



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.

2015 Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year

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

2016 Bird-friendly Native Plants of the Year

Trailing Phlox <i>Phlox nivalis</i>	<i>Monarda fistulosum</i>	Wild Plum <i>Prunus americana</i>	Scarlet Oak <i>Quercus coccinea</i>
Lobed Tickseed <i>Coreopsis auriculata</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>
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Shumard Oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Scarlet Oak <i>Quercus coccinea</i>
Smooth Blue Aster <i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	Ninebark <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Mountain Alternatives Fire Pink <i>Silene virginica</i>	Fire Pink <i>Silene virginica</i>
Wild Bergamot	Sweetbay Magnolia <i>Magnolia virginiana</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>Symphotrichum</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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