

Triad Flora Report March 2023

Here is the latest Triad Flora report. To contribute, send me an email (lisal Gould@gmail.com) or text (336-837-9833) 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. You can send your data at any time; I like to receive observations for a month by the 9th of the following month.

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 Southeastern United States*, 2022, by Alan S. Weakley, UNC Herbarium, Chapel Hill NC. Available as a free download (a searchable pdf) from: <https://ncbg.unc.edu/research/unc-herbarium/flora-request/>

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 photos of Dimpled Trout Lily (*Erythronium umbilicatum*), Field Madder (*Galium sherardia*), and Black Haw (*Viburnum prunifolium*) are by Lisa Gould.

ALAMANCE COUNTY

Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis* (in bloom). Edges, 3/4/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] **Bradford Pear**, *Pyrus calleryana* (in bloom). Woods and edges, 3/4/23 (Lisa Gould).

FORSYTH COUNTY

Southern Sugar Maple, *Acer floridanum* (in bloom). Woods, 3/18/23 (Lisa Gould).

Red Maple, *Acer rubrum* (in bloom + forming fruit). All over, 3/4/23 (Lisa Gould).

Downy Serviceberry, *Amelanchier arborea* (in bloom). Woodland edge, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

Wood Anemone, *Anemone quinquefolia* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).
Possibly planted at this site

***Sweet Vernal Grass**, *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (in bloom). Edges, 3/29/23 (Lisa Gould).

Puttyroot, *Aplectrum hyemale* (foliage). Hobby Park, 3/5/2023 (Bill Solarek).

***Early Winter-cress**, *Barbarea verna* (in bloom). Roadsides, 3/28/23 (Lisa Gould).

Flowering Dogwood, *Benthamidia florida* [= *Cornus florida*] (bloom beginning). Edges, 3/17/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Common Shepherd's Purse**, *Capsella bursa-pastoris* (in bloom). Edge, 3/8/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Hairy Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (in bloom and fruit). Bethabara woodland, 3/6/23 (Lisa Gould).

Parasol Sedge, *Carex umbellata* (in bloom). Old field in Rural Hall, 3/25/23 (Alison Northup).

***Mouse-ear Chickweed**, *Cerastium fontanum ssp. vulgare* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).
(in bloom & leafing out). Edges, 3/27/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Hardy Orange**, *Citrus trifoliata* (in bloom & fruit forming). Edge, 3/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

Common Spring-beauty, *Claytonia virginica* (in bloom). Tanglewood Park/Wild Flower Trail, 3/5/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Dutchman's Breeches, *Dicentra cucullaria* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek). *Possibly planted at this site*

Philadelphia-daisy, *Erigeron philadelphicus* (in bud). Edge, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

Dimpled Trout Lily, *Erythronium umbilicatum ssp. umbilicatum* (in bloom and forming fruit). Bethabara woodland, 3/6/23 (Lisa Gould).
Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek). *Possibly planted at this site.*

***Pearlbush**, *Exochorda racemosa* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/2/23 (Lisa Gould). *Probably planted somewhere on the property and seems to be escaping a bit.*

American Beech, *Fagus grandifolia* (buds opening). Woods, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Blue Field-madder**, *Galium sherardia* [= *Sherardia arvensis*] (in bloom). Lawns and edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Variable-leaf Heartleaf, *Hexastylis heterophylla*. Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek). *Possibly planted at this site.*

Tiny Bluets, *Houstonia pusilla* (in bloom). Lawn, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

Spotted Jewelweed, *Impatiens capensis* (leaves emerging). Damp woods, 3/4/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Spring Star**, *Ipheion uniflorum* (in bloom). Naturalized in lawns and medians, 3/18/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Henbit**, *Lamium amplexicaule* (in bloom). Lawns and edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Lawns and edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Sweetgum, *Liquidambar styraciflua* (in bloom). Bethabara woodland, 3/29/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Amur Honeysuckle**, *Lonicera maackii* (bloom beginning). Edges, 3/22/23 (Lisa Gould).
(in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

***Money-plant**, *Lunaria annua* (in bloom). Edge, 3/29/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia**, *Mahonia bealei* [= *Berberis bealei*] (in bloom + fruit forming). Edge, 3/8/23 (Lisa Gould).

(in fruit). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

***Mazus**, *Mazus pumilus* (in bloom). Yard, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

Virginia Bluebells, *Mertensia virginica* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).
Probably planted at this site

***Compact Grape-hyacinth**, *Muscari botryoides* (in bloom). Edges (naturalized), 3/18/23 (Lisa Gould).

Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

***Daffodil**, *Narcissus jonquilla* (in bloom). Tanglewood Park, 3/5/2023 (Bill Solarek).

***Daffodils**, *Narcissus* sp. (in bloom). Naturalized in woods, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

*[!4A] **Star-of-Bethlehem**, *Ornithogalum umbellatum* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 3/23/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Creeping Lady's-sorrel**, *Oxalis corniculata* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 3/18/23 (Lisa Gould).

Southern Yellow Wood-sorrel, *Oxalis dillenii* (in bloom). Lawns/edges, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Annual Bluegrass**, *Poa annua* (in bloom). Lawns, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Mayapple, *Podophyllum peltatum* (flower bud). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

***Snake Strawberry**, *Potentilla indica* (in bloom). Lawns, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Wild Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina* (in bloom). Woodland edges, 3/28/23 (Lisa Gould).

***Weeping Higan Cherry**, *Prunus subhirtella* (in bloom). Wetland edge in Clemmons, 3/8/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] **Bradford Pear**, *Pyrus calleryana* (in bloom). Woods and edges, 3/17/23 (Lisa Gould).

Willow Oak, *Quercus phellos* (bloom beginning). Yards & parks, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

Oaks, *Quercus* spp. (in bloom). All over, 3/29/23 (Lisa Gould).

Kidney-leaf Buttercup, *Ranunculus abortivus* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

***Bulbous Buttercup**, *Ranunculus bulbosus* (in bloom). Roadsides, 3/8/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Jetbead**, *Rhodotypos scandens* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Blackberry/Dewberry, *Rubus* sp. (in bloom). Edge, 3/28/23 (Lisa Gould).

Lyreleaf Sage, *Salvia lyrata* (leaves emerging). Lawns, 3/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

Bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis* (in bloom). Hobby Park, 3/5/23 (Bill Solarek).
Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum* (in bloom). Woods, 3/10/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!3] **Crown-vetch**, *Securigera varia* [= *Coronilla varia*]. Roadside, 3/27/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!3] **Common Groundsel**, *Senecio vulgaris* (in bloom & fruit). Yards & edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

***Prickly Sow-thistle**, *Sonchus asper* (in bloom). Edges, 3/8/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Common Chickweed**, *Stellaria media* (in bloom). Lawns and edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom & fruit). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).
Lawns and edges, throughout March (Lisa Gould).

Rue-anemone, *Thalictrum thalictroides* (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Poison Ivy, *Toxicodendron radicans* (leafing out). Edge, 3/29/23 (Lisa Gould).

***White Clover**, *Trifolium repens* (in bloom). Lawns, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Venus's Looking-glass, *Triodanis* sp. (leaves emerged). Edge, 3/24/23 (Lisa Gould).

Little Sweet Betsy, *Trillium cuneatum* (in bloom). Hobby Park, 3/5/23 (Bill Solarek).
Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek). Maroon and yellow blooms.

*[!2] **Ivyleaf Speedwell**, *Veronica hederifolia* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

***Persian/Bird's-eye Speedwell**, *Veronica persica* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Black Haw, *Viburnum prunifolium* (in bloom). Woodland edge, 3/22/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!3] **Narrowleaf Vetch**, *Vicia sativa* ssp. *nigra* [= *Vicia angustifolia*] (in bloom). Edge, 3/9/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Greater Periwinkle, *Vinca major*** (in bloom). Edges, 3/8/23 + throughout month (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Periwinkle, *Vinca minor*** (in bloom). Reynolda Estate, 3/26/2023 (Bill Solarek).
Edges, throughout month Lisa Gould).

Wild Pansy, *Viola rafinesquei* [= *Viola bicolor*] (in bloom). Lawns, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

Common Blue Violet, *Viola sororia* (in bloom and forming fruit). Yards, throughout month (Lisa Gould).

*[!1-2] **Hybrid Asian Wisteria, *Wisteria x formosa*** (in bloom). Woodland edge, 3/18/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Asiatic Hawk's-beard, *Youngia japonica*** (in bud). Edges, 3/18/23 (Lisa Gould).
(in bloom). Edges, 3/25/23 (Lisa Gould).

GUILFORD COUNTY

Deciduous Wild Ginger, *Asarum canadense* (in bloom). Reedy Fork Trail, 3/29/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

Flowering Dogwood, *Benthamidia florida* [= *Cornus florida*] (in bloom). Roadsides, 3/26/23 (Lisa Gould).

Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis* (in bloom). Roadsides, 3/4/23 + 3/26/23 (Lisa Gould).

Common Bluets, *Houstonia caerulea* (in bloom). Reedy Fork Trail, 3/29/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

Mayapple, *Podophyllum peltatum* (in bloom). Reedy Fork Trail, 3/29/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

*[!1] **Bradford Pear, *Pyrus calleryana*** (in bloom). Roadsides & woods, 3/4/23 (Lisa Gould).

Kidney-leaf Buttercup, *Ranunculus abortivus* (in bloom). Reedy Fork Trail, 3/29/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

Bristly Buttercup, *Ranunculus hispidus* (in bloom). Reedy Fork Trail, 3/29/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

Common Blue Violet, *Viola sororia* (in bloom). Reedy Fork Trail, 3/29/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum* (in bloom). Woods, 3/15/23 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1-2] **Hybrid Asian Wisteria, *Wisteria x formosa*** (in bloom). Woodland edges, 3/26/23 (Lisa Gould).

STOKES COUNTY

Shad/Serviceberry/Sarvisberry, *Amelanchier* sp. (in bloom). Pinnacle, early March (Michael Callahan).

Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia* (in bloom). Pinnacle, late March (Michael Callahan).

Common Bluets/Quaker Ladies, *Houstonia caerulea* (in bloom). Pinnacle, mid-March (Michael Callahan).

Northern Spicebush, *Lindera benzoin* (in bloom). Pinnacle, mid-March (Michael Callahan).

Golden Ragwort, *Packera aurea* [= *Senecio aureus*] (in bloom). Pinnacle, early March (Michael Callahan).

Wild Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina* (in bloom). Pinnacle, mid-March (Michael Callahan).

Little Sweet Betsy, *Trillium cuneatum* (in bloom). Pinnacle, mid-March (Michael Callahan).

SURRY COUNTY

Dimpled Trout Lily, *Erythronium umbilicatum* ssp. *umbilicatum* (in bloom). Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail north of Elkin Municipal Park, 3/25/2023 (Bill Solarek).

[!2] Purple Dead-nettle, *Lamium purpureum (in bloom). Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail north of Elkin Municipal Park, 3/25/2023 (Bill Solarek).

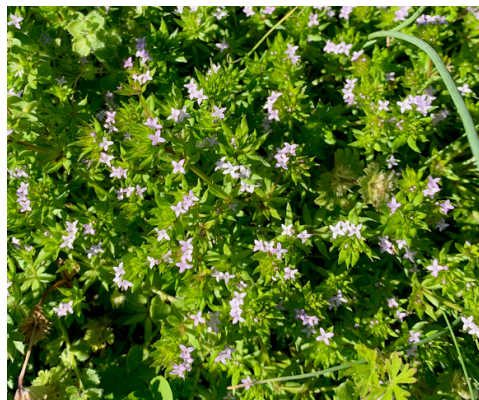
Mayapple, *Podophyllum peltatum* (flower bud). Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail north of Elkin Municipal Park, 3/25/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis* (in bloom). Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail north of Elkin Municipal Park, 3/25/2023 (Bill Solarek).

Rue-anemone, *Thalictrum thalictroides* (in bloom). Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail north of Elkin Municipal Park, 3/25/2023 (Bill Solarek).



Erythronium umbilicatum



Galium sherardia



Viburnum prunifolium