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Benefits of Landscaping with Native Plants

Native plants are indigenous plants that have adapted over many years to a specific region. They have evolved to flourish in the geography, hydrology, and microclimates of that region. Native plants grow in community settings and provide habitat for native wildlife. The movement to live more sustainably has proven that there are many benefits to landscaping with natives. Native plants do not require fertilizers, they require less water than lawns, reduce air pollution, provide shelter and food for wildlife, and promote biodiversity while retaining the aesthetic qualities of ornamental non-natives.
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Plant Profiles for Canopy TREES

BALD CYPRESS
*Taxodium distichum*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Piedmont and Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 50’–70’ tall, 20’–30’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Moist
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Prefers moist, acidic, sandy loam

*Container size: 5 gallon*

JENNY EVANS / FLICKR
BLACK GUM
* Nyssa sylvatica *

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 50’–70’ tall, 20’–30’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Tolerant of wet & dry soil conditions
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Prefers moist, acidic, well drained, deep soils

*Container size: 5 gallon*

CHERRYBARK OAK
* Quercus pagoda *

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Piedmont and Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 6–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 70’–90’ tall, spreading
- Moisture Requirements: Drought tolerant, but moist soil is optimal
- Exposure: Partial sun
- Soil: Will grow in poor acidic soil
- Wildlife Benefits: Many mammals and birds eat acorns

*Container size: 5 gallon*

GREEN ASH
* Fraxinus pennsylvanica *

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 3–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 50’–60’ tall, 25’–30’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Tolerant of saturated sites and heavy soils
- Exposure: Full sun
- Soil: Heavy clay bottomland soils

*Container size: 5 gallon*
LAUREL OAK  
*Quercus laurifolia*

- Semi-evergreen
- Native to: NC Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 6–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 65’–100’ tall, spreading
- Moisture Requirements: Tolerant of varying soil conditions
- Exposure: Full to partial sun
- Soil: Prefers well-drained, sandy soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Acorns are a great source of food for birds and mammals

*Container size: 5 gallon*

LIVE OAK  
*Quercus virginiana*

- Evergreen
- Native to: NC Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 8–11
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 50’ tall, 60’–100’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Well-drained moist soil
- Exposure: Partial shade to full sun
- Soil: High salt tolerance, sandy soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Acorns are enjoyed by many species

*Container size: 5 gallon*

NORTHERN RED OAK  
*Quercus rubra*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–8
- Growth Rate: Moderate to fast
- Mature Size: 70’–90’ tall, 60’–80’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Drought tolerant
- Exposure: Full sun
- Soil: Light, slightly acidic sandy loam
- Wildlife Benefits: Acorns are enjoyed by many species

*Container size: 5 gallon*
RIVER BIRCH  
*Betula nigra*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–8
- Growth Rate: Moderate to rapid
- Mature Size: 40’–70’ tall, 40’–60’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Will wilt under drought conditions, moderate water needed
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Acidic well-drained soils
- Wildlife Benefits: White-tailed deer eat young twigs and buds

Container size: 5 gallon

RED MAPLE  
*Acer rubrum*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 40’–60’ tall, 30’–40’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Tolerant of very wet and very dry soils
- Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
- Soil: Tolerant of a variety of soils

Container size: 5 gallon

PERSIMMON  
*Diospyros virginiana*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Piedmont and Mountains
- Hardiness Zones: 3–8
- Growth Rate: Slow to moderate
- Mature Size: 30’–60’ tall, 25’–30’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers wet-mesic sites, but can tolerate a range
- Exposure: Prefers full sun, but does well in partial shade
- Soil: Adaptable to a wide range
- Wildlife Benefits: Tasty fruit in the fall

Container size: 5 gallon
SCARLET OAK
Quercus coccinea

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 60’–100’ tall, 50’–60’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Moist
- Exposure: Full sun
- Soil: Rich, acidic, well-drained
- Wildlife Benefits: Acorns are enjoyed by many species

Container size: 5 gallon

SYCAMORE
Platanus occidentalis

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 75’–100’ tall, 50’–75’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Moist, well drained
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Prefers moist, rich soils

Container size: 5 gallon

TULIP POPLAR
Liriodendron tulipifera

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 70’–90’ tall, 35’–50’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Moist, well drained
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Rich, acidic, well-drained
- Wildlife Benefits: Honeybees pollinate flowers

Container size: 5 gallon
**WATER OAK**  
*Quercus nigra*  
- Deciduous  
- Native to: sometimes found in NC Piedmont, but mostly Coastal Plain  
- Hardiness Zones: 6–9  
- Growth Rate: Rapid  
- Mature Size: Up to 100’ tall, spreading  
- Moisture Requirements: Likes moist soils, frequently found growing next to water  
- Exposure: Full sun  
- Soil: Moist, well-drained soils  
- Wildlife Benefits: Squirrels, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey eat the acorns  

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**WILLOW OAK**  
*Quercus phellos*  
- Deciduous  
- Native to: Eastern NC  
- Hardiness Zones: 6–9  
- Growth Rate: Moderate to rapid  
- Mature Size: 40’–60’ tall, 30’–40’ spread  
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers moist and well-drained soil  
- Exposure: Full sun  
- Soil: Adaptable to most soils  

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**WHITE OAK**  
*Quercus alba*  
- Deciduous  
- Native to: NC Statewide  
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9  
- Growth Rate: Rapid  
- Mature Size: 60’–100’ tall, 60’–90’ spread  
- Moisture Requirements: Moist  
- Exposure: Full sun  
- Soil: Well-drained soils  
- Wildlife Benefits: Acorns enjoyed by birds and squirrels  

*Container size: 5 gallon*
BLACK WILLOW

*Salix nigra*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide, found more frequently in the Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 4-9
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 35’-100’ tall, Can become a large canopy tree
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers moist soil
- Exposure: Full sun to dappled shade
- Soil: Alluvial soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Food source for a wide variety of animals, such as white-tailed deer, beaver, insects, and caterpillars

*Container size: 5 gallon*
**FLOWERING DOGWOOD**  
*Cornus florida*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 5–9
- Growth Rate: Slow to moderate
- Mature Size: 15’–30’ tall, 15’–30’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Moderate moisture
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Prefers acidic, well drained soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Attracts butterflies and the red fruit provide food for birds

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**EASTERN RED CEDAR**  
*Juniperus virginiana*

- Evergreen
- Native to: NC Statewide, more common in Mountains and Piedmont
- Hardiness Zones: 3–9
- Growth Rate: Moderate to rapid
- Mature Size: 40’–50’ tall, pyramidal
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers moist soils
- Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
- Soil: Deep loam to sand
- Wildlife Benefits: Provides food for birds and mammals and nesting cover for a variety of species

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**EASTERN REDBUD**  
*Cercis canadensis*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Moderate to rapid
- Mature Size: 20’–30’ tall, less than 30’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers moderate moisture, but established specimens can be very drought tolerant
- Exposure: Full sun to light shade
- Soil: Moist, fertile soil
- Wildlife Benefits: Butterflies love the nectar of the flowers in the spring

*Container size: 5 gallon*
IRONWOOD
Carpinus caroliniana
• Deciduous
• Native to: NC Statewide
• Hardiness Zones: 3–9
• Growth Rate: Slow
• Mature Size: 20’–30’ tall, 20’–30’ spread
• Moisture Requirements: Rich, wet-mesic sites
• Exposure: Sun to partial shade
• Soil: Acidic, sandy loam
• Wildlife Benefits: Seeds, buds, or catkins are eaten by a number of animals

Container size: 5 gallon

SILKY WILLOW
Salix sericea
• Deciduous
• Native to: NC Statewide
• Hardiness Zones: 2–10
• Growth Rate: Moderate
• Mature Size: Up to 30’ tall
• Moisture Requirements: Very moist soil
• Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
• Soil: Clay, loam, or sand

Container size: 5 gallon

SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA
Magnolia virginiana
• Semi-evergreen to evergreen
• Native to: NC Piedmont and Coastal Plain
• Hardiness Zones: 5–9
• Growth Rate: Moderate to rapid
• Mature Size: 10’–60’ tall, 10’–20’ spread
• Moisture Requirements: Moist to wet
• Exposure: Full sun to part shade
• Soil: Tolerates wet, boggy, acidic soils
• Wildlife Benefits: Fruit attracts birds and butterflies

Container size: 5 gallon
AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY
*Callicarpa americana*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Coastal Plain and Piedmont
- Hardiness Zones: 6–9
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 6’–8’ tall, spreading
- Moisture Requirements: Very drought tolerant
- Exposure: Dappled shade is optimal
- Soil: Prefers well-drained soil
- Wildlife Benefits: Birds love the berries

*Container size: 5 gallon*
**ARROWWOOD**  
*Viburnum dentatum*  
- Deciduous  
- Native to: NC Statewide, but mostly Mountains and Piedmont  
- Hardiness Zones: 3–8  
- Growth Rate: Moderate  
- Mature Size: 6’–10’ tall, equal spread  
- Moisture Requirements: Drought tolerant  
- Exposure: Full sun to partial shade  
- Soil: Moist or dry soil  
- Wildlife Benefits: Birds love the fruit  

*Container size: 5 gallon*  

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**BUTTON BUSH**  
*Cephalanthus occidentalis*  
- Deciduous  
- Native to: NC Piedmont and Coastal Plain  
- Hardiness Zones: 3–8  
- Growth Rate: Rapid  
- Mature Size: 3’–9’ tall  
- Moisture Requirements: Wet  
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade  
- Soil: Well-drained soil, cannot tolerate drought  
- Wildlife Benefits: White tubular flowers attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds  

*Container size: 5 gallon*  

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**COASTAL DOGHOBBLE**  
*Leucothoe axillaris*  
- Evergreen  
- Native to: NC Coastal Plain  
- Hardiness Zones: 6–9  
- Growth Rate: Slow  
- Mature Size: 2’–4’ tall, 4’–6’ spread  
- Moisture Requirements: Medium to wet, does not tolerate drought  
- Exposure: Part shade to full shade  
- Soil: Prefers moist, acid, well drained soils  
- Wildlife Benefits: Flowers used by bees, foliage browsed by deer  

*Container size: 5 gallon*  

PEARL PIRIE / FLICKR
**ELDERBERRY**  
*Sambucus canadensis*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 3–9
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Mature Size: 10′–15′ tall, 10′–15′ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Does best in moist soils, but is drought tolerant
- Exposure: Full sun
- Soil: Alluvial soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Birds and other critters love the berries

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**INKBERRY**  
*Ilex glabra*

- Evergreen
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Slow
- Mature Size: 6′–8′ tall, 8′–10′ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Medium to wet
- Exposure: Full sun, shade tolerant
- Soil: Prefers moist, acid soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Drupe attracts birds and other wildlife

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**NINEBARK**  
*Physocarpus opulifolius*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zone: 2–8
- Growth Rate: moderate
- Mature Size: 5′–8′ tall, 4′–6′ spread
- Moisture Requirements: dry to medium
- Exposure: full sun to partial shade
- Soil: well-drained
- Wildlife Benefits: Reddish fruits are enjoyed by many species

*Container size: 5 gallon*
POSSUMHAW VIBURNUM
*Viburnum nudum*
- Deciduous
- Native to: NC statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 5–9
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 6’–10’ tall, 6’–10’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers moist, well-drained soil, but is drought tolerant
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Tolerates a wide range of soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Edible fruit attracts birds and other wildlife

Container size: 5 gallon

RED CHOKEBERRY
*Aronia arbutifolia*
- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 4–9
- Growth Rate: Slow
- Mature Size: 6’–10’ tall, 3’–5’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Wet
- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Tolerates a wide range of soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Small red berries in early fall attract birds

Container size: 5 gallon

SILKY DOGWOOD
*Cornus amomum*
- Deciduous
- Native to: NC statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 2–8
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: Up to 12’ tall
- Moisture Requirements: Widely adaptable
- Exposure: Full sun to full shade
- Soil: Tolerates poorly drained soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Fruit is an important source of food for migrating songbirds, deer; rabbits like the twigs

Container size: 5 gallon
**SWEET PEPPERBUSH**

*Clethra alnifolia*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 3-9
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 6’-12’ tall
- Moisture Requirements: Medium to wet
- Exposure: Full sun to heavy shade
- Soil: Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions
- Wildlife Benefits: Flowers attract bees and butterflies

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**TITI**

*Cyrilla racemiflora*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 6–11
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 7’-15’ tall, thicket
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers wet soil
- Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
- Soil: Adapted to a wide range of soil conditions
- Wildlife Benefits: Bees like the nectar from flowers

*Container size: 5 gallon*

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**VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE**

*Itea virginica*

- Deciduous
- Native to: NC Statewide
- Hardiness Zones: 5-9
- Growth Rate: Moderate to fast
- Mature Size: 5’-8’ tall, 5’-8’ spread
- Moisture Requirements: Medium to wet
- Exposure: Full sun to full shade
- Soil: Adapted to a wide range of soil conditions
- Wildlife Benefits: Cover, nectar for insects

*Container size: 5 gallon*
WAX MYRTLE
Myrica cerifera

- Evergreen
- Native to: NC Coastal Plain
- Hardiness Zones: 7–10
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Mature Size: 15’–20’ tall, irregular, rounded dense shrub
- Moisture Requirements: Prefers moist soils
- Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
- Soil: Prefers sandy soils
- Wildlife Benefits: Many species love the berries

Container size: 5 gallon

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