Garden with Natives Q&A – Additional Native Plant Resources

Select native plants for particular purposes, courtesy of Jane Gulley, Arkansas Master Gardener

**Shrubs for screening:**
- Possumhaw/Deciduous Holly
- Winterberry
- American Holly

**Rain Garden:**
- Joe-Pye Weed
- Swamp Milkweed
- some sedges
- Amsonia
- Turtlehead (Chelone)
- Blue Flag Iris
- some asters

**Erosion control:**
- New Jersey Tea
- Little Bluestem
- some sedges
- Shrubby St. John’s Wort
- Possumhaw/Deciduous Holly

**Window box with afternoon sun:**
- **Annuals.** When using annuals, take down the box in winter.
  - Thread-leaf Coreopsis
  - native Poinsettia
  - *Euphorbia marginata*

- **Perrenials.** If you don’t want to take the box down and don’t mind dividing plants you can use most any native perennial. Try to have continual bloom and varied heights and leaf textures.
  - Columbine (might burn out in hot summer)
  - Rudbeckia (select by height)
  - Bushe’s Poppy Mallow (hangs down; trim when ratty)
  - Prairie Onion

- **Window box for shade:**
  - Solomon Seal
  - Lady Fern or Christmas Fern
  - Gray’s Sedge

- Florida Anise Tree
- Anise Shrub
- Swamp Mallow
- Hibiscus coccineus
- Carolina Spiderlily
- Buttonbush
- Buckeyes
- Leadplant (*Amorpha fruticosa*)
- Hairybeak grass
- Swamp Mallow
- Prairie Dropseed
- Rough Dogwood
- Poverty Grass
- Rattlesnake Master

- Sunflowers (*Helianthus*)
- *Gallardia pulchella*
- *Monarda citriodoro*

- Fragrant Aster (late bloom; trim early and mid summer)
- Passionflower
- Flag Iris (for texture)

- native Impatiens
- Columbine (cut after bloom)
- Mistflower (late bloom; trim in spring)
Bulbs/corms:
Trout Lily                     Carolina Spiderlily
Liatris                      Alliums
Jack-in-the-Pulpit          Spring Beauty
Iris (really rhizomes)       Turk’s-cap Lily

Native annuals
Thread-leaf Coreopsis       *Monarda citriodora*
Jewelweed                   *Gaillardia pulchella*
native Poinsettia          Basketflower
*Helianthus annus*

Low ground cover:
Ginger                      Creeping Phlox
Hay-scented Fern            *Phlox pilosa*
Wild Strawberry             *Phlox subulata*
Virginia Creeper            Golden Groundsel
Lyreleaf Sage               Prairie Dropseed
Common Violet               Sedges (*Carex bicknelli, C. cephalophora, C. leavenworthii, C. pensylvanica*)
Golden Alexanders

Hummingbird attracting plants:
New Jersey Tea              Indian Pink
Cross Vine                  Beard-tongues
Trumpet Vine                Phlox
Trumpet Honeysuckle         Jewelweed
Cardinal Flower             Blue Lobelia
Beebalm                     Copper Iris
Red Buckeye                 Swamp Milkweed
Sages/Salvias               Purple Coneflower
native Rhododendron/Azaleas  *Monarda fistulosa*
Columbine                   Witch Hazel

Books:
- Armitage Armitage’s Native Plants for North American Gardens
- D. Tallamy Bringing Nature Home
- S. Kress The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds
- L. Kendrick-Lacy Gardening to Attract Butterflies
- Adelman & B. Schwartz The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants
- Hunter Trees, Shrubs, and Vines of Arkansas
- Hunter Wildflowers of Arkansas
- Kurz Ozark Wildflowers
J. Miller. Non-native Invasive Plants of Southern Forest – A Field Guide for Identification and Control
Brooklyn Botanic Garden Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants
B. Vogt A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future

Online Resources:
Audubon’s Plants for birds database. Need a list of plants? Enter your zipcode. https://www.audubon.org/native-plants

Like any garden, a native one is still work, but there are great benefits. Why natives matter: https://www.audubon.org/content/why-native-plants-matter

Plants that are good for erosion control. Check which ones are also AR natives. http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/help-for-the-home-gardener/advice-tips-resources/visual-guides/ps-plants-for-erosion-control-trees-and-shrubs

Rain garden construction https://ar.audubon.org/conservation/rain-gardens-and-rain-barrels

Arkansas lawn and garden weed ID https://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/resource-library/weed-id/

How to create a hummingbird friendly yard https://www.audubon.org/content/how-create-hummingbird-friendly-yard

How to cold stratify seeds https://www.americanmeadows.com/blog/2018/03/07/how-to-cold-stratify-seeds

Fall sowing of milkweed seeds https://www.americanmeadows.com/blog/2017/09/11/plant-milkweed-seed-fall

Benjamin Vogt’s native landscaping articles https://www.monarchgard.com/articles.html

Native Plant Sellers:
In Arkansas
Pine Ridge Gardens pineridgegardens.com
Holland Wildflower Farm hollandwildflowerfarm.com
Ozark Native Plants ozarknativeplants.com
White River Nursery whiterivernursery.com
Wild Streak Plants facebook.com/wildstreakplants

Outside Arkansas
Strawberry Plains Audubon Center strawberryplains.audubon.org
Roundstone Native Seed roundstoneseed.com/
Prairie Moon Nursery www.prairiemoon.com/
Native American Seed www.seedsource.com/
Native plant profiles:
Missouri Botanical Garden  http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  https://www.wildflower.org/plants-main
USDA PLANTS Database  plants.usda.gov

Organizations
Arkansas Native Plant Society  anps.org
Arkansas Master Gardeners  uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners
Arkansas Master Naturalists  wordpress.arkansasmasternaturalists.org

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