## **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

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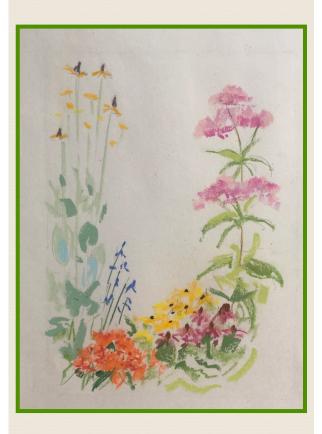
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# NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN



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 <u>Mississippi's 10</u> <u>Worst Invasive Weeds, Pub. M1194</u> (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

### 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

#### Grasses

Inland Sea Oats

Little Bluestem

Muhly Grass

Sedges (Carex)

Switch Grass (Panicum)

### Vines

Carolina jessamine

Crossvine

Native honeysuckle

Native wisteria

Passionvine

Virgin's bower clematis

Virginia creeper