



# NC Natives by Season and Color

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	Common Name	Species	Recommended Cultivars		Comments	Wildlife		
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	HB		
	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		BF		
	Virginia Bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>		PS				
	Wideleaf Blue-stars	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	'Blue Ice'	PS				
	SUMMER	Eastern Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	'Canyon Vista' 'Little Lanterns'	F PS	Seeds around	HB	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	BF		
Common Black-cohosh		<i>Actaea racemosa</i>		PS			WHITE	
Tall White Beardtongue		<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	'Husker Red'	F PS		BF		
Solomon's-seal		<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>		PS				
Goat's-beard		<i>Arunco dioicus</i>		PS				
Longstalk Coreopsis		<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>		F		BF	YELLOW	
Black-eyed Susan		<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	'Early Bird Gold' 'Little Gold Star'	F		BF		
Narrowleaf Sunflower		<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	'Low Down'	F		BF		
Sundrops		<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	'Fireworks'	F PS		BF		
Gayfeather		<i>Liatris spicata</i>	'Kobold'	F		BF	BLUE PURPLE	
Purple Giant-hyssop		<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	'Blue Boa' 'Blue Fortune'	F		Bees		
Stokes Aster	<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	'Peachey'	PS					
Azure Sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i> var. <i>azurea</i>		F	Late summer	BF and Bees			
Downy Woodmint	<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>		F PS		Bees	RED ORANGE		
Indian-pink	<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>		PS		HB			
Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	'Gay Butterflies'	F		BF			
Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	'Major Wheeler' 'John Clayton'	F	Vine	HB			

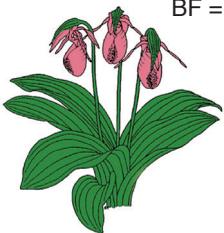
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All of these native plants are perennials and should return each year if planted properly. They all attract pollinators, provide a food source, and are available commercially. If your local nursery does not sell these native plants – encourage them 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		BF	
	Meadow Bottle Gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>		PS			BLUE
	E. Aromatic Aster	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	'October Skies'	F		BF	
	Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	'Ruby Slippers'	PS		BF	
	Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>		PS	Moist soil	HB	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			
ANY TIME	Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>		PS S	Evergreen		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		GREEN
	Common Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>		S	Not evergreen		
	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. Native plants support our native wildlife, in particular our birds, butterflies and bees (pollinators). Introduced plants may become invasive, outcompeting the natives and not providing the food and cover our native wildlife depend on.

When you create a native garden in your yard, you help sustain our native plant and pollinator populations. Make sure you choose native plants suited to your site conditions. With proper planting and care, these perennials will become established in your yard.

**For information about the North Carolina Native Plant Society and to find a local chapter, visit [www.NCNPS.org](http://www.NCNPS.org) or email [secretary@ncwildflower.org](mailto:secretary@ncwildflower.org)**