

Native Groundcovers for Georgia Zone 7-8

Common	Scientific	Light	Soil	Height	Persistence	Bloom Color	Bloom Time	Spreads by	Supports
Birdfoot Violet	<i>Viola pedata</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry	4-10"	Herbaceous Perennial	purple	March-June	self-sows	Fritillary and Skipper spp.
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	4'	Deciduous	white, green flower, pink fruit	April-July	branches root	wildlife, birds, bees, CBC*
Eastern Hay-scented Fern	<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	1-2'	Deciduous	none	none	rhizomes	considered aggressive!
Eastern Red Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	2'	Semi-evergreen	red, pink, yellow	Sp- sum	self-sows	Columbine Duskywing
Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	8-10"	Semi-evergreen	white	Spring	Creeping rizomes	nectar
Golden Ragwort, Golden Groundsel	<i>Packera aurea</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	.5-2.5'	Evergreen	yellow	March	self-sows	bees
Green and Gold	<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	3-6"	Evergreen	yellow	late spring-early sum.	Runners and stolons	bees, birds, butterflies
White wood aster	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	2-3'	Deciduous	white	late sum.	rhizomes, self-sows	nectar
Wild Stonecrop	<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	4-8"	Semi-evergreen	white	April-June	creeping stems	variegated fritillary
Wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	pt. sh - shade	Dry - Moist	6"	Evergreen	white, pink	June-Aug	rhizomes	wildlife, birds
Allegheny Spurge	<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>	pt. sh - shade	dry - moist	4-9"	Evergreen	white	March-May	rhizomes	toxic!!
American alumroot	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	pt. sh - shade	dry - moist	1.5-3'	Evergreen	Red, yellow, green, purple	March-Aug	root division	nectar
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	pt. sh - shade	dry - moist	1-2'	Evergreen	none	none	rhizomes	Ruffed Grouse
Dwarf crested iris	<i>Iris cristata</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	6"	Herbaceous Perennial	white, blue, purple	March-May	rizomes	nectar
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	1-1.5'	Herbaceous Perennial	white	March-May	rhizomes	variegated fritillary, bees, turtles
New York Fern	<i>Thelypteris noveboracensis</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	1-2'	Deciduous	none	none	Runners & Stolons	toads
Partridgeberry	<i>Mitchella repens</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	9-12"	Evergreen	red berries	May-July	trailing stems	wildlife, birds
Wild Geranium, Cranesbill	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	1-3'	Semi-evergreen	pink	March-July	rhizomes, self-sows	birds, bees

Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	8"	Deciduous	redish, but inconspicuous	Spring	rhizomes	Pipeline swallowtail
Woodland phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	pt. sh - shade	moist	8-18"	Evergreen	blue, pink, lavender,	Spring	Creeping rizomes	nectar
Homestead Purple' Verbena	<i>Verbena canadensis</i>	sun	Dry - Moist	12-18"	Herbaceous Perennial	purple	Spring-Fall	trailing stems	nectar
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	sun	dry- med	1-2.5'	Herbaceous Perennial	yellow/ orange	June-Aug	self-sows	bees, Grey Hairstreak, Monarch, Queens, CBC
Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	sun	dry- med	2-3'	Herbaceous Perennial	pink, mauve, white	June-Aug	self-sows	Monarch Butterflies, Bees, CBC
Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	sun	moist - wet	4-5'	Herbaceous Perennial	white, pink, mauve	July-Aug	self-sows	Monarch, Queen Butterflies, Bees, CBC
Ladies' tobacco (Pussytose)	<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	sun - lt sh	Dry	2"	Evergreen	white-pale pink	Early sum.	runners	Am. Lady, Painted Lady, CBC
Threadleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	sun - lt sh	Dry	1.5 - 2'	Herbaceous Perennial	white, pink, yellow	Summer	rhizomes	nectar, seeds - birds
Creeping Juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	sun - pt. shade	Dry	to 3'	Evergreen	white	April-May	spreading clump	wildlife
Creeping Phlox	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	sun - pt. shade	Dry	6"	Evergreen	pink, white, lavender, red	Spring	runners	nectar
Leadplant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	sun - pt. shade	Dry	1-3'	Deciduous	blue, purple	June-July	self-sows	native bees
Prairie Verbena	<i>Glandularia bipinnatifida</i>	sun - pt. shade	Dry	6-12"	Herbaceous Perennial	pink, purple	Summer	trailing stems	birds, nectar
Dwarf Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla Canadensis</i>	sun - pt. shade	Dry - Moist	2-4"	Semi- evergreen	yellow	March-June	runners	Grizzled Skipper, bees
Blue Mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	sun - pt. shade	moist	1.5-3'	Herbaceous Perennial	blue	late sum - Fall	rhizomes, self-sows	Bees, CBC
Mouse-ear coreopsis,	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	sun - pt. shade	moist	4-24"	Evergreen	Yellow	April-May	stolons, self-sows	nectar, seeds - birds
Climbing hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea anomala</i>	sun - pt. shade	moist to wet	30-50'	Evergreen	white	Spring - Early Sum.	vine	nectar
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	sun - pt. shade	moist- wet	1-3'	Herbaceous Perennial	yellow	May-June	self-sows	Black Swallowtail
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	sun - shade	Dry	1-2.5'	Evergreen	Yellow	Apr-June	self-sows	nectar, bees, CBC
Common violets	<i>viola sororia</i>	sun - shade	Dry - Moist	8"	Evergreen	blue, white, purple	Late Winter- Sp	self-sows	Fritillary and Skipper spp.

Lyreleaf Sage	<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	sun - Shade	Dry - Moist	16"	Semi- evergreen	blue-lavender	Spring	self-sows	nectar
Wild Strawberries	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	sun - Shade	Dry - Moist	6"	Evergreen	white	April-June	Runners & stolons	Gray Hairstreak, bees, CBC
Moss	<i>various species</i>	sun - shade	dry- wet	.25-1"	Herbaceous Perennial	none	Spring	spores	CBC, frogs, salamanders
Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	sun - Shade	Dry- wet	vine	Deciduous	white	May-Aug	runners, self-sows	host to 4 species of Moths, birds eat berries

*CBC - Conservation Biological Control - supports bugs that eat bugs!

Herbaceous perennial: a plant whose growth dies down annually but whose roots or other underground parts survive.

Semi-evergreen: a plant that loses its foliage for a very short period of time when old leaves fall off and new foliage growth starts.

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