

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 a myriad of colorful insects and birds.

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

Raised beds:

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<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Eastern Columbine	BN, HU
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Bluestar	Bees
<i>Antennaria spp.</i>	Pusseytoes	
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed	BH (Monarch Butterfly), BN
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	BH (Wild Indigo Duskywing), BN
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	Green and Gold	
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue mistflower	
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance Leaved Tickseed	BN, BF
<i>Coreopsis major</i>	Greater Tickseed	BN
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	BN, BF
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	BH
<i>Euonymus americana</i>	Heart's-a-bustin'	BF

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<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Bronze Fennel (<i>non native</i>)	BH
<i>Helianthus atrorubens</i>	Purple Disk Sunflower	BH
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Sunflower	BN, BF
<i>Iris christata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris	
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing stars	HU, BN
<i>Marshallia obovata</i> var. <i>obovata</i>	Piedmont Barbara's Buttons	
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Horse Mint	HU, BN
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Sundrops	BN, BF
<i>Packera anonyma</i>	Small's Ragwort	BH
<i>Packera aurea</i>	Golden Ragwort	
<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>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	BN, BF
<i>Scutellaria integrifolia</i>	Large Flowered Skullcap	
<i>Silene virginica</i>	Fire Pink	HU
<i>Solidago rugosa</i> (fireworks)	Rough-leaved Goldenrod	BN, BF
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Stokes aster	BN, BF
<i>Symphyotrichum grandiflorum</i>	Largeflower Aster	BH
<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolius</i>	E. Aromatic Aster	BN, BF
<i>Sisyrinchium</i> spp.	Blue-eyed grass	
<i>Silphium asteriscus</i> ,	Starry Rosinweed	BN, BF
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup Plant	BN, BF
<i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>	Southern Shield Fern	BN
<i>Thermopsis caroliniana</i>	Carolina Lupine	
<i>Pycnanthemum incana</i>	Mountain Mint	Pollinator magnet!
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York Ironweed	BN

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Vines (on the fence):

<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Woolly Pipevine	BH
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Crossvine	HU, VI
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Carolina Jessamine	HU, VI
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral Honeysuckle	HU, VI, 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, BO, BN, BF
<i>Lobelia syphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	BO, BN, BF
<i>Marshallia graminifolia</i>	Grassleaf Barbara's Buttons	
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal fern	
<i>Saracenia flava</i>	Pitcher Plant	INSECTIVOROUS
<i>Zephyranthes atamasca</i>	Atamasco Lily	
<i>Zigadena densus</i>	Crow Poison	

Sand (Rain garden):

<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	BN
<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	Ti ti	
<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	BO, BN, BF
<i>Tradescantia hirsuticaulis</i>	Hairystem Spiderwort	
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Virginia Spiderwort	

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Pond:

<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail (submerged)
<i>Hibiscus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Rose Mallow
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	White Water Lily
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickerelweed
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard's Tail
<i>Utricularia spp.</i>	Bladderwort (yellow flowers)

Trees:

<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Common Serviceberry
<i>Asimina tribola</i>	Paw Paw
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch Hazel
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possum Haw
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	Winged Elm

Grasses:

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

Looking for a place to buy native plants?

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

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