

The BEST Southeastern Native Plants for your Garden
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10 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 cultivars
6. *Betula nigra* - river birch
7. *Quercus shumardii* - Shumard oak
8. *Quercus rubra* - northern red oak
+ *Quercus alba* - white oak
+ *Quercus phellos* - willow oak
9. *Fraxinus americana* - white ash
10. *Carya* species - hickories

10 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

12 best shrubs (alphabetical)

1. *Aesculus parviflora* - bottlebrush buckeye
Aesculus pavia - red buckeye
2. *Amelanchier* × *grandiflora* - serviceberry
3. *Aronia arbutifolia* - red chokeberry
4. *Cephalanthus occidentalis* - buttonbush
5. *Chionanthus virginicus* - fringe tree
6. *Clethra alnifolia* - sweet pepperbush
7. *Fothergilla gardenii* - 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. *Rhapidophyllum 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. *Symphytotrichum (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 meadia* - 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* - Alleghany-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 16-17, 2015
book - *Native Plants of the Southeast* 2014. Timber Press

Some good nursery sources for Propagated Natives

<http://www.forestfarm.com>
<http://www.lazysfarm.com>
<http://nearlynativenursery.com>
<http://www.nichegardens.com>
<http://www.plantdelights.com>
***<http://plantsaplentyfarm.com> (in Forest City, NC)
<http://www.woodlanders.net>
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