

NATIVE PLANT LIST – SE North Carolina

TREES

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	NOTES
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red Buckeye	10-15ft	spring flowers, prefers part shade, may defoliate early in season
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Serviceberry	12-20ft	early spring flower, fruits for birds, tolerates part shade
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	PawPaw	10-15ft	edible fruit, shade-tolerant
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	25-50ft	fast-growing
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic White Cedar	40-60ft	evergreen, tolerates part shade
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	10-15ft	fragrant, showy spring flower
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon	*30-60ft	*may be dwarfed in dry sand, orange fruit, orange to purple fall leaves
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	40-60ft	red to purple fall leaves
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	15-30ft	evergreen, fragrant flowers early summer
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	25-40ft	red fall leaves, fruit for birds
<i>Persea borbonia</i>	Redbay	12-25ft	evergreen small tree or large shrub, some salt tolerance
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress	40-60ft	deciduous conifer, will grow in shallow water

SHRUBS

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<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	8-15ft	sun to part shade, fruit for birds, fall color
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Groundsel Bush	8-15ft	salt-tolerant

<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Beautyberry	5-12ft	purple fruit in fall
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush	5-12ft	sun or shade, summer flowers, some salt tolerance, colonizing
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood	6-12ft	fruit for birds
<i>Euonymus americana</i>	Strawberry Bush	6-12ft	showy fruit, shade tolerance
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	Dwarf Fothergilla	4-6ft	fragrant spring flowers, fall color
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possumhaw Holly	6-12ft	fruit for birds
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry	6-12ft	evergreen
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	6-12ft	showy fruit retained in winter
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Yaupon	8-15ft	evergreen, salt-tolerant, red fruit in fall & winter
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	4-8ft	spring flowers, fall color, colonizing
<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	Coastal Doghobble	3-5ft	evergreen, part shade to shade, colonizing
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Southern Wax Myrtle	8-15ft	evergreen, fast-growing, salt-tolerant, good wildlife habitat
<i>Rhododendron atlanticum</i>	Coastal Azalea	2-6ft	fragrant spring flowers, colonizing, shade-tolerant
<i>Rhus copallina</i>	Winged Sumac	4-15ft	fall color, wildlife food, colonizing, tolerates part shade
<i>Sabal minor</i>	Dwarf Palmetto	4-10ft	evergreen, part shade to shade, colonizing in wet soil
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	4-12ft	fruit, fall color, part shade to sun
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	6-12ft	spring flowers, fruit for birds, fall color, tolerates part shade
<i>Viburnum nudum</i>	Possumhaw Viburnum	6-15ft	spring flowers, fruit for birds, fall color, tolerates part shade
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PERENNIALS

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<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	3-5ft	pink to white flowers, early summer, butterflies
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	2-5ft	Most native aster species are suitable for rain gardens. Fall bloom
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	Boltonia	2-5ft	White flowers July-Oct.
<i>Carex</i> spp.	Sedge	1-2ft	grass-like groundcovers, part shade to shade
<i>Coreopsis rosea</i>	Pink Coreopsis	6"-12"	June-Sept., spreads
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	Blue Mistflower	8"-16"	lavender-blue flowers Aug-Oct., may spread aggressively
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Joe Pye Weed	3-6ft	Large lavender-pink clusters July-Sept., butterflies
<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	Flat-topped Goldenrod	1-2ft	Aug-Oct, spreads rapidly, butterflies
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	4-7ft	Oct.-Nov., 2" yellow flowers, birds eat seeds
<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i>	Red Star Mallow	4-7ft	June-Aug., 8" red flowers, hummingbirds
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose Mallow	3-5ft	June-Aug, 8"-10" white or pink flowers, hummingbirds
<i>Iris virginica</i> , <i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris	1-3ft	May-June, blue flowers, spreads in wet soil
<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>	Seashore Mallow	3-5ft	Aug-Sept, pink flowers, salt-tolerant
<i>Liatis</i> spp.	Blazing Star	1-3ft	Various species, purple-pink spikes, June to Oct, butterflies

Monarda punctata	Dotted Horsemint	8"-16"	Other species suitable for rain gardens: Monarda didyma (Bee Balm) & M. fistulosa. Hummingbirds, butterflies
Physostegia virginiana	Obedient Plant	1-4ft	Lavender-pink or white spikes, June or early fall, may spread aggressively
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	1-2ft	June to Oct.
Rudbeckia laciniata	Cut-leaf Coneflower	2-6ft	June to Sept., spreads in moist soil
Rudbeckia spp.	Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan	2-6ft	Other species for rain gardens include R. maxima, R. subtomentosa
Salvia lyrata	Lyre-leaf Sage	8"-16"	Evergreen foliage rosette, blue flowers in spring
Solidago spp.	Goldenrod	2-4ft	S. sempervirens (Seaside Goldenrod): salt-tolerant. Most species suitable for rain gardens
Vernonia novaboracensis	New York Ironweed	4-7ft	purple flower clusters late summer & early fall, butterflies
Zephyranthes atamasco	Atamasco Lily	6"-10"	white spring flowers, dormant in summer, foliage appears in winter

GRASSES

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	NOTES
Chasmanthium latifolium	River Oats	2-4ft	part shade, showy seed clusters, spreads by seed
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Purple Muhly	2-4ft	feathery purple plumes in fall, salt-tolerant
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	2-8ft	many selected varieties available in nurseries, some salt-tolerance
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	1-3ft	very drought tolerant, some salt-tolerance
Spartina patens	Saltmeadow Cordgrass	1-3ft	spreads to form mass, fine-textured, salt-tolerant

FERNS

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Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern	2-3ft	part shade to shade
Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern	2-3ft	part shade to shade
Thelypteris kunthii	Southern Fern	2-3ft	part shade, tolerates some sun, spreads