

Garden with Natives Q&A – Additional Native Plant Resources

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 (Chelome)
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 vary 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
Liatris
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, cephalophora,
leavenworthii, pensylvanica)

Hummingbird attracting plants:

New Jersey Tea
Cross Vine
Trumpet Vine
Trumpet Honeysuckle
Cardinalflower
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
- S. Kress The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds
- L. Kendrick-Lacy Gardening to Attract Butterflies
- Adelman & B. Schwartz The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants
- Hunter Trees, Shrubs, and Vines of Arkansas
- Hunter Wildflowers of Arkansas
- Kurz Ozark Wildflowers

- J. Miller. [Non-native Invasive Plants of Southern Forest – A Field Guide for Identification and Control](#)
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden [Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants](#)
- B. Vogt [A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future](#)

Online Resources:

Audubon's Plants for birds database. Need a list of plants? Enter your zipcode.

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

Audubon Arkansas's Spring Native Plant Sale

<https://ar.audubon.org/events/2020-native-plant-market-little-rock-audubon-center>

Like any garden, a native one is still work, but there are great benefits. Why natives matter:

<https://www.audubon.org/content/why-native-plants-matter>

Plants that are good for erosion control. Check which ones are also AR natives.

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/help-for-the-home-gardener/advice-tips-resources/visual-guides/ps-plants-for-erosion-control-trees-and-shrubs>

Rain garden construction

<https://ar.audubon.org/conservation/rain-gardens-and-rain-barrels>

Arkansas lawn and garden weed ID

<https://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/resource-library/weed-id/>

How to create a hummingbird friendly yard

<https://www.audubon.org/content/how-create-hummingbird-friendly-yard>

How to cold stratify seeds

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/blog/2018/03/07/how-to-cold-stratify-seeds>

Fall sowing of milkweed seeds

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/blog/2017/09/11/plant-milkweed-seed-fall>

Native Plant Sellers:

In Arkansas

Pine Ridge Gardens pineridgegardens.com

Holland Wildflower Farm hollandwildflowerfarm.com

Ozark Native Plants ozarknativeplants.com

White River Nursery whiterivernursery.com

Wild Streak Plants facebook.com/wildstreakplants

Outside Arkansas

Strawberry Plains Audubon Center strawberryplains.audubon.org

Roundstone Native Seed roundstoneseed.com/

Prairie Moon Nursery www.prairiemoon.com/

Native American Seed www.seedsources.com/

Native plant profiles:

Missour Botanical Garden <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center <https://www.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

Wild Ones Central Arkansas <https://centralarkansas.wildones.org>

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