



Audubon North Carolina has purposely picked just a handful of bird-friendly native plants to promote for each year. We encourage growers to grow them, retailers to sell them, and gardeners to buy them. Selections and cultivars of these species are fine. These plants grow well in all regions of North Carolina, unless otherwise noted.

### 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>	Arrow-wood Viburnum <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i>
Wild Quinine <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Largeflower Aster <i>Symphotrichum grandiflorum</i>	Sweet Azalea <i>Rhododendron arborescens</i> (Higher elevations)	Moss Pink <i>Phlox subulata</i> (Mountains only)
Wreath Goldenrod <i>Solidago caesia</i>	White Wood Aster <i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	Pinxterflower <i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	Creeping Phlox <i>Phlox stolonifera</i> (Mountains, Piedmont)
Yellow Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Blackgum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>		

### 2018 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

Green and Gold <i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	New York Ironweed <i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	Deciduous Holly <i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possumhaw <i>Viburnum nudum</i>
Wild Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Coral Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Northern Sugar Maple <i>Acer Saccarum</i> (Mountains, Piedmont)	Blackhaw <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>
Spotted Bee Balm <i>Monarda punctata</i>	Blueberry <i>Vaccinium spp.</i>	Southern Sugar Maple <i>Acer floridanum</i> (Piedmont, Coastal Plain)	Willow Oak <i>Quercus phellos</i>
Swamp Sunflower <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>			

This is our first two years of Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year lists – keep selling and planting these plants, and we will keep promoting them!

## 2015 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

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

## 2016 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

Trailing Phlox <i>Phlox nivalis</i>	Wild Bergamot <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	American Beautyberry <i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>
Lobed Tickseed <i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Wild Plum <i>Prunus americana</i>
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Black-eyed Susans <i>Rudbeckia fulgida var fulgida</i>	Ninebark <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i>
Smooth Blue Aster <i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>			



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