

Our native plants are those that have co-evolved here over centuries with local insects, birds, and animals. Together, they make the Virginia Piedmont unique.

In developed areas, human intervention has often served to make native plants rare, leaving birds, butterflies, and other wildlife without the habitats and food sources they need.

Planting communities of native plants on our properties can bring back the insects and pollinators that form the basis of the food web and make our gardens productive and beautiful. And, because they are fully adapted to our local climate and soils, native plants can thrive in situations where exotic ornamentals often fail.

If your garden challenge is a spot that gets much sun and not much moisture, native plants may be the answer. These plants, which have lived here for generations, can take the heat.

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

Organizations providing funds or services to the Plant Northern Piedmont Natives campaign:

Albemarle County Environmental Services Division
Blue Ridge PRISM
Piedmont Environmental Council
Piedmont Master Gardeners
The Quarry Gardens at Schuyler
Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
Virginia Native Plant Society, Jefferson Chapter



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Cool Plants for Hot Places



Field pussytoes, *Antennaria neglecta*

For
a living landscape,
plant
local natives.



Nodding Onion *Allium cernuum*



- Bulb
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Blooms: Pale pink or white flowers in summer
- Site: Full sun, well-drained soil
- Note: Deer and groundhog resistant

Wild Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*



- Perennial
- 1-2 feet, spreads politely by seed
- Bloom: Orange-yellow flowers April-May
- Site: Full sun to part shade, well-drained soil
- Deer, rabbit resistant

Common Milkweed *Asclepias syriaca*



Cynthia Wood

- Perennial,
- Height: 2-3 feet
- Fragrant purplish to pink flowers in summer; interesting seedpods
- Full sun, dry to medium soil
- Foliage hosts butterfly caterpillars, especially Monarchs
- Deer resistant

Spotted Beebalm *Monarda punctata*



Devin Floyd

- Perennial
- Height: 1.5 to 2 feet
- Showy, purple-spotted blossoms June-September
- Full sun, part shade, dry to medium soil
- Attracts butterflies; tolerates deer

Gray Goldenrod *Solidago nemoralis*



- Perennial
- Height .5 to 2 feet
- Showy yellow blooms August-September
- Site: Full sun, dry to medium soil
- Attracts butterflies, tolerates deer

New England Aster *Sympphyotrichum novae-angliae*



- Perennial
- Height: 3-6 feet; cutting back early summer makes more flowers
- Blue/purple flowers August-October
- Site: Full sun, dry to medium soil
- Attracts birds, butterflies

More Tough Plants

Trees

Serviceberry, *Amelanchier laevis*

Hop Hornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*

Shortleaf Pine, *Pinus echinata*

Scarlet Oak, *Quercus coccinea*

Shrubs

Ninebark, *Physocarpus opulifolius*

Shrubby St. John's Wort, *Hypericum prolificum*

Yellow Wild Indigo, *Baptisia tinctoria*

Blackhaw, *Viburnum prunifolium*

Pasture Rose, *Rosa carolina*

Grasses

Pink Muhly grass, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

Purple Lovegrass, *Eragrostis spectabilis*

Little Bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium*

Flowers

Threadleaf Coreopsis, *Coreopsis verticillata*

Flowering Spurge, *Euphorbia corollata*

Oxeye Sunflower, *Heliopsis helianthoides*

Grass-leaf Blazingstar, *Liatris pilosa*

Eastern Grey Beardtongue, *Penstemon canescens*

Narrow-leaf Mountain Mint,

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium

Black-Eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia hirta*

Heartleaf Skullcap, *Scutellaria ovata*

Low groundcovers

Field Pussytoes, *Antennaria neglecta*

Salvia Lyrata, *Lyre-leaf sage*

Moss Phlox, *Phlox subulata*

Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus, *Opuntia humifusa*

Narrow-leaved Blue-eyed Grass, *Sysrinchium angustifolium*