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 (Chelome)
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 vary 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

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

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

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, cephalophora, leavenworthii, pensylvanica)
Golden Alexanders

Hummingbird attracting plants:
New Jersey Tea Indian Pink
Cross Vine Beard-tongues
Trumpet Vine Phlox
Trumpet Honeysuckle Jewelweed
Cardinalflower 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

Audubon Arkansas’s Spring Native Plant Sale
https://ar.audubon.org/events/2020-native-plant-market-little-rock-audubon-center

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

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:
Missour 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
Wild Ones Central Arkansas  https://centralarkansas.wildones.org

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