

The BEST Southeastern Native Plants for your Garden
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Ten best big trees (ranked)

(fall color, nice crown, bark, longevity, flowers > fruits)

1. Acer barbatum - **southern sugar maple**
2. Nyssa sylvatica - **black gum**
3. Acer rubrum - **red maple** cultivars
4. Tilia americana - **American basswood**
5. Magnolia grandiflora - **southern magnolia** cultivar
6. Betula nigra - **river birch**
7. Quercus shumardii - **shumard oak**
8. Quercus rubra - **northern red oak**
 - A. Quercus alba - **white oak**
 - B. Quercus phellos - **willow oak**
9. Fraxinus Americana - **white ash**
10. Carya species - **hickories**

Ten best small-flowering trees (alphabetical)

(flowers, fruits, foliage, form, bark, adaptability)

1. Acer leucoderme - **chalk maple**
2. Asimina triloba - **paw-paw**
3. Cercis canadensis - **redbud**
4. Cladrastis kentuckeya - **yellowwood**
5. Cornus florida - **flowering dogwood**
6. *Halesia diptera - **two-winged silver bell**
7. Magnolia macrophylla - **big-leaf magnolia**
8. Oxydendrum arboreum - **sourwood**
9. Pinus glabra - **spruce pine**
10. Taxodium ascendens - **pond cypress**

Twelve best shrubs (alphabetical)

1. Aesculus parviflora - **bottlebrush buckeye**
Aesculus pavia - **red buckeye**
2. Amelanchier x grandiflora - **serviceberry**
3. Aronia arbutifolia - **red chokeberry**
4. Cephahanthus occidentalis - **buttonbush**
5. Chionanthus virginicus - **fringe tree**
6. Clethra alnifolia - **sweet pepper-bush**
7. Fothergilla garcjenii - **dwarf witch-alder**
8. Hydrangea quercifolia - **oak leaf hydrangea**
9. Ilex verticillata - **winter red holly** cultivars
& Ilex vomitoria - **yaupon holly**
10. Illicium floridanum **Florida anise** cultivars
11. Rhipidophyllum hystrix - **needle palm**
12. Rhododendron austrinum - **Florida azalea**
(R. prunifolium - **Plum leaf azalea**) many others

Best sun-loving perennials (alphabetical)

1. Amsonia hubrichtii - **Arkansas blue-star**
2. Asclepias tuberosa - **orange butterfly weed**
3. Baptisia alba - **wild indigo** cultivars
4. Echinacea purpurea - **purple cone flower**
Echinacea laevigata - **smooth coneflower**
Echinacea tennesseensis - **Tenn. cone flower**
5. Eutrochium dubium and others - **Joe-pye weed**

6. Hibiscus coccineus, H. moscheutos - **hibiscus**
7. Phlox Carolina - **tall phlox** cultivars
8. Rudbeckia subtomentosa - **sweet coneflower**
9. Stokesia laevis - **stoke's aster** cultivars
10. Symphyotrichum (Aster) oblongifolium **aromatic aster**

Best shade loving perennials (alphabetical)

1. Arisaema **Jack-in-the-pulpit**
2. Chrysogonum virginianum - **green-and-gold**
3. Dicentra eximia - **bleeding heart**
4. Dodecatheon meadla - **Shooting-star**
5. Heuchera americana 'Dale's-strain' - **Alumroot**
6. Hexastylis- **Heart-leaf Ginger**
7. Iris cristata - **Dwarf Crested Iris**
8. Lobelia cardinalis - **cardinal flower**
9. Mertensia virginica - **Virginia Bluebells**
10. Pachysandra procumbens - **allegheny-spurge**
11. Polygonatum - **Solomon's-seal**
12. Sanguinaria canadensis - **bloodroot**
13. Spigelia marilandica - **Indian-pink**
14. Uvularia - **Giant Bellwort**
15. Trillium cuneatum - **little sweet Betsy**
Many other trillium species

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<http://gardens.uncc.edu> *Plant Sale Oct 4-5, 2019*
book; **Native Plants of the Southeast 2014.**
TimberPress

Some good nursery sources for Propagated Natives

*** <http://plantsaplentyfarm.com> (in Forest City, NC)
<http://www.nichegardens.com> (Chapel Hill, NC)
<http://www.plantdelights.com> (Raleigh, NC)
<http://www.forestfarm.com> (Williams, OR)
<http://nearlynativenursery.com>. (Fayetteville, GA)
<http://www.woodlanders.net> (Augusta, GA)
<http://www.sunlightgardens.com> (Knoxville, TN)
<https://www.paintersgreenhouse.com> (Old Fort, NC)

<https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu>

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