

Fall 2026 Offerings from the Mimsie Lanier Center for Native Plant Studies

Plant availability is subject to change

Perennial Grass

Scientific Name	Common Name	Light Needs	Water Needs	Wildlife Benefits	Height	Bloom Time
<i>Andropogon ternarius</i>	Splitbeard Bluestem	Sun-Part Sun	Low	Skippers, Common Wood Nymph	2-4 ft.	Aug.-Nov.
<i>Carex cherokeensis</i>	Cherokee Sedge	Shade-Part Shade	Medium-High	Larval host for several Satyrine butterflies; Birds and small mammals eat the seeds	0.5-3 ft.	Mar.-May
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Riveroats	Part Shade-Shade	Medium	Birds eat seed	2-5 ft.	Jul.-Sep.
<i>Chasmanthium sessiliflorum</i>	Woodoats	Part Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Songbirds & small mammals eat the seeds	3-4 ft.	Jun.-Sep.
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple Lovegrass	Sun	Medium-Low	Larval host to the Paradoxical Grass Moth; Seeds for songbirds and small mammals	0.5-1 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Pink Muhly Grass	Sun	Low-Medium	Habitat cover; Seed for birds; Moths	3 ft.	Jul.-Oct.
<i>Muhlenbergia reverchonii</i> *	Seep Muhly Grass	Sun	Medium-Low	Deer resistant; wildlife cover	1.5-2 ft.	Aug.-Nov.



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<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Standing Ovation'	Little Bluestem 'Standing Ovation'	Sun	Low	Birds, Butterflies	2-3 ft.	Sep.
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'The Blues'	Little Bluestem 'The Blues'	Sun	Low	Birds, Butterflies	2-3 ft.	Sep.
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Songbirds eat the seeds	2-3 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Sporobolus junceus</i>	Pineywoods Dropseed	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Songbirds eat the seeds	2-3 ft.	Aug.-Nov.

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<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i> *	Hubricht's Bluestar	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Butterflies; Deer resistant	2-3 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	Part Sun-Shade	Low-Medium	Hummingbirds; Larval host for butterflies like Columbine & Wild Indigo Duskywings	1-3 ft.	Feb.-Jul.



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<i>Baptisia alba</i> var. <i>macrophylla</i>	White Wild Indigo	Sun-Part Sun	Medium-Low	Larval host to several butterflies and moths; Bees, Butterflies; Deer resistant	3-4 ft.	Apr.-Jun.
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue False Indigo	Sun	Medium	Butterflies; Bees	3-6 ft.	Apr.-Jul.
<i>Calamintha georgiana</i>	Georgia Calamint	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Low	Hummingbirds, Bees, Butterflies	1-2 ft.	Jul.-Sep.
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i> var. <i>virginianum</i>	Green and Gold	Part Shade - Shade	Medium	Birds, Bees, Butterflies	0.5- 1 ft.	Apr.-Oct.
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue Mistflower	Shade-Part Shade	Low-High	Butterflies, Bees	1-1.5 ft.	Jul.-Sep.
<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Mouse-eared Coreopsis	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees; Songbirds eat the seeds	0.5-1 ft.	Apr.-Jun.
<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Tickseed	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Low	Butterflies, Bees; Songbirds eat the seeds	1-3 ft.	May-Sep.
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Sun	Medium	Pollinators	1 -2 ft.	Mar.-Aug.
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Moonbeam'	Threadleaf Coreopsis 'Moonbeam'	Sun-Part Sun	Medium	Butterflies, Bees	1-2 ft.	Jun.-Sep.



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<i>Coreopsis 'Mercury Rising'</i>	'Mercury Rising' Coreopsis	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees	1-2 ft.	Jun.-Sep.
<i>Coreopsis 'Uptick Yellow and Red'</i>	'Uptick Yellow and Red' Coreopsis	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees	1-1.5 ft.	Jun.-Sep.
<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	Flat-topped Aster	Sun-Part Sun	Medium	Larval host for Silvery Checkerspot; Pollinators	3-6 ft.	Aug.-Sep.
<i>Erigeron pulchellus 'Lynnhaven Carpet'</i>	Robin's Fleabane 'Lynnhaven Carpet'	Shade-Sun	Low-High	Butterflies; Bees	1-1.5 ft.	Apr.
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	White Wood Aster	Shade-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Butterflies	1-2.5 ft.	Aug.-Nov.
<i>Eurybia spectabilis</i>	Eastern Showy Aster	Shade-Part Shade	Low	Butterflies; Bees; Seed for birds	1-2 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Eutrochium dubium</i>	Coastal Plain Joe Pye Weed 'Little Joe'	Sun- Part Sun	Medium-High	Butterflies; Bees; Nesting material for Solitary Bees	3-4 ft.	Jul.-Sep.
<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	Joe-Pye Weed	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-High	Butterflies, Bees	4-7 ft.	Jul.-Oct.
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild Strawberry	Sun-Part Shade	Low	Larval host for Gray Hairstreak	0.5-1 ft.	Apr.-Jun.



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<i>Gaillardia 'Arizona Apricot'</i>	Blanket Flower 'Arizona Apricot'	Sun	Low	Butterflies, Pollinators	1-2 ft.	Jan.-Nov.
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Autumn Helen's Flower	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Deer and rabbit resistant; Butterflies, Bees	3-5 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Helenium flexuosum</i>	Purple Sneezeweed	Sun	Medium	Deer and rabbit resistant; Butterflies, Bees	1.5-3 ft.	May-Aug.
<i>Helenium 'Moerheim Beauty'</i>	Helen's Flower 'Moerheim Beauty'	Sun	Medium	Deer and rabbit resistant; Butterflies, Bees	2-3 ft.	Jun.-Aug.
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Silvery Checkerspot host, Songbirds, Pollinators	5-8 ft.	Oct.
<i>Helianthus atrorubens</i>	Purpledisc Sunflower	Sun-Part Sun	Low-Medium	Butterflies, Bees	5-7 ft.	Sep.-Oct.
<i>Heuchera 'Dale's Strain'</i>	American Alumroot 'Dale's Strain'	Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees	1-2 ft.	May-Jun.
<i>Heuchera villosa 'Autumn Bride'</i>	Hairy Alumroot 'Autumn Bride'	Shade-Part Shade	Medium-Low	Early spring Pollinators	1 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Iris cristata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris	Shade-Part Shade	High-Low	Hummingbirds, Bees	1 ft.	Apr.-May



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<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>	Seashore Mallow	Sun	High-Medium	Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Bees	3-6 ft.	Jul.-Oct.
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Spiked Blazing Star	Sun	Low-Medium	Songbirds, Bees, Butterflies	3-6 ft.	Aug.-Sep.
<i>Lobelia cardinalis - red</i>	Cardinal Flower	Sun-Shade	Low	Moths	3-6 ft.	May-Oct.
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	Sun-Part Shade	High	Bees	1-3 ft.	Jul.-Oct.
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral Honeysuckle	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Low	Larval host for the Snowberry Clearwing and Hummingbird Clearwing moths. Hummingbirds, Bees, Butterflies	Climbing vine	Apr.-Sep.
<i>Monarda fistulosa X</i>	Wild Bergamont unknown hybrid	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-High	Hummingbirds, Bees, Butterflies	3-4 ft.	Jun.-Jul.
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Spotted Bee Balm	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Pollinators	3-4 ft.	Aug.-Sep.
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Narrowleaf Sundrops	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Bees; Seeds for songbirds	1.5-2 ft.	Apr.-Aug.
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> 'Husker Red'	Foxglove Beardtongue 'Husker Red'	Sun	Low-Medium	Common Buckeye, Purple-lined Sallow, Moths	1-2 ft.	May-Jul.



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<i>Phlox divaricata</i> 'May Breeze'	Woodland Phlox 'May Breeze'	Part Shade-Shade	Medium	Swallowtails, Sphinx moths, Hummingbirds	1-1.5 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Robert Poore'	Garden Phlox 'Robert Poore'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Moths, Hummingbirds	2-4 ft.	Jun.-Sep.
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Garden Phlox	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Moths, Hummingbirds	2-4 ft.	Jul.-Aug.
<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	Hoary Mountain Mint	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Bees	3-6 ft.	Jun.-Jul.
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Black-eyed Susan	Sun	Medium-Low	Larval host to Wavy-lined Emerald and Silvery Checkerspot; Bees, Seeds for songbirds	2-3 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Salvia azurea</i>	Azure Blue Sage	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Bees, Butterflies. Deer resistant.	3-5 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyreleaf Sage	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Pollinators, Hummingbirds, Songbirds, Butterflies	1.5 ft.	Jun.-Jul.
<i>Sarracenia</i> spp.	Pitcher Plants	Sun-Part Sun	High	Bees & other winged insects pollinate flowers	0.5-3 ft.	Mar.-Jun.
<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	Downy Skullcap	Part Shade-Shade	Medium-Low	Pollinators, Hummingbirds	2-3 ft.	Jul.-Sep.



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<i>Sisyrinchium 'Suwannee'</i>	Blue-eyed Grass 'Suwannee'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies	0.5-1 ft.	Mar.-Apr.
<i>Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'</i>	Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod 'Fireworks'	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-Low	Bees; Moths/Butterflies; Seed for birds	1-3 ft.	Sep.-Nov.
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Indian Pink	Part Shade	Medium	Hummingbirds	2-3 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	Blue Wood Aster	Sun	Low	Butterflies	3-6 ft.	Jun.-Nov.
<i>Symphotrichum georgianum</i>	Georgia Aster	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Forage for many specialized bees; Butterflies	2-3 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Symphotrichum laeve 'Bluebird'</i>	Smooth Aster 'Bluebird'	Sun	Medium-Low	Bees, Butterflies	2-4 ft.	Aug.-Oct.
<i>Thermopsis villosa</i>	Carolina Lupine	Sun-Part Sun	Medium	Larval host for many butterflies, such as the Orange Sulphur & Wild Indigo Duskywing	4 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Tiarella cordifolia 'Brandywine'</i>	Heartleaf Foamflower 'Brandywine'	Part Shade-Shade	Medium	Early foraging source for bees and butterflies	0.5-1 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Larval host for Black Swallowtail butterflies; Bees, Butterflies	8 in.	May-Jun.



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<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> 'Victoriae'	Lady Fern 'Victoriae'	Part Shade-Shade	Medium-High	Deer resistant; wildlife cover	2-3 ft.	NA
<i>Polystichum</i> <i>acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern	Part Shade-Shade	Medium-High	Deer resistant; wildlife cover	1-3 ft.	NA
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	Part Shade-Shade	Medium-High	Deer resistant; wildlife cover	2-6 ft.	NA



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<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-High	Larval host for Red-spotted Purple and Viceroy butterflies; Butterflies, Bees, Songbirds, Mammals	15-25 ft.	Mar.-Apr.
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Indigobush	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Larval host for several butterfly species; Forage for butterflies and bees	4-15 ft.	Apr.-Jun.
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-High	Butterflies; Berries eaten by birds & mammals	6-12 ft.	May
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw	Sun-Shade	Medium-High	Larval host for Zebra Swallowtail; Beetles, Flies, Birds, Mammals	15-30 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Betula lenta</i>	Black Birch	Sun-Shade	Medium	Larval host for many moths and butterflies, such as the Dreamy Duskywing; Seeds eaten by birds	15-20 ft.	Oct.-Dec.
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees, Berries for songbirds and mammals	3-8 ft.	Jun.-Jul.
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Sweetshrub	Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies; Beetles	6-12 ft.	Apr.-Jul.
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	Part Shade	Medium	Larval host for several butterflies, such as the Spring Azure. Butterflies, Bees, Songbirds	2-3 ft.	May-Jun.
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	Part Shade-Shade	Medium-High	Hummingbirds; Bees; Butterflies; Seed for birds	6-12 ft.	Jun.-Sep.



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<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	Sun-Part Shade	Low-Medium	Larval host for many butterflies, such as Henry's Elfin; Bees, Songbirds, Small mammals	20-30 ft.	Mar.-May
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American Hazelnut	Sun-Shade	Medium	Larval host for Saturniidae Moth; Nuts eaten by birds & mammals	9-12 ft.	Mar.
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorne	Sun-Part Shade	Low-High	Larval host of several butterflies, such as Viceroy; Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Songbirds	25-30 ft.	Apr.-Jun.
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	American Witch Hazel	Sun-Shade	Medium	Birds, Butterflies	15-20 ft.	Oct.-Dec.
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	Part Shade	High-Medium	Moths, Beetles, Birds	36-72 ft.	Apr.-Jul.
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood	Sun-Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees	20-30 ft.	Jun.-July
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Atlantic Ninebark	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Bees, Birds	5-8 ft.	May-Jul.
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American Plum	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Larval host for many butterflies, such as Coral Hairstreak & Spring Azure; Fruit & cover for birds & mammals	10-30 ft.	Apr.-Jun.
<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	Chickasaw Plum	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Larval host for many butterflies, such as the Coral Hairstreaks; Fruit and cover for songbirds and mammals	4-15 ft.	Mar.-Apr.



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<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	Swamp Chestnut Oak	Sun-Part Shade	Medium-High	One of the best larval host plants in the SE for butterflies and moths. Acorns for birds and mammals.	60-80 ft.	Mar.-May
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	One of the best larval host plants in the SE for butterflies and moths. Acorns for birds and mammals.	50-70 ft.	Apr.-May
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Elderberry	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Butterflies, Bees; Berries for birds	30 ft.	May-Jun.
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Larval host for Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. Seeds for birds and mammals.	60-80 ft.	May-Jul.
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Larval host for Brown Elfin butterflies; Forage for many specialized bees; Fruit for birds and mammals	6-12 ft.	Mar.-May
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	Sun-Part Shade	Medium	Larval host of Spring Azure Butterfly; Fruits eaten by mammals and birds	5-10 ft.	Mar.-Apr.

