

A beautiful native garden

#### Why Native Plants?

- Native plants are naturally designed for the conditions we have here in our yards
- They require less water and fertilizer than exotic species
- And they provide habitat for native birds and butterflies
- Native plants are mostly perennials that return year after year, and are hardy in our climate



## **Plants for Sunny Places**



**Coneflower**. Easy to find, easy to grow perennials.



Phlox Paniculata. Garden Phlox. A lovely traditional plant with long lasting blooms. Fall Blooming.



**Salvia greggii**. Texas Sage. Comes in a variety of colors, and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



Low growing, evergreen and indestructible!





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# NATIVE PLANTS FOR ALPHARETTA

Make your garden a beautiful home for native plants

### **Native Shrubs and Vines**



Fothergilla. A beautiful native with interesting flowers. Keeps a nice shape.



**Passion Vine**. Plays host to Gulf Fritillary caterpillars!



**Trumpet Vine**. Attracts Hummingbirds, and provides cover for arbors and fences.







#### Rhododendron. A classic evergreen shrub of the northern piedmont.





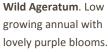
**Christmas Ferns**. Tough as nails native ferns.

Aquilegia. Also known as columbine this native combines beautiful

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Penstemon or Beardtongue comes in many colors.







Heuchera. Comes in many colors and often keeps its leaves and colors over the winter.



Tiger Swallowtail enjoying a drink.

There are so many good reasons to use native plants in your yard.

#### To learn more:

**Go to GNPS.org** – the Georgia Native Plant Society offers lots of information about native plants, and conducts frequent plant rescues.

Armitage's Native Plants for North American

*Gardens*, by Allan M. Armitage. This is an excellent reference by a very well-known professor at the University of Georgia.

Alpharetta's Wildside. Go to the Wildside website to find out more sources of information about wildlife and native plants in our area. http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/wildside

