

Triad Flora Report

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Here is the latest Triad Flora report. To contribute, send me (lisal Gould@gmail.com) your observations, including common name, scientific name (if possible), place observed (locale, town, county), date observed, stage (e.g., in bloom, in fruit, leaves only, etc.), and observer's name. Please report only for the following counties: Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin.

Please include only plants that are in the wild (native or naturalized)—no garden plants. Species with an asterisk (*) are not native to our area but have naturalized here.

Nomenclature is from *Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States*, Working Draft of November 2012, by Alan S. Weakley, UNC Herbarium, Chapel Hill NC. Available as a free download (a searchable pdf) from: <http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/flora.htm>

Invasive species status [marked with an exclamation point and a number] is from the NC Native Plant Society's *Invasive Exotic Plants in NC – 2010*, which is available at <http://www.ncwildflower.org/invasives/list.htm>. The Society ranks invasive plants by the threat level: Rank 1 [!1] = Severe Threat, Rank 2 [!2] = Significant Threat, Rank 3 [!3] = Lesser Threat, Watch List A [!4] = naturalizing and may become a problem, Watch List B [!5] = known threat in other states but not yet a problem here. This list is a work-in-progress—if you have comments, go to the web link for information on how to provide feedback.

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The attached photo of a Syrphid fly on Henbit is by Gene Schepker; Broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus*) is by Stan Gilliam; and Skunk Cabbage is by Matthew Perry.

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*[!2] **Chinese Grape-holly**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (flowers beginning to open). Ruderal, 1/27/15 (Lisa Gould).

***Henbit**, *Lamium amplexicaule* (in bloom). Archie Elledge Sewage Treatment Plant property, 1/20/15 (Gene Schepker).
Ruderal, 1/29/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Yards, 1/5/15 (Lisa Gould).

Spicebush, *Lindera benzoin* (in bud; also observed old fruit, which is unusual, as Spicebush fruit is high in fat and tends to be eaten quickly by birds in the fall. I wonder if this fruit got frozen during the very low temperatures we had in early November). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 1/18/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] **Fragrant Honeysuckle**, *Lonicera fragrantissima* (1 in bloom, mostly in bud). Roadsides, 1/27/15 (Lisa Gould)

*[!3] **Common Groundsel**, *Senecio vulgaris* (in bloom + fruit). Ruderal, 1/29/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Common Chickweed**, *Stellaria media* (in bloom). Ruderal, 1/3/15 (Lisa Gould).
Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 1/18/15 (Lisa Gould).

Skunk Cabbage, *Symplocarpus foetidus* (passing bloom). 2/1/2015 (Matthew Perry).

Common Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale (in bloom & fruit). Yards, 1/5/15 + throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Archie Elledge Sewage Treatment Plant property, 1/20/15 (Gene Schepker).

*[!2] **Ivyleaf Speedwell, *Veronica hederifolia*** (bloom just beginning). Yards, 1/5/15 [still only just opening, 1/27/15] (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Periwinkle, *Vinca minor*** (in bloom). Yards, 1/5/15 (Lisa Gould).