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"GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS" | THE GEORGIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Though many definitions exist, this brochure includes only those plants that evolved in this area or were growing here prior to the arrival of European settlers.

ADVANTAGES OF GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

- To add natural beauty to your landscape.
- Native plants are adapted to the local soil and climate.
- They are more resistant to local pests and diseases.
- Often low maintenance when sited correctly and properly established.
- To provide food and shelter for native wildlife dependent upon specific plants.
- To provide a refuge for native plants losing their habitats.

WHAT THREATS ARE FACING NATIVE PLANTS?

- Primarily our native plants are being threatened by habitat loss caused by development.
- Our native plants are also under threat from non-native plants invading natural areas and displacing them. Often these plants are sold in nurseries as landscape plants.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Use native plants wherever possible in your landscape.
- Don't use non-natives known to be invasive (see list).
- Encourage your favorite nurseries to sell natives
- Buy native plants only from reputable sources and only purchase those that are clearly labeled "Nursery Propagated."
- Join or support your local native plant society Support or encourage green space preservation

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Georgia Native Plant Society for more information at www.gnps.org or 770-343-6000.

LARGE SHADE TREES

- Southern Red Oak (*Quercus falcata*) D
- White Oak (*Quercus alba*)
- Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*) D
- Hickory (*Carya* spp.) D
- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) w
- Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) w
- Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) w
- River Birch (*Betula nigra*) w
- Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) w
- Blackgum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) D

SMALL TREES

- Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)*
- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)
- Silverbell (*Halesia* spp.)*
- Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)*
- Painted Buckeye (*Aesculus sylvatica*)*
- Hop Hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*) D
- Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) D
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) D

SHRUBS

- Piedmont Azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*)*
- Sweetshrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)
- Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*) w
- Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)*
- Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)
- Anise (*Illicium floridanum*, *I. parviflorum*) w * ev
- Doghobble (*Leucothoe* spp.) w * ev
- Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) w
- Fothergilla (*Fothergilla* spp.) w
- Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) w ev
- Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*) w ev
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) w
- Sumac (*Rhus* spp.) D
- Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) D
- Wax Myrtle (*Morella cerifera*) D ev
- Devil's Walking Stick (*Aralia spinosa*) D
- New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) D
- Lowbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*) D

PERENNIALS FOR SHADE

- Foam Flower (*Tiarella cordifolia*) w ev
- Woodland Phlox (*Phlox stolonifera* or *Phlox divaricata*)
- Alum Root (*Heuchera americana*) D ev
- Red Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)
- Green n Gold (*Chrysogonum virginiana*) ev
- Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*) w
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) w
- Golden Groundsel (*Senecio aureus*) D

PERENNIALS FOR SUN

- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia* spp.) D
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis* spp.)
- Coneflower (*Echinacea* spp.) D
- Blue Star (*Amsonia ciliata*) D
- False Indigo (*Baptisia* spp.) D
- Phlox (*Phlox paniculata* or *P. subulata*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias* spp.) D
- Purple Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) D
- Joe pye Weed (*Eupatorium* spp.) w
- Ironweed (*Vernonia* spp.) w
- Swamp Hibiscus (*Hibiscus coccineus*) w
- Swamp Sunflower (*Helianthus angustifolius*) w
- Spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*) D
- Bee Balm (*Monarda fistulosa*) D
- Blazing Star (*Liatris* spp.) D
- Asters (*Aster* spp.) D
- Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.) D

VINES

- Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens* or *G. rankinii*) ev
- American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)
- Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*) ev
- Sumac (*Rhus* spp.) D
- Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) D
- Wax Myrtle (*Morella cerifera*) D ev
- Devil's Walking Stick (*Aralia spinosa*) D
- New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) D
- Lowbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*) D