

Native Plants

Recommended for Urban SE Coastal NC Landscapes

There are many challenges to planting in residential and urban spaces in Coastal North Carolina. Compacted soil, drought, and poor plant selection can lead to short life spans for newly installed plants. Many native plants can perform well in these conditions and provide a host of ecosystem services and wildlife benefits. The *right plant for the right place* should be considered when choosing plants. Please note the scientific name is very important when selecting a plant, as common names may apply to multiple species, both native and nonnative alike.

This list provides suggestions for native plants that may do well in residential and urban settings and should be used as a guide for residents, housing associations, and landscapers. Care should be taken to assess water and light needs when choosing a plant for a site. More information on these plants and care can be found in the **North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox**: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/>. More landscaping resources available through the **Nature at Home** program: <https://newhanover.ces.ncsu.edu/nature-at-home/>

Asterisk (*) denotes a species has cultivars/varieties available. **Bold** font denotes commercial availability (plant availability varies seasonally, please see list of local nurseries on last page). This list is not all inclusive.

Large Trees- 50+' tall at maturity

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Form	Notes
American Arborvitae*	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	40-60'	10-15'	Pyramidal	Tolerates clay soil, wet sites, air pollution, evergreen
Bald Cypress*	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	50-70'	20-30'	Columnar	Drought tolerant once established
Cherrybark oak	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	90-100'	30-70'	Rounded	Adaptable to drier sites, can be a shade or street tree
Laurel Oak/Darlington Oak	<i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i>	40-60'	30-40'	Pyramidal	Works as a street tree or shade tree, evergreen
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	40-80'	30-100'	Spreading	Iconic SE NC tree, 'Cathedral' cultivar is smaller, evergreen
Long Leaf Pine	<i>Pinus palustris</i>	60-100'	30-40'	Rounded	Best planted in groupings, evergreen
Nuttall Oak	<i>Quercus texana</i>	30-60'	30-60'	Rounded	Works as a street or shade tree
Overcup Oak	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	35-60'	35-60'	Rounded	Very urban tolerant
Pin Oak	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	50-70'	40-60'	Oval	Tolerates heat, air pollution and compacted soil
Pond Cypress*	<i>Taxodium distichum</i> var. <i>imbricarium</i>	30-50'	15-20'	Columnar	Narrower and shorter than Bald Cypress
Red Maple*	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	40-70'	30-50'	Oval/ Pyramidal	Tolerant of wide variety of soils, cold hardy
Shumard oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	50-70'	30-40'	Pyramidal	Tolerates pollution and compacted soil, beautiful fall color
Southern Magnolia cultivars	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem', 'Kay Parris', others	60-80'	20-30'	Columnar	Best placed in a landscape, many smaller cultivars available, evergreen
Southern Magnolia*	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	60-80'	30-50'	Conical	Many Cultivars, highly wind tolerant, evergreen

Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	50-60'	50-60'	Rounded	Tolerant of compacted soil and drought
Sweet Gum*	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	60-100'	40-50'	Pyramidal	Good shade tree, resistant to fire, drought, compaction, deer
Tulip Poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	80-100'	30-60'	Pyramidal	Fast growing, high wildlife value
Willow Oak*	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	40-75'	25-50'	Oval/ Rounded	Adaptable to wide variety of soils, tolerant of urban pollution

Medium Trees- 20-35' at Maturity

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Form	Notes
American Hornbeam/Ironwood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	20-30'	20-30'	Oval	Adaptable to a variety of sites, not a street tree
American Holly*	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	40-60'	10-20'	Conical	Extremely urban tolerant, evergreen
Black Gum*	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	40-60'	20-35'	Rounded	Tolerant of compacted soils, fruitless cultivars available
Dahoon Holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>	20-30'	10-15'	Oval	Better with irrigation, evergreen
Eastern Redcedar*	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	30-40'	10-20'	Pyramidal	Very drought and salt tolerant, evergreen
Flowering Dogwood*	<i>Cornus florida</i>	15-25'	15-30'	Ascending/ Pyramidal	Tolerant of heat once established, low flammability
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	30-70'	40-60'	Open	Good for narrow spaces, interesting bark
Sweetbay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	10-30'	10-20'	Columnar	Excellent substitute for Crepe Myrtle
Thornless Honey Locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> 'Skyline'	40-45'	30-40'	Pyramidal	Tolerates wet and dry sites, salt, compacted soil

Smaller/Understory Trees- 15-25' at maturity

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Form	Notes
American Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	12-30'	12'-20'	Rounded	Smaller tree with beautiful white bloom
Ashe Magnolia	<i>Magnolia asheii</i>	10-15'	8-10'	Small tree or large shrub	Great understory tree
Carolina Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	15-35'	15-20'	Small tree or large shrub	Enormous wildlife value, can maintain as a hedge, evergreen
Pawpaw*	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	15-30'	15-30'	Pyramidal	Tolerates wet, moist soil and riparian areas
Redbud*	<i>Cersis canadensis</i>	20-30'	25-35'	Rounded	Best as an understory tree, needs added irrigation in full sun
Serviceberry*	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> , <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	15-25'	10-15'	Upright, multistem	Spring blooming, can be pruned to single stem
Titi	<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	8-30'	10-15'	Rounded	Semi-evergreen, tolerates drier sites but prefers moist/wet & well drained
Topal Holly*	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i>	12-25'	8-18'	Conical	Resistant to pollution, evergreen

Shrubs – over 10'

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Foliage	Notes
Anise Tree*	<i>Illicium floridanum</i>	15-20'	10-20'	Evergreen	Moderately drought tolerant, fast growing
Carolina Buckthorn	<i>Frangula caroliniana</i>	12-20'	12-20'	Deciduous	Insignificant red flowers in spring, red-black berries & gold leaf color in fall
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	5-12'	6-10'	Deciduous	Tolerates wide variety of soil types, effective erosion control in moist soil
Hardy Anise Shrub	<i>Illicium parviflorum</i>	15-20'	10-15'	Evergreen	Moderately drought tolerant, tolerates wide variety of soil types
Highbush Blueberry*	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	6-12'	6-10'	Deciduous	Self-fertile, likes acidic soil pH 5.0, fall leaf color
Oakleaf Hydrangea*	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	8-12'	6-8'	Deciduous	May do better with part shade
Possumhaw Holly	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	7-15'	5-12'	Deciduous	Heat, drought, and soil compaction tolerant
Possumhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum nudum</i>	5-12'	5-12'	Deciduous	Grows in savannas, low, wet woods and bogs, resistant to wet soil
Red Buckeye*	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	15-25'	10-20'	Deciduous	Beautiful red flowers favored by hummingbirds
Red Chokeberry*	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	6-12'	3-6'	Deciduous	Best as mass planting, tolerates boggy soils
Spicebush*	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	8-15'	6-15'	Deciduous	Resistant to fire, wet soil. Sensitive to heat and drought.
Sweetshrub*	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	6-12'	6-12'	Deciduous	Can tolerate brief flooding, deer resistant, struggles with drought
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	10-20'	8-10'	Evergreen	Tolerant of wet sites and salt, wildlife value
Weeping Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> f. <i>pendula</i>	15-20'	6-12'	Evergreen	Tolerates wide variety of soil, withstand drought & some flooding
Winterberry*	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	3-15'	3-12'	Deciduous	Dwarf cultivars available, resistant to deer, fire, salt, and wet soil
Yaupon Holly*	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	10-20'	8-12'	Evergreen	Red berries in fall (female), salt and drought tolerant

Shrubs – between 4-10'

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Foliage	Notes
American Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	3-6'	3-6'	Deciduous	Beautiful purple berries in fall, great for wildlife
Arrowwood Viburnum	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	5-10'	5-10'	Deciduous	Tolerates a variety of soils, smaller cultivars available
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	5-8'	3-6'	Deciduous	Does well in swamps, streambanks and standing water, tolerant of heat and soil compaction
Coastal Azalea	<i>Rhododendron atlanticum</i>	3-6'	3-6'	Deciduous	Susceptible to phytophthora root rot, fragrant flower
Dwarf Juniper*	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Glauca Compacta	10'	5'	Evergreen	Resistant to deer, drought, poor soil, salt
Dwarf Palmetto	<i>Sabal minor</i>	2-5'	4-6'	Evergreen	Drought, salt tolerant. Provides interesting texture
Dwarf Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i> 'Don's Dwarf'	4-6'	4-6'	Evergreen	Tolerates wet and dry sites, salt tolerant, dwarf cultivar

Dwarf Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Nana'	4-5'	4-5'	Evergreen	Drought and salt tolerant, dwarf cultivar is more formal in appearance
Elliott's Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium elliotii</i>	4-6'	4-6'	Deciduous	Needs shelter from strong winds
Florida Flame Azalea	<i>Rhododendron austrinum</i>	8-10'	8-10'	Deciduous	Native to southeastern US, but not NC, doesn't tolerate dense clay
Hearts A'Busting	<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	4-6'	4-6'	Deciduous	Tolerates a variety of soil conditions, tolerates drought & somewhat wet soils
Inkberry Holly*	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Little Gem' and others	4-6'	3-4'	Evergreen	Good substitute for Boxwoods, see cultivars "Gem Box" & "Shamrock"
Oconee Azalea	<i>Rhododendron flammeum</i>	6-8'	6-8'	Deciduous/ Evergreen	GA & SC native, doesn't tolerate dense clay, avoid excess water & fertilizer
Shining Fetterbush	<i>Lyonia lucida</i>	3-6'	3-6'	Evergreen	Good hedge plant, grows in moist to wet areas with seasonal flooding
Silverleaf Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea radiata</i>	3-8'	4-6'	Deciduous	Silvery underleaves, western NC native
Swamp Azalea	<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	2-8'	3-8'	Deciduous/ Evergreen	Tolerance for damp areas but not standing water
Sweet Pepperbush*	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	3-5'	3-5'	Deciduous	Many beautiful cultivars available
Virginia Sweetspire*	<i>Itea virginica</i> 'Henry's Garnet'	5-6'	5-6'	Deciduous	Tolerate a wide variety of soils
Wild Hydrangea*	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	3-5'	3-5'	Deciduous	Resistant to deer, rabbits, erosion, fire and salt
Zenobia	<i>Zenobia pulverulenta</i>	3-10'	3-7'	Deciduous/ Evergreen	Tolerant of heat and drought, resistant to compaction, dry soil

Shrubs – under 4'

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Foliage	Notes
Adam's Needle	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	2-3'	2-3'	Evergreen	Extremely drought tolerant, colorful cultivars
Blueberry*	<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	0.5-2'	0.5-2'	Deciduous	Benefits from acidic soil, fruits more in full sun, native to NE
Coastal Doghobble	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	3-4'	4-6'	Evergreen	Doesn't tolerate drought or windy areas
Dwarf Chokeberry*	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Ground Hug'	1-3'	1-2'	Deciduous	Drought and salt tolerant
Dwarf Viburnum*	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i> 'Raulston Hardy', etc.	3-4'	3-4'	Deciduous/ Evergreen	Small, dense landscaping bush, boxwood alternative, white bloom
St. John's Wort*	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	1-4'	1-4'	Deciduous	Tolerates drought & wide range of soils
St. John's Wort*	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i>	3-4'	3-4'	Deciduous/ Evergreen	Resistant to drought, used as hedge
Witch-Alder*	<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	1.5-3'	2-4'	Deciduous	Tolerates wet soil, compaction, drought

Grasses & Sedges

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Notes
Little Bluestem*	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	2-4'	1.5-3'	Cultivars available, 'Heavy Metal', resistant to drought, deer, salt & heat, adaptable to container
Narrowleaf Whitetop Sedge	<i>Rhynchospora colorata</i>	1-2'	2-3'	Resistant to wet soil, grows in wide variety of soil
Pink Muhlygrass*	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	2-3'	2-3'	Drought, salt, heat & erosion tolerant, looks great planted in masses,
Purple Lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	~1'	~1'	Does well in sandy soils, resistant to drought, salt
River Oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	2-5'	1-2'	Resistant to deer, drought, erosion, salt, wet soil

Switchgrass*	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	3-7'	2-3'	Drought, salt spray, deer, erosion, wet soil tolerant
Wiregrass	<i>Aristida stricta</i>	1-1.5'	1-1.5'	Beautiful feathery texture, resistant to deer

Ferns

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Notes
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	1-3'	1-3'	Prefers shade, mass plantings combat soil erosion on slopes, evergreen
Maidenhair Fern*	<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	1-2'	1-2'	Prefers shade, listed as endangered in NC, grows in containers, deciduous
Netted Chain Fern	<i>Woodwardia areolata</i>	1.5-2'	1-2'	Prefers shade but can take sun, deciduous
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	5-6'	2-3'	Likes partial shade but can take sun if soil moist, deciduous
Southern Shield Fern	<i>Thelypteris normalis</i>	2-4'	2-4'	Sun to partial shade, drought tolerant, deciduous

Carnivorous Plants

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Notes
Hooded Pitcher Plant*	<i>Sarracenia minor</i>	1-2'	1-2'	Endangered in the wild, need acidic boggy soil (no potting soil or fertilizer), container
Venus Flytrap*	<i>Dionaea muscipula</i>	0.5-1'	0.5'	Endangered in the wild, need acidic boggy soil (no potting soil or fertilizer), container

Ground Covers

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Foliage	Notes
Everlasting / Ladies' Tobacco	<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	0.5'	1-2'	Semi-evergreen	Resistant to disease, drought, dry soil, poor soil, insect pests
Frog Fruit	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	0.5'	mat	Evergreen/Deciduous	Tolerates drought, poor drainage & saline soils, dormant in hard winters
Green and Gold	<i>Chrysogonum repens</i>	0.5-1'	1-2'	Deciduous	Likes shade, susceptible to mildew
Partridgeberry	<i>Mitchella repens</i>	1-3 inches	1-1.5'	Evergreen	Resistant to dry soil
Spreading Bellwort	<i>Uvularia sessilifolia</i>	0.5'-1'	clump	Deciduous	Doesn't tolerate flooding, cover with leaves in winter
Trailing Phlox*	<i>Phlox nivalis</i>	0.5-0.75'	1'	Evergreen	Drought, dry soil, and heat tolerant
Wild Ginger*	<i>Asarum arifolium</i>	8 inches	clump	Evergreen	Resistant to deer, drought, heat
Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	4-9 inches	1-2'	Semi-evergreen	Resistant to drought, erosion control on slopes, dormant in hot summer
Wood Sorrel	<i>Oxalis violacea</i>	1'	clump	wintergreen	Part shade

Vines

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Foliage	Notes
Carolina Jessamine*	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	10-20'	20-30'	Evergreen/ Semi-evergreen	Resistant to deer & salt; tolerant to wet soil & short drought
Climbing Aster	<i>Ampelaster carolinianus</i>	6-12'	sprawl	Deciduous	Resistant to dry & wet soil and deer
Coral Honeysuckle*	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	10-20'	3-6'	Evergreen	Resistant to compaction & deer & salt, extremely flammable
Crossvine*	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	30-50'	6-9'	Evergreen/ Semi-evergreen	Resistant to compaction, drought, heat, heavy shade
Greenbriar	<i>Smilax walteri</i>	5-20'	6-12'	Deciduous	Resists heat, heavy shade, wet soil
Leatherflower	<i>Clematis viorna</i>	3-6'	creeping	Deciduous	Used as groundcover, deer resistant
Marsh Clematis	<i>Clematis crispa</i>	6-10'	3-6'	Deciduous	Resists deer, rabbit, wet soil

Passionflower	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	10-25'	sprawl	Deciduous	Deer & drought resistant, flammable
Virgin's Bower*	<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	15-20'	3-6'	Deciduous	Deer resistant, rapid grower

Perennials for Shade

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Notes
Alumroot/Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	1-3'	1-1.5'	Deer, drought, rabbit, dry soil resistant
Blue Phlox*	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	0.5-1'	1-1.5'	Resistant to drought, dry soil, fire, slugs
Cardinal Flower*	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	4-5'	1-2'	Prefers partial shade in southeast
Eastern Columbine*	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1-3'	1-1.5'	Prefers partial shade, but tolerates more sun with adequate moisture, deer resistant
Fire Pink	<i>Silene virginica</i>	0.5-2'	1-2'	Deer, drought, fire, dry & poor soil resistant
Foamflower*	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	0.5-1'	1-1.5'	Resistant to deer, great groundcover for heavy shade, not drought tolerant
Indian Pink*	<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'	Drought tolerant, NC threatened species

Perennials for Sun

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Spread	Notes
Arkansas Amsonia*	<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i>	2-3'	2-3'	Slow grower, deer resistant, tolerates poor soil
Aromatic Aster*	<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	1-3'	1-3'	Resistant to deer, drought, poor soil, rabbits
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	1-2'	2-3'	Resistant to deer & rabbits, powdery mildew can be a problem if poor air circulation
Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	2-4'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, drought, dry soil, rabbits
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	1-2'	1'	Drought, heat, salt tolerant
Blue Star*	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	2-3'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, wet soil
Boltonia*	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	3-5'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, wet soil
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'	Resistant to deer, drought, erosion, salt
Carolina Lupine	<i>Thermopsis villosa</i>	3-5'	1-3'	Avoid crowding to prevent fungal disease
Coastal Plain Joe Pye Weed*	<i>Eutrochium dubium</i>	3-6'	2-4'	Dwarf varieties exist, resistant to deer, salt, wet soil
Coral Bean	<i>Erythrina herbacea</i>	6-12'	3-6'	Seeds poisonous to humans
Eastern Smooth Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon laevigatus</i>	2-3'	1-2'	Resistant to deer, easy to grow
False Sunflower*	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	3-5'	1-3'	Resistant to drought, dry soil, erosion, heat, poor soil
False Wild Indigo*	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	3-4'	2-4'	Resistant to deer, disease, drought, dry soil, erosion, fire, insect pests, poor soil, rabbits
Garden Phlox*	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	2-4'	2-3'	Resistant to fire, avoid overhead watering
Gaura*	<i>Oenothera lindheimeri</i>	3-5'	1-2'	Resistant to deer, drought, heat
Goldenrod* spp.	<i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks'	2.5-3.5'	2.5-3'	There are many species (120) of solidago – choose one best suited for your site (see Plant Toolbox), this cultivar is resistant to wet soil
Green-headed Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	3-10'	1.5-3'	Can handle partial shade
Heath Aster*	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	1-3'	1-2'	Resistant to drought, dry soil

Joe Pye Weed*	<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>	4-8'	2-4'	Resistant to fire, wet soil
Lanceleaf Blanket Flower*	<i>Gaillardia aestivalis</i>	1-1.5'	1'	Drought, dry soil, poor soil tolerant
Moss Pinks/Thrift*	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	0.5'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, drought, dry soil, erosion, fire, pollution, poor soil, salt
Mouse Ear Coreopsis*	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	1-2'	0.75'	Resistant to dry soil, heat, humidity
New England Aster*	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	3'-5'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, tolerates clay soil
Orange Coneflower*	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	2-3'	1-2'	Resistant to deer, drought, dry soil, pollution
Poppy Mallow	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	0.5-1'	0.5-3'	Resistant to drought and dry soil
Purple Coneflower*	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	3-4'	1-2'	Resistant to deer, drought, dry soil, heat, humidity, poor soil, salt
Red Turtlehead	<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	2-3'	1-2'	Buy the species as it is often sold as a hybrid
Rose Mallow*	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	2-6'	2-5'	Resistant to heat, humidity, salt, wet soil
Seashore Mallow*	<i>Kosteletzkya pentacarpos</i>	3-6'	2-4'	Resistant to salt, wet soil
Smooth Aster*	<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	2-4'	1-2'	Resistant to drought, easy to grow
Southern Sundrops*	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	1.5'	1-3'	Resistant to deer, dry soil, heat, poor soil
Spotted Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	1-3'	spreads	Resistant to deer, drought, rabbits
Stokes Aster*	<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	1-2'	1-1.5'	Resistant to deer, drought, rabbits, wet soil
Swamp Milkweed*	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	3-5'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, rabbits, wet soil
Swamp Sunflower*	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	5-8'	2.5-4'	Shorter cultivars exist, resistant to deer, poor soil, salt, wet soil
Threadleaf Coreopsis*	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	2.5-3'	1.5-2'	Resistant to deer, drought, dry soil, heat, salt
Verbena*	<i>Verbena canadensis</i>	0.5-1.5'	1-2'	Drought, heat, humidity, salt tolerant
White False Indigo	<i>Baptisia alba</i>	2-4'	2-2.5'	Resistant to deer, disease, drought, dry soil, erosion, insect pests, poor soil
White Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	1-4'	1-3'	Resistant to wet soil
Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i>	1-3'	0.5-1'	Supports diverse pollinators
Yellow Wild Indigo	<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	2-3.75'	2-3'	Resistant to deer, disease, drought, dry soil, erosion, insect pests, poor soil

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	Five Oaks Nursery and Tree Farm**	2120 Old Winter Park Rd., Wilmington 28405 -- 910-762-8637 www.fiveoaksnursery.com	
	Tinga Nursery Inc.**	2918 Castle Hayne Rd., Castle Hayne 28429 -- 910-762-1975 www.tinganursery.com	
	Ash's Japanese Maple Nursery	421 Rowen Rd., Hampstead 28443 -- 910-270-4723 www.japanesemaplefarm.com	
	Lewis Nursery and Farms, Inc.	6517 Gordon Rd., Wilmington 28411 -- 910-452-9659 www.lewisfarms.com	
	Phillips Nursery, Inc.	1082 Town Creek Rd. NE, Leland 28451 -- 910-253-6692 www.phillipsnursery.org	
	Johnson Nursery**	985 Johnson Nursery Rd., Willard 28478 -- 800-624-8174 www.johnson-nursery.com	
	Farmers Supply Company	2025 Oleander Dr., Wilmington 28403 -- 910-763-4664 farmerssupplyco.com/index.html	
	Japanese Maples of Wilmington	5114 Clear Run Drive, Wilmington 28403 -- 910-799-5828	
	Carolina Greenery	1768 State Hwy 57 N, Little River, SC 29566 -- 843-390-1985 carolina-greenery.edan.io	
	P & L Palms	20062 US HWY 17 N Hampstead, NC 28443 -- 910-742-8286 https://www.plpalms.com/	
	Carolina Girl Gardens**	7026 Market St. Wilmington 28411 -- 910-650-7832 www.carolinagirlgardens.com	
	The Plant Place	6114 Market St., Wilmington 28405 -- 910-791-9594 www.theplantplacewilmington.com	
	Purple Pepper	27200 Andrew Jackson Hwy E. Delco, NC 28436 -- 910-655-8400 purplepeppergardencenter.com	
	Shelton Herb Farm**	340 Goodman Road Leland, NC 28451 -- 910-253-5964 www.sheltonherbfarm.com	
	Penderlea Farms	1225 Stag Park Rd. Burgaw, NC 28425 -- 910-259-0523 www.penderleafarms.com	
	Blooms & Branches Garden Center	5523 Oleander Dr., Wilmington 28403 -- 910-350-6772 www.bloomsandbranchesgardencenter.com	
	Craft American Hardware	7002 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington 28403 -- 910-256-4782 www.doribest.com/crafthardware	
	Pender Pines Garden Center**	20949 US Hwy 17 N, Hampstead 28443 -- 910-270-2706 www.penderpines.com	
	Bloomin Crazy Nursery	47 Waterford Business Center Way Leland, NC 28451 -- 910-408-9754 bloomincrazynursery.com	
	Lawngevy Landscape Center	38 William Love Grove Church Rd. Hampstead, NC 28443 -- 910-406-1018 lawngevitync.com	
	Mulch and More	39 Edgewood Lane NE Winnabow, NC 28479 -- 910-253-7663 www.mulchandmorenc.com	
	Evergreen Products, Inc. (Mulch)	2605 Blue Clay Rd. Wilmington, NC 28405 -- 910-762-9156 www.evergreemulch.com	
	Stone Garden	5726 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28405 -- 910-452-1619 www.stonegarden-nc.com	
	Jet Mulch	6144 Carolina Beach Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412 -- 910-686-5111 www.jetmulchwiln.com	
	Seaside Mulch	201 N Green Meadows Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405 -- 910-791-2100 www.seasidemulch.com	
	Mike's Mulch and Stone	6512 Carolina Beach Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412 -- 910-793-9111 mikesmulchandstone.com	
	Wilmington Compost Company	7336 State Hwy 210, Rocky Point, NC 28457 -- 910-660-9117 wilmingtoncompostcompany.com	
	NHC Environmental Management	3002 US Hwy 421 North Wilmington, NC 28401 -- 910-798-4400 nhc.gov.com/354/Composting	
	Superior Sod and Garden Supplies	7340 Market St., Wilmington 28411 -- 910-686-5296 www.superiorsodnc.com	
	Turf Master Sod Farm	1721 N Kerr Ave., Wilmington 28401 -- 910-452-5133 www.turfmastersodfarm.com	
	Oakland Plantation Turf Farm, Inc.	120 Bermuda Dr., Council, NC 28434 -- 910-669-2991 www.rcturfgrass.com	
	Quality Turf	1540 Pinkney Rd., Burgaw, NC 28425 -- 910-259-3064 www.qualityturfnc.com	
	Creative Cascades, LLC	316 N 15th St Wilmington, NC 28401 -- 910-431-1011 www.creativecascades.com	
H₂O	Cape Fear Water Gardens	910-200-6053 drew@capefearwatergardens.com	