Susan Rudbeckia hirta	Switch-grass Panicum virgatum
New Jersey tea Ceanothus americana	Red bay Persea borbonia	Coral honeysuckle Lonicera sempervirens	Purple coneflower Echinacea purpurea	Indian grass Sorghastrum nutans
Virginia willow Itea virginica	Sourwood Oxydendrum arboreum	Virginia creeper Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Wild phlox Phlox carolina	Eastern gamma grass Tripsacum dactyloides
Cinnamonbark Clethra acuminata	Pawpaw Asimina triloba	Fox Grape Vitis labrusca	Foam flower Tiarella cordifolia	Broomsedge Andropogon virginicus
Spice bush <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Flowering dogwood Cornus florida		Partridge pea Chamaecrista fasciculata	Pink muhlygrass Muhlenbergia capillaris
Fragrant Sumac Rhus aromatica	Witch hazel Hamamelis virginiana		Jewelweed Impatiens capensis	
Mock orange Philadelphus inodorus	Carolina laurel cherry* Prunus carolina		Wild geranium Geranium maculatum	
Sweet azalea Rhododendron canescens	Yaupon holly* Ilex vomitoria		Butterfly-weed Asclepias tuberosa	
Possum-haw Ilex decidua	American holly* Ilex opaca		Tickseed Coreopsis spp.	
Winterberry Ilex verticillata			Sunflower Helianthus spp.	360
Mountain laurel* Kalmia latifolia	* A	Me	Indian Blanket Gaillardia puchella	
Drooping leucothoe* Leucothoe fontanesiana			Joe-pye weed Eupatorium fistulosum	THE STATE OF THE S
Yaupon* Ilex vomitoria			Ironweed Vernonia nveboracensis	
Southern waxmyrtle*	300	Joe-pye weed		



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For additional information Plant Conservation Alliance www.nps/gov/plants

Center for Plant Conservation www.mobot.org/CPC/

Virginia Native Plant Society www.hort.vt.edu/VNPS/

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden www.stowegarden.org

Alabama Wildflower Society 3733 Dunbarton Dr. Birmingham, AL 35223-2740

Florida Native Plant Society www.fnps.org

Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance www.uga.edu/gpca/

National Association of Conservation Districts www.nacdnet.org

National Wildlife Federation www.nwf.org/habitats

North Carolina Botanical Garden www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg

South Carolina Native Plant Society www.scnativeplants.org

Southern Appalachian Man and The Biosphere www.samab.org

Mississippi Native Plant Society Ask for botanist: 601/354-7303

Books

Growing and Propagating Wildflowers Harry Phillips University North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, NC 1985

Landscaping with Native Plants Cordelia Penn Winston-Salem: Blair, 1982

Nature's Design Carol Symser Rodale Press 1982

Propagating Showy Native Plants Richard E. Bir University of North Carolina Press Chapel Hill, NC 1992

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