



Maintaining and restoring native plants is one of the main ways we engage in forest conservation.



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Going Native *Gardening* In Atlanta



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Atlanta's long, hot days make gardening fairly easy **IF YOU KNOW WHAT TO PLANT!** Sticking with native vegetation will help your landscaping take advantage of dry spells, hot weather and soil conditions, minimizing the need for watering, herbicides and fertilizer. Additionally, non-natives, like kudzu, can crowd out native vegetation, imperiling shelter and food sources for local birds, insects and other animals.

And remember, native plants are less expensive in the long run, because they don't need to be replaced as often as non-natives that give up in the Atlanta heat.

Below is a list of plants native to Atlanta and Georgia.

Trees

- Florida Maple
- Southern Sugar Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Red Maple
- Chalkbark Maple
- Serviceberry
- Shadbush
- Juneberry
- Devil's Walkingstick
- Redbud
- Dogwood
- Hawthorn
- Persimmon
- American Beech
- Franklin tree
- Loblolly Bay
- Carolina Silverbell
- Greenleaf Holly
- Savannah Holly
- East Palatka Holly
- Southern Magnolia

- Sweetbay Magnolia
- Sourwood
- Loblolly Pine
- White Oak
- Southern Red Oak
- Willow Oak
- Water Oak
- Sassafras
- Mountain Stewartia
- Bald Cypress
- Hemlock

Shrubs

- Bottlebrush Buckeye
- Red Buckeye
- Florida Leucothoe
- Beautyberry
- Sweetshrub
- Grancy Grey-beard
- Summersweet
- Hearts-a-bustin'
- Fothergilla



- Witchhazel
- Smooth Hydrangea
- Oakleaf Hydrangea
- Inkberry
- Winterberry
- Florida Anise
- Small Anise
- Virginia Sweetspire
- Mountain Laurel
- Bigleaf Magnolia
- Wax Myrtle
- Carolina Rhododendron
- Catawba Rhododendron
- Rosebay Rhododendron
- Alabama Azalea
- Sweet Azalea
- Coast Azalea
- Florida Azalea
- Baker's Azalea
- Flame Azalea
- Piedmont Azalea
- Oconee Azalea

- Plumleaf Azalea
- Pinkshell Azalea
- Swamp Azalea
- Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac
- Blueberry
- Mapleleaf Viburnum
- Arrowwood Viburnum
- Cranberry Viburnum

Vines

- Crossvine
- Trumpetcleaner
- Virgin'sbower Clematis
- Climbing Hydrangea
- Carolina Jessamine
- Trumpet Honeysuckle
- Virginia Creeper
- Woodbine
- Passionflower
- American Wisteria



Sun Perennials

- Bluestar*
- Butterflyweed
- New England Aster
- Blue False Indigo
- Boltonia
- Tickseed Coreopsis
- Threadleaf Coreopsis
- Purple Coneflower
- Hardy Ageratum
- Joe-Pye Weed*
- Sunflower
- Rose Mallow
- Hardy Hibiscus
- Gayfeather
- Beebalm*
- Evening Primrose
- Garden Phlox*
- Dragonhead*
- Blackeyed Susan
- Goldenrod
- Stoke's Daisy*
- Carolina Bushpea
- Spiderwort*

Shade Perennials

- Columbine
- Wild Ginger
- Turtlehead
- Green & Gold
- Black Cohosh
- Squirrel Corn
- Bleeding Heart
- Galax
- Alumroot
- Dwarf Crested Iris
- Cardinal Flower
- Woodland Phlox
- Indian Pink
- Celandine Poppy
- Foamflower
- Rainlily

*Okay with partial sun

