



## 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 organoides*) – 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** (*Symphotrichum concolor*) – pinkish-purple composite flowers

**LARGE-FLOWER AMERICAN-ASTER** (*Symphotrichum 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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