

To cover dirt, stifle weeds and slow water run-off and erosion, each year, gardeners spend an estimated \$1 billion on mulches. While natural mulches such as woodchips—if allowed to break down fully—will enrich the soil, planted groundcovers offer many more benefits.

Weaving a beautiful carpet in the layered landscape, these native plants contribute to the local ecology by supporting birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

And, unlike many exotic groundcovers such as English ivy, Vinca minor, and Liriope, they do not spread into areas where they compete with native plants and harm the environment.

Spreading knowledge of native plants and encouraging their use in home gardens and landscapes is the mission of the Plant Northern Piedmont Natives campaign. We are partnering with area garden centers and other plant sources to make a wider range of native species available. To support the PNPN campaign, the Piedmont Master Gardeners' website offers a wealth of native plant resources:

piedmontmastergardeners.org/nativeplants



Plant Northern Piedmont Natives Retail Partners

Blue Ridge Farmers Co-op
(formerly Southern States)
at Harris Street and Leake Square
Eltzroth & Thompson
Farfields Farm
Fifth Season
Hummingbird Hill
Ivy Corner
Ivy Nursery
La La's Garden
ProTech Farm and Nursery
Saunders Brothers Farm Market
Snow's Garden Center
Wintergreen Nature Foundation

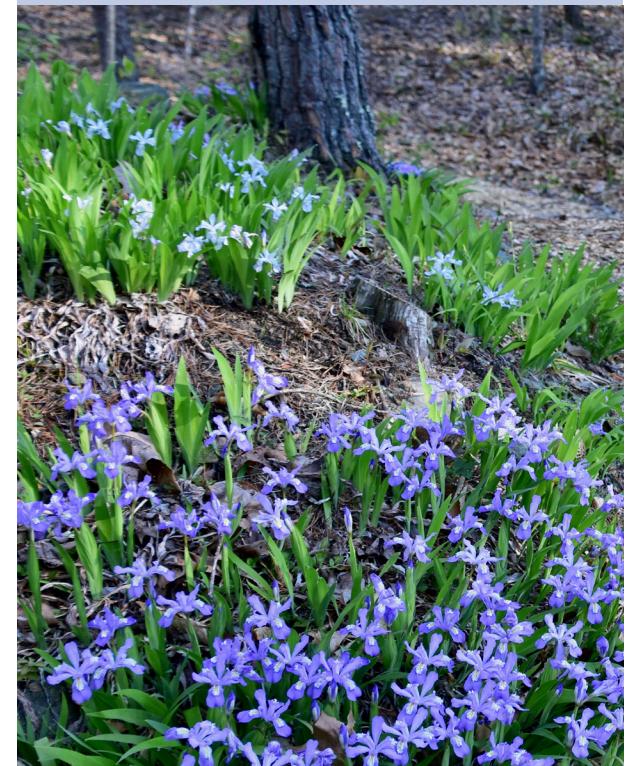
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Virginia Native Plant Society,
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A Carpet for Your Garden



Dwarf Crested Iris, *Iris cristata*

For
a living landscape,
plant
local natives.



Wild Ginger

Asarum canadense



Green and Gold

Chrysogonum virginicum



Cynthia Wood

Robin's Plantain

Erigeron pulchellus



Fern Campbell

- Perennial
- Height: 6-12 inches
- Jug-like reddish flowers at base in spring
- Part to full shade
- Attracts butterflies, tolerates dry soil, deer

Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus

Opuntia humifusa



- Perennial
- Height: 6-14 inches; spreads to form colonies
- Blooms May-June; red to purple fruits enjoyed by box turtles
- Site: Full sun, well-drained soil
- Deer resistant

Packera Aurea

Golden ragwort



Fern Campbell

- Perennial
- Height: 6-9 inches
- Long-blooming flowers peaking in spring
- Prefers shade
- Attracts pollinators, resists deer; tolerates foot traffic

Moss Phlox

Phlox subulata



- Perennial
- 3-6 inches
- Pink, lavender, white blossoms April-May
- Site: Full to part sun dry, well-drained soil
- Carpet-forming, may rebloom in fall; deer resistant

More Great Choices

For Sun

Field Pussytoes, *Antennaria neglecta*

Plantain-leaved Pussytoes, *Antennaria plantaginifolia*

Barren Strawberry, *Geum Fragarioides*

Lyre-leaf Sage, *Salvia lyrata*

Purple Lovegrass, *Eragrostis spectabilis*

Foxglove beardtongue, *Penstemon digitalis*

For Shade

Blue Woodland Sedge, *Carex flaccosperma*

Eastern Wood Sedge, *Carex blanda*

Hay-scented Fern, *Dennstaedtia punctilobula*

Marginal Wood Fern, *Dryopteris marginalis*

Dwarf Crested Iris, *Iris cristata*

Partridgeberry, *Mitchella repens*

Woodland Stonecrop, *Sedum ternatum*

Heath Aster 'Snow Flurry,' *Symphyotrichum ericooides*

New York Fern, *Parathelypteris noveboracensis*

Foamflower, *Tiarella cordifolia*

Bird's Foot Violet, *Viola pedata*

Arrow-leaved violet, *Viola Sagittata*

Common Blue/Confederate Violet, *Viola sororia*

Cream violet, *Viola striata*