

THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES NATURE NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN AT PRAIRIE RIDGE ECOSTATION

What is a Nature Neighborhood Garden?

Nature neighborhoods are areas such as residential backyards, school grounds, or environmental education centers that are enhanced to attract wildlife and to provide for their needs. Our garden serves as an outdoor teaching site, as a demonstration and learning area for homeowners, and as a research laboratory where we can experiment and demonstrate ways to raise native plants, attract wildlife, and provide enjoyment and learning for people.

This garden is a place for wildlife and learning, made up of sun-loving NC native plants attractive to both wildlife and humans. The garden also has a water-harvesting, green-roofed pavilion, a dry streambed that directs runoff to a rain garden, two small bog gardens, and an above-ground pond.

How can I visit the garden?

Prairie Ridge Ecostation shares this garden with teachers, homeowners, and children of all ages. We invite you to visit the Nature Neighborhood Garden Monday-Saturday 9:00-4:30 or Sunday 12:00-4:30 throughout the year.

It is a magical and peaceful place to visit and enjoy three seasons of flowers along with myriad colorful insects and birds.

Prairie Ridge Garden Plants (Groupings on list: Raised Beds, Vines, Bogs, Rain Garden, Pond, Trees, Grasses)

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Raised beds:

<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Eastern Columbine	BN, HU
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Bluestar	B
<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	Pusseytoes	BH (American Painted Lady)
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed	BH (Monarch), BN
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	BH (Wild Indigo Duskywing), BN
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	Green and Gold	BN, BF
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue mistflower	BN
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance Leaved Tickseed	BN, BF
<i>Coreopsis major</i>	Greater Tickseed	BN
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	BN, BF

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<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	BH (Black Swallowtail), B
<i>Euonymus americana</i>	Heart's-a-bustin'	BF
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Bronze Fennel (<i>non native</i>)	BH (Swallowtails)
<i>Helianthus atrorubens</i>	Purple Disk Sunflower	BH (Silvery Checkerspot)
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Sunflower	BN, BF
<i>Iris cristata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris	HU, B
<i>Liatis spicata</i>	Blazing stars	HU, BN
<i>Marshallia obovata</i> var. <i>obovata</i>	Piedmont Barbara's Buttons	
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Horsemint	HU, BN
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Sundrops	BN, BF
<i>Packera anonyma</i>	Small's Ragwort	BH
<i>Packera aurea</i>	Golden Ragwort	B
<i>Penstemon smallii</i>	Small's Beardtongue	BN, BF
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	BN, BF
<i>Phlox nivalis</i>	Trailing Phlox	BN, BF
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Fall Phlox	BN, BF
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	BN, HU
<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	Mountain Mint	BN, BH (Gray Hairstreak, Sleepy Orange), B
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	BN, BF
<i>Scutellaria integrifolia</i>	Large Flowered Skullcap	B
<i>Silene virginica</i>	Fire Pink	HU
<i>Solidago rugosa</i> (fireworks)	Rough-leaved Goldenrod	BN, BF
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Indian Pink	H
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Stokes' aster	BN, BF
<i>Symphyotrichum grandiflorum</i>	Largeflower Aster	BH
<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	E. Aromatic Aster	BN, BF
<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	Blue-eyed grass	B
<i>Silphium asteriscus</i>	Starry Rosinweed	BN, BF
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup Plant	BN, BF
<i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>	Southern Shield Fern	BN

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<i>Thermopsis villosa</i>	Carolina Lupine	
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York Ironweed	BN

Vines (on the fence):

<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Wooly Pipevine	BH (Pipevine Swallowtail)
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Crossvine	HU
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Carolina Jessamine	HU
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral Honeysuckle	HU, BF
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	American Wisteria	BF

Bogs:

<i>Eurybia paludosa</i>	Savanna Grass-leaf Aster	
<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Shamrock'	Inkberry Holly	BN
<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>	Seashore mallow	BN
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	HU, BN, BF
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	BN, BF
<i>Marshallia graminifolia</i>	Grassleaf Barbara's Buttons	BN
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal fern	
<i>Saracenia flava</i>	Pitcher Plant	INSECTIVOROUS
<i>Zephyranthes atamasca</i>	Atamasco Lily	B, BN

Sand (Rain garden):

<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	BN
<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	Ti ti	B
<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>	Joe-pye weed	BN
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Ox Eye Sunflower	BN, BF
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Blanketflower	BN
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	BN, BF
<i>Tradescantia hirsuticaulis</i>	Hairystem Spiderwort	
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Virginia Spiderwort	B, BN

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Pond:

<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail (submerged)	BF
<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i>	Scarlet Rose Mallow	HU, BN, B
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	White Water Lily	BF
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickerelweed	BF
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard's Tail	BF
<i>Utricularia spp.</i>	Bladderwort	CARNIVOROUS (submerged plant, erect yellow flowers)

Trees:

<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Common Serviceberry	BN, BH (Striped Hairstreak, Red-Spotted Purple, Coral Hairstreak), BF
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Paw Paw	BH (Zebra Swallowtail), BF
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch Hazel	BF
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	BF, B
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possum Haw	BN, BF
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	Winged Elm	BF, BH (Question Mark)

Grasses:

<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	Broomsedge	BF
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Purple Muhly Grass	
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	BF
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass	BF, BN, B
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	BF

Looking for a place to buy native plants?

North Carolina Botanical Garden's recommended sources for native plants:

<http://ncbg.unc.edu/pages/48/>

NC Native Plant Society's list of Native Plant Nurseries:

<http://www.ncwildflower.org/natives/sources.htm>