

# Great Gardening and Natives Websites

Website	Great For Native Plants
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center <a href="https://www.wildflower.org/">https://www.wildflower.org/</a>  <b><i>Should be your first stop!!</i></b>	<b>Native Plants Tab: Search for Plants:</b> Plant info by Latin or common name – <b>most comprehensive info available</b> <b>Plant Lists:</b> Plants by State, Plants for Pollinators by type <b>Learn Tab: How to:</b> Germinate milkweed seed, collect and store seeds, a Guide to Native Plant Gardening
State Botanical Garden of Georgia: Georgia Native Plant Initiative  <a href="http://botgarden.uga.edu/conservation-science/georgia-native-plant-initiative/">http://botgarden.uga.edu/conservation-science/georgia-native-plant-initiative/</a>	Top Tab: <b>Education</b> – explore this as interested Right hand column: <b>Native Plant Nursery List Tab</b> <b>Invasive Species Brochure Tab</b> <b>Guide to Propagation and Characteristics of Favorite Georgia Natives tab Part 1 – Thirty Perennials for Pollinators – Download!</b> <b>Milkweed and Monarchs Tab</b>
Southeastern Flora: Southeastern US Plant Identification Resource <a href="http://www.southeasternflora.com/index.php">http://www.southeasternflora.com/index.php</a>	When you want to <b>identify a native plant</b> . I was able to identify a wildflower that was not in the 4 books I have nor could be found by a descriptor search on the internet. <b>This is a great website!</b>
Ernst Seed <a href="https://www.ernstseed.com/">https://www.ernstseed.com/</a>	Scroll down to planting guides. Has downloadable guides and seed recommendations to 13 different restoration situations!
Using Georgia Native Plants <a href="http://usinggeorgianativeplants.blogspot.com/">http://usinggeorgianativeplants.blogspot.com/</a> by Ellen Honeycutt	Weekly blog to which you can you can subscribe by Ellen Honeycutt who is in Atlanta or you can go through her past postings, all are packed with great info.
Brooklyn Botanic Garden <a href="http://www.bbg.org/gardening/article/native_alternatives_plant_list1">www.bbg.org/gardening/article/native_alternatives_plant_list1</a>	The article is from 2006 and the only way to retrieve it is to type the entire URL. It is an extensive list of native alternatives to invasive plants. You could also order the book online <b>Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants</b> by C. Colston Burrell
NCSU: Going Native <a href="https://projects.ncsu.edu/goingnative/index.html">https://projects.ncsu.edu/goingnative/index.html</a>	The whole website should be explored. Most useful is in the menu on left side: <b>How to Go Native</b> – this links to a 4 step process, each with its own guide and worksheet, to get to the worksheets click on the bottom tab <b>"Create Your Own Native Landscape"</b> then go to each step.
Georgia Native Plant Society <a href="https://gnps.org/">https://gnps.org/</a>	<b>Georgia's Native Plants</b> tab – native plant gallery and a long list of nurseries <b>Conservation</b> tab – Plant rescues and Native plant habitat certification
The Wild Seed Project <a href="https://wildseedproject.net/">https://wildseedproject.net/</a> Intended for Maine, but has great info.	<b>Learn Tab</b> > How to Grow Natives From Seed – excellent info including germination codes <b>Wild Seed Blog Tab</b> > <b>Urban and Home Gardens</b> > <b>Must Reads</b> > Hellstrip Plantings – Guide on planting between sidewalk and curb.
UGA Extension Publications <a href="http://extension.uga.edu/publications.html">http://extension.uga.edu/publications.html</a>	Downloadable publications including the <b>"Native Plants for Georgia"</b> Series (there are 4) and a series on Community and School Gardens, a Landscape Basics and Design Series as well as many others. <b>"Creating Pollinator Nesting Boxes to Help Save Native Bees"</b> # 1125
Grow Native! <a href="http://grownative.org/native-plant-info/">http://grownative.org/native-plant-info/</a>	Wonderful Resource!!! The Native Plant Database has two tabs that are particularly useful: <b>Alternative Species Tab:</b> what native to plant instead of a typical landscaping choice <b>Seedling Identification Tab:</b> pictures of seedlings so you know if it is a weed or something you want!
Lehigh Gap Nature Center <a href="http://lgnc.org/project/native-plants-for-the-small-yard/">http://lgnc.org/project/native-plants-for-the-small-yard/</a>	Download the 60 page book, "Native Plants for the Small Yard." It has 9 design templates for different situations.
Native Plant Network <a href="https://npr.rngr.net/propagation/protocols">https://npr.rngr.net/propagation/protocols</a>	Propagation Protocols – very technical, but might have the info you need for an uncommon plant
North Carolina Ext. Gardener Plant Toolbox <a href="https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/">https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/</a>	Contains descriptions and photographs of 3,261 plants. Use it to find a plant, identify a plant, find out what will grow as companion plants.

<b>Website</b>	<b>Great For Gardening for Wildlife</b>
North American Butterfly Association <a href="https://www.naba.org/">https://www.naba.org/</a>	<b>Monarchs and Milkweeds Tab</b>
Butterflies and Moths of North America <a href="https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/">https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/</a>	<b>Identify</b> tab – they will help you identify a butterfly or moth by photo if you have the date and location. You can also contribute data!
National Wildlife Organization Native Plant Finder <a href="https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder">https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder</a>	Table that tells you how many butterfly and moth species are supported by specific local woody and herbaceous plants so you can choose what to plant.
Bee Smart Pollinator Gardener An app for Android and iOS (iPhones) from Appstore	Data base of 1,000 native plants, regionally specific (ecoregion), match to wanted pollinator, flower color, soil type, sunlight and plant type. Creates customized plant list.
Pollinator Partnership <a href="https://www.pollinator.org/">https://www.pollinator.org/</a> Resources → Planting Guides → enter your zipcode Stuff → Cool Posters	“Selecting Plants for Pollinators: A Regional Guide for Farmers, Land Managers and Gardeners in the Southeastern Mixed Forest Province” – a downloadable PDF, Honestly, the plant list is not really specific enough for our area, the Native Plant Society has a much better one.
Atlanta Audubon Society – Birds! <a href="https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-certification.html">!https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-certification.html</a>	Bottom of page click on, “Click here to download plants for birds brochure” – great concise info on which plants for which birds
The Xerces Society <a href="https://xerces.org/">https://xerces.org/</a>	<b>Resource Tab:</b> Guidelines: Free downloads on a variety of topics Fact Sheets, Plant Lists (Pollinator) <b>Get Involved Tab:</b> Citizen Science project in which you can participate <b>About Tab:</b> Gift Catalog: Great books
Snetsinger Butterfly Garden <a href="http://www.snetsingerbutterflygarden.org/plant-directory.html">http://www.snetsingerbutterflygarden.org/plant-directory.html</a>	Downloadable Plant Lists for pollinator gardens in various settings including a Woodland Garden in the shade.
<b>Website</b>	<b>Great For Identifying Invasives</b>
Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health <a href="https://www.invasive.org/">https://www.invasive.org/</a>	The <b>most comprehensive website</b> on invasive species. Includes maps and publications. Explore the whole site.
University of Florida Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants <a href="https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/">https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>	<b>Plant Directory Tab:</b> <b>Plant ID Videos</b> (includes many native plants)
US Forest Service Southern Research Station <a href="https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/35292">https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/35292</a>	Downloadable PDF of <b>“A field guide for the identification of invasive plants in southern forests”</b> Publication # SRS-119 Absolutely the best comprehensive guide to invasives.
Invasive Plant Atlas of the United States <a href="https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/distribution.cfm">https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/distribution.cfm</a> Designed by UGA and the National Park Service	<b>Before you buy plants check to see if they are invasives!</b> Nurseries sell invasives all the time. Many of our “pass-alongs” are invasives. This website has an Alpha listing of all species by Latin name with US map of counties where found and which states have declared to be invasive.
<b>Website</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Sites</b>
The National Gardening Association Plants Database <a href="https://garden.org/">https://garden.org/</a>	<b>Learning Library</b> tab- various guides <b>Plant Database</b> tab – search to fit planting environment <b>Tools and Apps</b> tab – first and last frost dates, planting dates, calculators
Gwinnett County Tax Assessor’s Office <a href="http://www.gwinnettassessor.manatron.com/!WantTo/PropertyGISSearch.aspx">http://www.gwinnettassessor.manatron.com/!WantTo/PropertyGISSearch.aspx</a>	Gives you an overhead image of your property so you can draw a layout of plantings.
Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia <a href="https://mgnv.org/">https://mgnv.org/</a>	<b>Resources Tab:</b> Best Bets – Plants for Particular Uses Making Your Garden Sustainable, Kitchen Gardening, Wildlife <b>Tried and True Native Plant Tab:</b> Fact Sheets
<a href="https://Getchipdrop.com">https://Getchipdrop.com</a>	Free wood chips – be careful what you wish for, loads run 15-20 cubic yards and you cannot get anything less!