

Larger Trees

American Elm
Bald cypress
Beech
Black gum
Eastern red cedar
Green ash
Hawthorn
Hickory
Locust
Oaks* (best for wildlife)
Pecan
Persimmon
Southern magnolia
Swamp red maple
Sweet gum
Sycamore
Tulip poplar
Walnut
Willow



Smaller

Trees

American holly
Black cherry
Cherry laurel
Dogwood
Parsley hawthorn
Redbud
Red mulberry
River birch
Sassafras
Sweet bay magnolia
Yaupon

RESOURCES

For the past century we have created gardens with aesthetics in mind and have often ignored the important role our native plants and animals play in a healthy landscape. Research has proved that many introduced (alien) plants are toxic to our insects, which are needed as caterpillars and larvae to feed our birds. Planting more native plants will play an especially large role in maintaining a healthy Mississippi landscape. Aim to have at least 50% native plants in your landscape.

Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy •

The Nature of Oaks by Doug Tallamy

<http://extension.msstate.edu/designing-native-plants-and-naturalistic-landscapes>

<http://extension.msstate.edu/native-shrubs-for-mississippi-landscapes>

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

<https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/>



NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN



Do you want to make the world
a healthier place? It begins at
home with each of us.



What is biodiversity?

All the different kinds of life you will find in one area - the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and microorganisms, like bacteria, that make up our natural world.

These create an intricate web to maintain balance and support life.

Why native plants are important:

Adapted to our soil and climate

Provide food and shelter for local wildlife

Require less water, pesticides, and fertilizer

Deep roots hold soil and soak up lots of stormwater

Naturally gorgeous

What can you do?

Stop spraying pesticides

Pull and dig your weeds instead of spraying

Add some native plants to your landscape

Avoid buying plants that have been previously sprayed with neo-nicotinoids

Remove invasive plants [Mississippi's 10 Worst Invasive Weeds, Pub. M1194 \(4M-07-01\)](#)

A SELECTION OF NATIVE PLANTS FOR MISSISSIPPI GARDENS

Perennial full sun:

Amsonia
Aster
Beebalm
Butterfly weed
Cardinal flower
Coreopsis
Gallardia
Gaura
Ironweed
Joe Pye
Mountain mint
Phlox (annual and perennial)
Purple coneflower
Rudbeckia
Stokesia
Sunflower
Texas star hibiscus
Touch me not impatiens
Turk's cap
Verbena
Yarrow

Grasses

Inland Sea Oats
Little Bluestem
Muhly Grass
Sedges (Carex)
Switch Grass (Panicum)

Perennial Part Sun:

Ageratum
Blue eyed grass
Columbine
Louisiana iris
Penstemon
Violets

Shrubs

American beautyberry
Arrowwood viburnum
Buttonbush
Deciduous holly
Elderberry
Leucothoe
Native azaleas
Oakleaf hydrangea
Red buckeye
Southern wax myrtle
Sumac
Virginia sweetspire (Itea)
Wahoo (Euonymus americana)
Witch hazel

Vines

Carolina jessamine
Crossvine
Native honeysuckle
Native wisteria
Passionvine
Virgin's bower clematis
Virginia creeper