

Here is the latest Triad Flora Report.

YOUR observations are welcome! To contribute, send me (linalgould@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 29 May 2015*, by Alan S. Weakley, UNC Herbarium, Chapel Hill NC. Available as a free download (a searchable pdf) from: http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/FloraArchives/WeakleyFlora_2015-05-29.pdf

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.

The Triad Flora Report is sent via email to members of the Audubon Society of Forsyth County, the Triad Chapter of the Carolina Butterfly Society, and the Triad Chapter of the NC Native Plant Society. If you want to receive the reports, please join one (or all!) of these great groups.

The photos of Sand-myrtle (*Kalmia buxifolia*) is by Matthew Perry.

FORSYTH COUNTY

Annual Fleabane, *Erigeron annuus* (in bloom). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/17/16 (Lisa Gould).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/17/16 (Lisa Gould).

STOKES COUNTY

Sand-myrtle, *Kalmia buxifolia* [= *Leiophyllum buxifolium*] (in bloom). Hanging Rock State Park, 12/3/16 (Matthew Perry).

Common Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale (in bloom). Hanging Rock State Park, 12/3/16 (Matthew Perry).

Blueberry, *Vaccinium* sp. (in bloom). Hanging Rock State Park, 12/3/16 (Matthew Perry).