

Native Trees and Shrubs for Your Garden*

TREES

Evergreen Trees

Atlantic White-cedar, *Chamaecyparis thyoides*
Ti-ti, *Cyrilla racemiflora*
American Holly, *Ilex opaca*
Topel Holly, *Ilex x attenuata*
Eastern Red-cedar, *Juniperus virginiana*
Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
Sweet-bay, *Magnolia virginiana* var. *australis*
Common Wax-myrtle, *Morella cerifera* syn. *Myrica cerifera*
Red Bay, *Persea palustris* syn. *Persea borbonia*
Long-leaf Pine, *Pinus palustris*
Eastern White Pine, *Pinus strobus* is suitable for the mountains though difficult to grow in the piedmont or coastal plain
Loblolly Pine, *Pinus taeda*
Laurel Oak, *Quercus hemisphaerica*
Live Oak, *Quercus virginiana*
Eastern Arborvitae, *Thuja occidentalis*
Eastern Hemlock, *Tsuga canadensis*

Small Trees (under 30 feet at maturity)

Chalk Maple, *Acer leucoderme*
Red Buckeye, *Aesculus pavia*
Service-berry, *Amelanchier arborea* & other *Amelanchier* species
Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*
White Fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
Hawthorn, *Crataegus phaenopyrum* & other *C.* species
Ti-ti, *Cyrilla racemiflora*
Silverbell, *Halesia diptera* and *H. carolina*
American Holly, *Ilex opaca*
Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria*
Sweetbay, *Magnolia virginiana*, though selected cultivars are under 30 ft, the straight species can be taller
Common Wax-myrtle, *Morella cerifera* syn. *Myrica cerifera*
Snowbell, *Styrax grandifolius* and *S. americanus*

Trees for Dry Sites

Chalk Maple, *Acer leucoderme*
White Fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
American Smoketree, *Cotinus obovatus*
Common Wax-myrtle, *Morella cerifera* syn. *Myrica cerifera*

Sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboreum*
Loblolly Pine, *Pinus taeda*
Laurel Oak, *Quercus hemisphaerica*
Live Oak, *Quercus virginiana*
Black Locust, *Robinia pseudoacacia*
Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum*

Trees for Moist Sites

Red Buckeye, *Aesculus pavia*
Service-berry, *Amelanchier arborea* & other *Amelanchier* species
River Birch, *Betula nigra*
Hawthorn, *Crataegus phaenopyrum* & other *C.* species
Ti-ti, *Cyrilla racemiflora*
Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
Sweet-bay, *Magnolia virginiana*
Common Wax-myrtle, *Morella cerifera* syn. *Myrica cerifera*
Black-gum, *Nyssa sylvatica*
Eastern Hop-hornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*
Fever-tree, *Pinckneya bracteata*
Overcup Oak, *Quercus lyrata*
Swamp Chestnut Oak, *Quercus michauxii*
Bald-cypress, *Taxodium distichum*

Trees that Attract Wildlife

Yellow Buckeye, *Aesculus octandra*
Red Buckeye, *Aesculus pavia*
Service-berry, *Amelanchier arborea* & other *Amelanchier* species
Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
Hawthorn, *Crataegus phaenopyrum* & other *Crataegus* species
Eastern Persimmon, *Diospyros virginiana*
American Holly, *Ilex opaca*
Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria*
Eastern Red-cedar, *Juniperus virginiana*
Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
Common Wax-myrtle, *Morella cerifera* syn. *Myrica cerifera*
Loblolly Pine, *Pinus taeda*
Carolina Cherry Laurel, *Prunus caroliniana*
Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina*
Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum*
Eastern Hemlock, *Tsuga canadensis*

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Trees for Neutral or Alkaline Sites

Service-berry, *Amelanchier arborea*
Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*
Kentucky Yellow-wood, *Cladrastis kentukea*
Hawthorn, *Crataegus phaenopyrum* & other *Crataegus* species
Eastern Persimmon, *Diospyros virginiana*
Honey-locust, *Gleditsia triacanthos*
Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria*
Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
Live Oak, *Quercus virginiana*
Black Locust, *Robinia pseudoacacia*
Bald-cypress, *Taxodium distichum*

Trees with Showy Flowers or Fruits

Yellow Buckeye, *Aesculus flava*
Red Buckeye, *Aesculus pavia*
Service-berry, *Amelanchier arborea* & other *Amelanchier* species
Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*
White Fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
Kentucky Yellow-wood, *Cladrastis kentukea*
Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
Hawthorn, *Crataegus phaenopyrum* & other *C.* species
Silverbell, *Halesia diptera* and *H. carolina*
Topel Holly, *Ilex x attenuata*
American Holly, *Ilex opaca*
Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria*
Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
Big-leaf Magnolia, *Magnolia macrophylla*
Sweet-bay, *Magnolia virginiana*
Black Locust, *Robinia pseudoacacia*
Snowbell, *Styrax grandifolius* and *S. americanus*

Trees for Fall Color

Chalk Maple, *Acer leucoderme*
Eastern Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*
Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
American Smoketree, *Cotinus obovatus*
Black-gum, *Nyssa sylvatica*
Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum*
Sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboreum*

SHRUBS

Evergreen Shrubs

Florida-hobblebush, *Agarista populifolia* syn. *Leucothoe populifolia*
Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria* 'Nana'
Yellow Anise-tree, *Illicium parviflorum*
Mountain-laurel, *Kalmia latifolia*
Mountain Doghobble, *Leucothoe fontanesiana*
Devilwood, *Osmanthus americanus*
Catawba Rhododendron, *Rhododendron catawbiense*

Great-laurel, *Rhododendron maximum*
Eastern Arborvitae, *Thuja occidentalis* dwarf forms

Shrubs for Hedges or Screens

Florida-hobblebush, *Agarista populifolia* syn. *Leucothoe populifolia*
Yellow Anise-tree, *Illicium parviflorum*
Common Wax-myrtle, *Morella cerifera* syn. *Myrica cerifera*
* most evergreens can be utilized for screens; the abovementioned are more tolerant of pruning

Shrubs for Moist Sites

Florida-hobblebush, *Agarista populifolia* syn. *Leucothoe populifolia*
Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
Common Buttonbush, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
Coastal Sweet-pepperbush, *Clethra alnifolia*
Gray Dogwood, *Cornus amomum*
Ti-ti, *Cyrilla racemiflora*
Dwarf Witch-alder, *Fothergilla gardenii*
Virginia Sweetspire, *Itea virginica*
Mountain Doghobble, *Leucothoe fontanesiana*
Smooth Northern Spicebush, *Lindera benzoin*
Smooth Azalea, *Rhododendron arborescens*
Dwarf Azalea, *Rhododendron atlanticum*
Pink-shell Azalea, *Rhododendron vaseyi*
Swamp Azalea, *Rhododendron viscosum*
Common Elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*
Honeycup, *Zenobia pulverulenta*

Shrubs for Dry Sites

New Jersey-tea, *Ceanothus americanus*
Bush-honeysuckle, *Diervilla sessilifolia*
Shrubby St. John's-wort, *Hypericum prolificum*
Mountain-laurel, *Kalmia latifolia*
Sumac, *Rhus glabra*, *R. typhina*
Downy Arrow-wood, *Viburnum rafinesquianum*

Shrubs that Attract Wildlife

Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
Gray Dogwood, *Cornus amomum*
Deciduous Holly, *Ilex decidua*
Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
Common Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Common Elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*
Sparkleberry, *Vaccinium arboreum*
Highbush Blueberry, *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Viburnum, *Viburnum* spp.

Shrubs for Neutral or Alkaline Sites

Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
Coastal Sweet-pepperbush, *Clethra alnifolia*
Smooth Hydrangea, *Hydrangea arborescens*
Oak-leaf Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia*

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Smooth Northern Spicebush, *Lindera benzoin*
Atlantic Ninebark, *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Smooth Sumac, *Rhus glabra*

Shrubs with Showy Flowers or Fruit

Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
American Beauty-berry, *Callicarpa americana*
Smooth Sweet-shrub, *Calycanthus floridus* var. *glaucus*
Coastal Sweet-pepperbush, *Clethra alnifolia*
Bush-honeysuckle, *Diervilla sessilifolia*
Dwarf Witch-alder, *Fothergilla gardenii*
American Witch-hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*
Smooth Hydrangea, *Hydrangea arborescens*
Oak-leaf Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia*
Shrubby St. John's-wort, *Hypericum prolificum*
Common Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Virginia Sweetspire, *Itea virginica*
Mountain-laurel, *Kalmia latifolia*
Atlantic Ninebark, *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Native Azaleas and Rhododendrons, *Rhododendron* spp.
Honeycup, *Zenobia pulverulenta*

Shrubs for Fall Color

Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
Coastal Sweet-pepperbush, *Clethra alnifolia*
Dwarf Witch-alder, *Fothergilla gardenii*
American Witch-hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*
Oak-leaf Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia*
Virginia Sweetspire, *Itea virginica*
Smooth Northern Spicebush, *Lindera benzoin*
Highbush Blueberry, *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Sumacs, *Rhus* spp

VINES

Deciduous Vines

Pipevine, *Aristolochia macrophylla*
Climbing Aster, *Ampelaster carolinianus* syn. *Aster carolinianus*
Cross-vine, *Bignonia capreolata*
Climbing-hydrangea, *Decumaria barbara*
Coral Honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens* is evergreen in protected/mild weather; non-invasive
Virginia-creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
Purple Passion-flower, *Passiflora incarnata*
American Wisteria, *Wisteria frutescens*

Evergreen Vines

Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*) [Will remain evergreen in some areas]

***Please Note:** This list is based on our experience gardening in the Piedmont of North Carolina. Although we consider everything here suitable for the Southeast, not all of the plants are suitable for *all areas* of the Southeast. Most can be successfully grown in the Piedmont, but there are some that will not thrive in the more extreme conditions of the Mountains or the Coastal Plain, or in the northern or southern extremes of the region.

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