



Season/Color Palette for Your North Carolina Garden

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	Common Name	Species	Recommended Cultivars		Comments	Wildlife				
SPRING	Green and Gold	<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>		PS	Ground cover		YELLOW			
	Celandine Poppy	<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>		PS	Shady border					
	Merry Bells	<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>		PS						
	Crossvine	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Dragon Lady or Tangerine Beauty	PS	Head in the sun	HB				
	Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>		PS	Ground cover		WHITE			
	Trillium	<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>		PS						
	Atamasco Lily	<i>Zephyranthes atamasca</i>		PS	Moist					
	Shooting Star	<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>		PS	Less acid soil					
	Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>		PS			BLUE			
	Woodland Phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>		PS		BF				
	Virginia Bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>		PS						
	Blue Star	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>		PS						
	SUMMER	Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>		F PS	Seeds around	HB	RED ORANGE		
		Sweetshrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>		PS	Shrub/ suckers				
Redbud		<i>Cercis canadensis</i>		F, PS						
Flame Azalea		<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>		PS		BF				
		Black Cohosh	<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>		PS			WHITE		
		Penstemon	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Husker Red	F PS		BF			
		Giant Solomon's Seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>		PS					
		Goat's Beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>		PS					
			Lanceleaf tickseed	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>		F		BF	YELLOW	
			Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Goldsturm	F		BF		
			Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Low Down	F		BF		
			Sundrops	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Fireworks	F PS		BF		
				Gay Feather	<i>Liatris spicata</i>		F		BF	BLUE PURPLE
				Purple Giant Hyssop	<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	Blue Boa or Blue Fortune	F		Bees	
	Stoke's Aster			<i>Stokesia laevis</i>		PS				
	Blue Sage			<i>Salvia azurea var. azurea</i>		F	Late summer	BF and Bees		
	Downy Wood Mint			<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>		F PS		Bees		
	Indian Pinks			<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>		PS		HB		
	Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>		F		BF	RED ORANGE			
	Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Major Wheeler and John Clayton	F		HB				

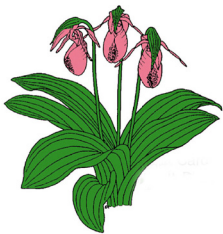
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All of these native plants are perennials and should return each year if planted properly. They all attract pollinators, provide a food source, and are available commercially. If your local nursery does not sell these native plants – encourage them to do so!

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FALL	Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Fireworks	F			YELLOW
	Wreath Goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	Creel's Gold	PS			
	Ox-eye Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Summer Gold	F			
	St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum densiflorum</i>		F			
	White Wood Aster	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>		S			WHITE
	Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>		PS			
	White Snakeroot	<i>Eupatorium rugosum</i>	Chocolate	F PS		BF	BLUE
	Bottle Gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>		PS			
	Aromatic Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	October Skies	F		BF	
	Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>		PS		BF	
	Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>		PS	Moist soil	HB	RED ORANGE
	Hearts-a-bustin'	<i>Euonymus americanus</i>		PS			
	Pink Turtlehead	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>		PS			
	Muhly Grass	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>		F			ANY TIME
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>		PS S	Evergreen		FERNS	
Lady Fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>		S				
Fancy Fern	<i>Dryopteris intermedia</i>		S	Evergreen			
Marginal Fern	<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>		S	Evergreen			
Maidenhair Fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>		S				
Ginger	<i>Hexastylis shuttleworthii, arifolia</i>		S	Evergreen		GREEN	
Canada Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>		S	Not evergreen			
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera</i>		S	Semi-evergreen			
Little Bluestem Grass	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	The Blues'	F				

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Native species are those that occur naturally in an area. They are better adapted to local conditions requiring less care once established. Native plants support our native wildlife, in particular our birds, butterflies and bees (pollinators). Introduced plants may become invasive, outcompeting the natives and not providing the food and cover our native wildlife depend on.

When you create a native garden in your yard, you help sustain our native plant and pollinator populations. Make sure you choose native plants suited to your site conditions. With proper planting and care, these perennials will become established in your yard.

For information about the North Carolina Native Plant Society or to find a local chapter, Visit: www.NCNPS.org - or email: ncnpsquestions@ncwildflower.org