

Gardening with Native Plants

Select native plants for particular purposes, courtesy of Jane Gulley, Arkansas Master Gardener

Shrubs for screening:

Possumhaw/Deciduous Holly
Winterberry
American Holly

Florida Anise Tree
Anise Shrub

Rain Garden:

Joe-Pye Weed
Swamp Milkweed
some sedges
Amsonia
Turtlehead (*Chelone*)
Blue Flag Iris
some asters

Swamp Mallow
Hibiscus coccineus
Carolina Spiderlily
Buttonbush
Buckeyes
Leadplant (*Amorpha fruticosa*)
Hairybeak grass

Erosion control:

New Jersey Tea
Little Bluestem
some sedges
Shrubby St. John's Wort
Possumhaw/Deciduous Holly

Fragrant Sumac
Prairie Dropseed
Rough Dogwood
Poverty Grass
Rattlesnake Master

Window box with afternoon sun:

Annuals. When using annuals, take down the box in winter.

Thread-leaf Coreopsis
native Poinsettia
Euphorbia marginata

Sunflowers (*Helianthus*)
Gallardia pulchella
Monarda citriodora

Perennials. If you don't want to take the box down and don't mind dividing plants you can use most any native perennial. Try to have continual bloom and varied heights and leaf textures.

Columbine (might burn out in hot summer)
Rudbeckia (select by height)
Bushe's Poppy Mallow (hangs down; trim when ratty)
Prairie Onion

Fragrant Aster (late bloom; trim early and mid summer)
Passionflower
Flag Iris (for texture)

Window box for shade:

Solomon Seal
Lady Fern or Christmas Fern
Gray's Sedge

native Impatiens
Columbine (cut after bloom)
Mistflower (late bloom; trim in spring)

Bulbs/corms:

Trout Lily
Liatrix
Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Iris (really rhizomes)

Carolina Spiderlily
Alliums
Spring Beauty
Turk's-cap Lily

Native annuals

Thread-leaf Coreopsis
Jewelweed
native Poinsettia
Helianthus annuus

Monarda citriodora
Gaillardia pulchella
Basketflower

Low ground cover:

Ginger
Hay-scented Fern
Wild Strawberry
Virginia Creeper
Lyreleaf Sage
Common Violet
Golden Alexanders

Creeping Phlox
Phlox pilosa
Phlox subulata
Golden Groundsel
Prairie Dropseed
Sedges (*Carex bicknelli*, *C. cephalophora*,
C. leavenworthii, *C. pennsylvanica*)

Hummingbird attracting plants:

New Jersey Tea
Cross Vine
Trumpet Vine
Trumpet Honeysuckle
Cardinal Flower
Beebalm
Red Buckeye
Sages/Salvias
native Rhododendron/Azaleas
Columbine

Indian Pink
Beard-tongues
Phlox
Jewelweed
Blue Lobelia
Copper Iris
Swamp Milkweed
Purple Coneflower
Monarda fistulosa
Witch Hazel

Books:

- Armitage [Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens](#)
- D. Tallamy [Bringing Nature Home](#)
- B. Vogt [A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future](#)
- S. Kress [The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds](#)
- Adelman & B. Schwartz [The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants](#)
- J. Miller. [Non-native Invasive Plants of Southern Forest – A Field Guide for Identification and Control](#)
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden [Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants](#)

Online Resources:

Audubon's Plants for birds database. Need a list of plants? Enter your zipcode.
audubon.org/native-plants

Like any garden, a native one is still work, but there are great benefits. Why natives matter:
audubon.org/content/why-native-plants-matter

How to create a hummingbird friendly yard
audubon.org/content/how-create-hummingbird-friendly-yard

Lawn and garden weed ID
uaex.edu/yard-garden/resource-library/weed-id

How to cold stratify seeds
americanmeadows.com/blog/2018/03/07/how-to-cold-stratify-seeds

Fall sowing of milkweed seeds
americanmeadows.com/blog/2017/09/11/plant-milkweed-seed-fall

Benjamin Vogt's native landscaping articles
monarchgard.com/articles.html

Native Plant Sellers:

Arkansas

Little Rock Audubon Center delta.audubon.org/about-us/little-rock-audubon-center

Pine Ridge Gardens pineridgegardens.com

Holland Wildflower Farm hollandwildflowerfarm.com

Ozark Native Plants ozarknativeplants.com

White River Nursery whiterivernursery.com

Louisiana

Maypop Hill Nursery maypophill.com

Willis Farm willisfarm.net

Additional nurseries www.braudubon.org/education/native-plant-guide

Mississippi

Pascagoula River Audubon Center pascagoula.audubon.org

Wildlife Heritage Tree Nursery wildlifeheritagetreenursery.com

Additional nurseries www.mississippinativeplantsociety.org/native-plant-resources.html

Online

Roundstone Native Seed roundstoneseed.com/

Prairie Moon Nursery www.prairiemoon.com/

Native American Seed www.seedsource.com/

Native plant profiles:

Missouri Botanical Garden missouribotanicalgarden.org/

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center wildflower.org/plants-main

USDA PLANTS Database plants.usda.gov

Organizations

Arkansas Native Plant Society anps.org

Arkansas Master Gardeners uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners

Arkansas Master Naturalists wordpress.arkansasmasternaturalists.org

Louisiana Native Plant Society lnps.org

Louisiana Master Gardeners lsuagcenter.com/topics/lawn_garden/master_gardener

Louisiana Master Naturalists louisianamasternaturalist.org

Mississippi Native Plant Society mississippinativeplantsociety.org

Mississippi Master Gardeners extension.msstate.edu/community/leadership/master-gardener

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