

Here is the latest Triad Flora report. To contribute, send me an email ([lisalgould@gmail.com](mailto:lisalgould@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 9<sup>th</sup>** 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*, 2023, 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 photos of American Aster (*Symphyotrichum* sp.) and Swamp Rose fruit (*Rosa palustris*) are by Ann Walter-Fromson; the photo of Old-field Broomstraw (*Andropogon virginicus*) is by Lisa Gould.

## **FORSYTH COUNTY**

**\*[!2] Field Garlic, *Allium vineale*** (foliage). Lawns, 11/9/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Common Milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*** (a few seeds remaining). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Silverling/Groundsel Tree, *Baccharis halimifolia*** (in fruit). Kernersville roadside, 11/15/23 (Lisa Gould).

**White Ash, *Fraxinus americana*** (with Emerald Ash Borer damage). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Black Walnut, *Juglans nigra*** (in fruit). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).  
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**\*Henbit, *Lamium amplexicaule*** (bloom beginning). Edge, 11/6/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Sweetgum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*** (in fruit). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

**\*[!2] Fragrant Honeysuckle, *Lonicera fragrantissima*** (in bloom). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould)

**\*[!2] Leatherleaf Mahonia, *Mahonia bealei*** (in bud). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

**\*Creeping Lady's-sorrel, *Oxalis corniculata*** (in bloom). Lawns, 11/5/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Yellow Wood-sorrel, *Oxalis stricta/dillenii*** (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 11/21/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Golden Ragwort, *Packera aurea* [= *Senecio aureus*]** (foliage). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

**American Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*** (in fruit). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/30/23 (Lisa Gould).

**\*[!2] Common Chickweed, *Stellaria media*** (bloom beginning). Edges, 11/6/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Hairy White Oldfield Aster/Frost Aster, *Symphyotrichum pilosum* [= *Aster pilosus*]** (in bloom).  
Roadsides, 11/8/23 (Lisa Gould).

**\*Common Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale*** (in bloom + fruit). Yards and edges, throughout both months (Lisa Gould).

**\*White Clover, *Trifolium repens*** (in bloom). Yards and edges, 11/6/23 (Lisa Gould).

**Common Blue Violet, *Viola sororia* var. *sororia*** (in bloom + fruit). Lawns, 11/22/23 (Lisa Gould).

**\*[!2] Asiatic Hawk's-beard, *Youngia japonica*** (rosettes abound). Throughout both months (Lisa Gould).  
With flower buds, 11/7/23 (Lisa Gould).

## **GUILFORD COUNTY**

**Puttyroot, *Aplectrum hyemale*** (emerging foliage). Laurel Bluff Trail, 12/31/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

**Groundsel-tree, *Baccharis halimifolia*** (in fruit). Roadsides, 11/15/23 (Lisa Gould).

**American Lovage, *Ligusticum canadense*** (in fruit). Oak Ridge, connector trail to Cascades Preserve, 11/9/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

**Swamp Rose, *Rosa palustris*** (in fruit). Oak Ridge, connector trail to Cascades Preserve, 11/9/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

**American Aster, *Symphyotrichum* sp.** (in bloom). Cascades Preserve, 11/5/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

**American Aster, *Symphyotrichum* sp.** (in bloom). Oak Ridge, connector trail to Cascades Preserve, 11/9/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

**Piedmont Foamflower, *Tiarella cordifolia*** (foliage). Cascades Preserve, 11/5/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

**\*[!2] Ivyleaf Speedwell, *Veronica hederifolia*** (seedlings/foliage). Bog Garden, 12/5/23 (Ann Walter-Fromson).

## YADKIN COUNTY

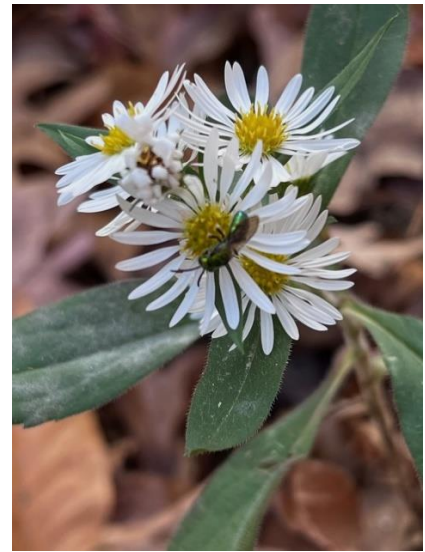
**Groundsel-tree, *Baccharis halimifolia*** (in fruit). Roadsides, 11/1/23 (Lisa Gould).



*Andropogon virginicus* LG



*Rosa palustris* AWF



*Symphyotrichum* sp. AWF