



We've purposely picked just a handful of bird-friendly native plants so you can add new plants to your collection each year while growers prepare for future years. Selections and cultivars of these species are fine. These plants grow well in all regions of North Carolina, unless otherwise noted.

2015 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

Eastern Blue Phlox <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Switchgrass <i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Eastern Red Cedar <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Piedmont Alternatives Cross-vine <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>
Threadleaf Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Virginia Sweetspire <i>Itea virginica</i>	Trumpet-creeper <i>Campsis radicans</i>	Overcup Oak <i>Quercus lyrata</i>
Eastern Aromatic Aster <i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Coastal Plain Alternatives Cross-vine <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	
Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Spicebush <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Overcup Oak <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	
Red Oak <i>Quercus rubra</i>	Downy Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier arborea</i>		

2016 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

Trailing Phlox <i>Phlox nivalis</i>	Black-eyed Susans <i>Rudbeckia fulgida var fulgida</i>	Coastal Plain Alternatives Indian Pink <i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Piedmont Alternatives Shumard Oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>
Lobed Tickseed <i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Shumard Oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Scarlet Oak <i>Quercus coccinea</i>
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Ninebark <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Mountain Alternatives Fire Pink <i>Silene virginica</i>	Fire Pink <i>Silene virginica</i>
Smooth Blue Aster <i>Symphyotrichum leave</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Scarlet Oak <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	
Wild Bergamot <i>Monarda fistulosum</i>	Wild Plum <i>Prunus americana</i>		

2017 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

Star Tickseeds <i>Coreopsis pubescens</i> <i>var pubescens</i>	New Jersey Tea <i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Sweet Azalea <i>Rhododendron</i> <i>arborescens</i>	Mountain Alternative Creeping Phlox <i>Phlox stolonifera</i>
Wild Quinine <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Largeflower Aster <i>Symphyotrichum</i> <i>grandiflorum</i>	Blackgum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Piedmont Alternative Creeping Phlox <i>Phlox stolonifera</i>
Wreath Goldenrod <i>Solidago caesia</i>	White Wood Aster <i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i>	
Yellow Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Arrow-wood Viburnum <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Coastal Plain Alternative Moss Pink <i>Phlox subulata</i>	

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