

The birds are starting to sing—Spring will come!

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 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 attached photo of Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) is by Matthew Perry.

FORSYTH COUNTY

*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (bloom beginning). Edges, 1/6/17 (Lisa Gould). *Note*: 1/13: Honeybees foraging on the flowers.

***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (bloom beginning). Edges, 1/24/17 (Lisa Gould).

*[!5] **Thorny Elaeagnus**, *Elaeagnus pungens* (lingering fruit). 1/6/17 (Lisa Gould).

***Henbit**, *Lamium amplexicaule* (bloom beginning). Edges, 1/5/17 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 1/21/17 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] **Fragrant Honeysuckle**, *Lonicera fragrantissima* (bloom just beginning). Edges, 1/6/17 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Common Chickweed**, *Stellaria media* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 1/13/17 (Lisa Gould).

Skunk Cabbage, *Symplocarpus foetidus* (in bloom). Bethania, 1/28/17 (Matt Perry).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom + fruit). Edges, 1/13/17 (Lisa Gould).
Edges, 1/31/17 (Barbara Cullen, Matt Perry).

GUILFORD COUNTY

***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (bloom beginning). Yards, 1/24/17 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

***[!2] Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Yards, 1/24/17 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Price Park, 1/31/17 (Ann Walter-Fromson).
Edges, 1/31/17 (Matt Perry).

STOKES COUNTY

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Edges, 1/31/17 (Matt Perry).

SURRY COUNTY

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Edges, 1/31/17 (Matt Perry).