



DROUGHT-TOLERA

NC WILDFLOWERS

CLIMBING ASTER (*Ampelaster carolinianus*) – a climbing aster with lilac-colored flowers from mid-October through November

BUTTERFLY MILKWEED (*Asclepias tuberosa*) – orange flowers; nectar and food plant for the monarch butterfly

CAROLINA WILD INDIGO (*Baptisia cinerea*) – yellow flowers

BAPTISIA HYBRIDS – various colors, from blue to white

MARYLAND GOLDEN-ASTER (*Chrysopsis mariana*) – many cheerful yellow flowers

AMERICAN-DITTANY (*Cunila origanoides*) – blue flowers

PURPLE CONEFLOWER (*Echinacea purpurea*) – as the name says, purple flowers; butterflies love this long-blooming perennial

NORTHERN RATTLESNAKE-MASTER (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) – stiff foliage and white flowers in spherical, thistle-like heads

HEART'S-A-BUSTIN' (*Euonymus americanus*) – inconspicuous flowers but the unusual pink fruit capsule, resembling a strawberry, opens up in fall to reveal large orange seeds

PURPLE-DISK SUNFLOWER (*Helianthus atrorubens*) – yellow flower heads w/ purple center

WOODLAND SUNFLOWER (*Helianthus divaricatus*) – single, terminal, yellow flower head

STIFF-LEAF ASTER (*Ionactis linariifolius*) – small composite flowers; pale blue-purple “petals” around a yellow-orange disk

SCALY BLAZING-STAR (*Liatris spicata*) – magenta-purple flowers clustered along a slender stem

CAROLINA LILY (*Lilium michauxii*) – showy orange flowers

EASTERN FALSE-ALOE (*Manfreda virginica*) – succulent with pale yellow-green flowers; sometimes sold as *Agave virginica*

SOUTHERN SUNDROPS (*Oenothera fruticosa*) – clear yellow flowers; attractive evergreen rosette

EASTERN PRICKLY-PEAR (*Opuntia humifusa*) – a native cactus with yellow flowers

WILD QUININE (*Parthenium integrifolium*) – white flowers

DOWNY PHLOX (*Phlox pilosa*) – pink flowers

NARROWLEAF SILKGRASS (*Pityopsis graminifolia*) – not a grass but a member of the aster family; has a tendency to spread on well-drained soils

BLACK-EYED SUSAN (*Rudbeckia hirta*) – large yellow flower (actually a flower head) with dark-brown central disk; short lived perennial that re-seeds



NT NATIVE PLANTS

STARRY ROSINWEED (*Silphium asteriscus* var. *laevicaule*) – tall plant with bright yellow composite flowers

ANISE-SCENTED GOLDENROD (*Solidago odora*) – leaves are anise-scented when crushed; bright yellow flowers

EASTERN SILVERY AMERICAN-ASTER (*Symphyotrichum concolor*) – pinkish-purple composite flowers

LARGE-FLOWER AMERICAN-ASTER (*Symphyotrichum grandiflorum*) – light to reddish-purple composite flowers with yellow to reddish-yellow disk

HAIRY-STEM SPIDERWORT (*Tradescantia hirsuticaulis*) – bluish-purple flowers

ADAM'S NEEDLE (*Yucca filamentosa*) – margins of the clumped, evergreen, straplike leaves sport curly “filaments”; waxy white flowers on a tall stem emerging from the center of the clump

NC GRASSES

BIG BLUESTEM (*Andropogon gerardii*) – a grass with foliage that changes from blue-green, to green, to red, to bronze with lavender tones through the seasons

HAIRGRASS (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) – a clump-forming grass with flower/seed heads that turn pink to purplish-red later in the season

SWITCHGRASS – (*Panicum virgatum* and its cultivars) – ornamental, clump-forming grass

INDIAN-GRASS (*Sorghastrum nutans*) – light-brown flower panicles with yellow stamens rise well above the foliage in late summer; blue-green leaves turn golden yellow in fall

NC SHRUBS

NEW JERSEY-TEA (*Ceanothus americanus*) – small shrub with panicles of small white flowers; deep-purple fruit in fall

SHRUBBY ST. JOHN’S-WORT (*Hypericum prolificum*) – compact deciduous shrub with bright yellow flowers

VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE (*Itea virginica*) –fragrant clusters of creamy white flowers; late-season red foliage

FRAGRANT SUMAC (*Rhus aromatica*) – tall deciduous shrub with glossy green foliage in summer and spectacular color in fall

HIGHBUSH BLUEBERRY (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) – white, bell-like flowers and edible fruit!

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