



North Carolina
Native Plant Society

NC Natives by Season and Color

	Common Name	Species	Recommended Cultivars		Comments			
SPRING	Green-and-gold	<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	'Allen Bush'	PS	Ground cover	YELLOW		
	Celandine-poppy	<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>		PS	Shady border			
	Large-flowered Bellwort	<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>		PS				
	Cross-vine	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	'Dragon Lady' 'Tangerine Beauty'	PS	Head in the sun			
	Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	'Spring Symphony' 'Brandywine'	PS	Ground cover	WHITE		
	Large-flowered Trillium	<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>		PS				
	Atamasco-lily	<i>Zephyranthes atamasco</i>		PS	Moist			
	Eastern Shooting Star	<i>Primula meadia</i>		PS	Less acid soil			
	Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>		PS		BLUE		
	Blue Phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	'Clouds of Perfume' 'London Grove Blue'	PS				
	Virginia Bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>		PS				
	Widleaf Blue-stars	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>		PS				
	SUMMER	Eastern Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	'Canyon Vista' 'Little Lanterns'	F PS	Seeds around	RED/ORANGE	
		Sweet-shrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>		PS	Shrub/ suckers		
Eastern Redbud		<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	'Tennessee Pink'	F, PS	Tree			
Flame Azalea		<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>		PS	Shrub			
		Common Black-cohosh	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>		PS		WHITE	
		Tall White Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	'Husker Red'	F PS			
		Solomon's-seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>		PS			
		Goat's-beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>		PS			
			Longstalk Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>		F		YELLOW
			Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	'Early Bird Gold' 'Little Gold Star'	F		
			Narrowleaf Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	'Low Down'	F		
			Sundrops	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	'Fireworks'	F PS		
			Gayfeather	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	'Kobold'	F		BLUE/PURPLE
			Purple Giant-hyssop	<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	'Blue Boa' 'Blue Fortune'	F		
	Stokes Aster		<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	'Peachey'	PS			
	Azure Sage		<i>Salvia azurea</i> var. <i>azurea</i>		F	Late summer		
	Downy Woodmint		<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>		F PS			
	Indian-pink		<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>		PS			
	Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	'Gay Butterflies'	F		RED/ ORANGE		
	Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	'Major Wheeler' 'John Clayton'	F	Vine			

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The native plants below are all perennials and should return each year if planted properly. They are available commercially but if your local nursery does not sell these native plants—encourage them to do so!

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FALL	Rough Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	'Fireworks'	F		YELLOW
	Wreath Goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	'Creel's Gold'	PS		
	Oxeye Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	'Summer Sun'	F		
	Bushy St. John's-wort	<i>Hypericum densiflorum</i>		F	Shrub	
	Common White Heart-leaved Aster	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	'Eastern Star', 'Raiche', 'Silver Spray'	S		WHITE
	White Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	'Black Ace'	PS		
	White Snakeroot	<i>Ageratina altissima</i>	'Chocolate'	F PS		BLUE
	Meadow Bottle Gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>		PS		
	E. Aromatic Aster	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	'October Skies'	F		
	Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	'Ruby Slippers'	PS		
	Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>		PS	Moist soil	RED/ORANGE
	Heart's-a-bustin'	<i>Euonymus americanus</i>		PS	Shrub	
	Pink Turtlehead	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	'Hot Lips'	PS		
	Hair-awn Muhly	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>		F	Grass	
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>		PS S	Evergreen	ANY TIME	FERNS
Southern Lady Fern	<i>Athyrium asplenoides</i>		S			
Fancy Fern	<i>Dryopteris intermedia</i>		S	Evergreen		
Marginal Woodfern	<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>		S	Evergreen		
Northern Maidenhair	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>		S			
Heartleaf Ginger	<i>Hexastylis shuttleworthii</i> , <i>Hexastylis arifolia</i>	'Calloway'	S	Evergreen		
Common Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>		S	Not evergreen		GREEN
American Alumroot	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	'Dale's Strain'	S	Evergreen		
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	'The Blues'	F	Grass		

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Native species are those that occur naturally in an area. They are better adapted to local conditions requiring less care once established. When you create a native garden in your yard, you help sustain our native plant and pollinator populations, in particular our birds, butterflies and bees. Introduced plants do not provide the food and cover our native wildlife depend on and may become invasive, outcompeting the natives.

For information about the North Carolina Native Plant Society and to find a local chapter, visit www.NCNPS.org or email secretary@ncwildflower.org