



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.

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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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>Symphyotrichum 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 and Piedmont)
Yellow Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Blackgum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>		



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

2015 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

Eastern Blue Phlox
Phlox divaricata

Switchgrass
Panicum virgatum

Downy Serviceberry
Amelanchier arborea

Overcup Oak
Quercus lyrata
(Piedmont, Coastal Plain)

Threadleaf Coreopsis
Coreopsis verticillata

Virginia Sweetspire
Itea virginica

Eastern Red Cedar
Juniperus virginiana

Red Oak
Quercus rubra

Eastern Aromatic Aster
Symphotrichum
oblongifolium

Winterberry
Ilex verticillata

Cross-vine
Bignonia capreolata
(Piedmont, Coastal Plain)

Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea

Spicebush
Lindera benzoin

Trumpet-creeper
Campsis radicans



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