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PERENNIAL FLOWERS									
Actaea racemosa	Black Cohosh	May-Sep	white	30-60"	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, hummingbirds	X	A, B,C,F,G,H,L
Actaea podocarpa	Yellow Cohosh	May-Jun	white	30-48"	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, hummingbirds	X	
Aruncus dioicus var. dioicus	Eastern Goatsbeard	Jun-Jul	white	48-60"	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, bees, beetles	X	A,C,G,K,L
Asclepias exaltata	Tall Milkweed	Jun-Jul	yellow	36-48"	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, hummingbirds	X	A,B,I,M
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed, Pink Milkweed	Jun-Oct	rose-purple	3-6'	sun, part-shade	wet, moist	bees, bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds	X	E,H,J,K,L
Asclepias syriaca	Common Milkweed, Butterfly flower, Silkweed, Silky Swallow-wort, Virginia Silkweed	Jun-Aug	purple	3-6'	sun	moist	bees, bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths	X	J,L
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterflyweed, Butterfly milkweed, Orange milkweed, Pleurisy root	Jun-Sep	orange, yellow	1-2'	sun, part-shade	dry, moist	bees, bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds	X	C,E,G,H,J,K,L
Baptisia australis	Blue wild indigo, Wild blue indigo, Blue false indigo	Apr-Jul	blue purple	3-5'	sun	moist	bees, bumble bees		C,E,G,K,L,M
Baptisia tinctoria	Yellow Wild indigo	Jul-Aug	pink	2-3'	sun to partial shade	dry	butterflies, bees	X	A,F,H,L
Chelone lyonii	Appalachian Turtlehead, Pink Turtlehead	Aug-Oct	purple	24-48"	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds	X	A,C,D,E,G,K,L

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Coreopsis auriculata	Lobed tickseed, Early coreopsis, Eared coreopsis, Dwarf tickseed	Mar-May	yellow	4-24"	sun to partial shade	moist	butterflies		E
Coreopsis pubescens var. pubescens	Hairy Coreopsis	Jul-Sep	golden-yellow	36-48"	sun to partial shade	dry to dry-mesic	butterflies, beetles, hummingbirds		D
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall tickseed, Tall coreopsis	Jul-Sep	yellow	3-9'	part shade	moist	bees		A
Dicentra eximia	Wild Bleeding Heart	Apr-Jun	rose-pink	12-18"	shade to partial shade	moist, well-drained, thin	hummingbirds, bees		A,C,F,L
Diphylleia cymosa	Umbrella Leaf	Apr-Jun	white	18-30"	shade to partial shade	moist to wet	bees, beetles, flies		L
Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus (AKA Eupatorium fistulosum)	Hollow-stem Joe-pyeweed (AKA Trumpetweed)	Jul-Sep	lavender pink	3-5'	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	bees, butterflies	X	A,L
Eupatoriadelphus maculatus AKA: Eupatorium (or Eutrochium) maculatum	Spotted Joy Pye Weed, Spotted Trumpetweed	Aug-Sep	pink, purple	3-6'	sun, part-shade	moist, wet	butterflies, bees, moths	X	C
Eurybia divaricata	White Wood Aster	Aug-Oct	white (yellow center)	24-30"	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, bees	X	A,C,D,E,L
Galax urceolata	Galax	May-Jul	white	4-6"	shade to sun	moist to dry	bees, flies		A,B,H,G,K,L
Gentianella quinquefolia ssp. quinquefolia	Eastern Aquweed	Aug-Oct	blue	6-24"	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees, flies		
Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium	Apr-May	pink to rose	18-24"	shade	moist	butterflies, bees	X	A,F,K,L
Helianthus angustifolius	Swamp Sunflower	Oct	yellow	1-3'	part shade	wet	bees		G,K
Helianthus annuus	Common Sunflower	Jul-Oct	yellow	2-8'	sun	dry	bees		E

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Helianthus atrorubens	Appalachian Sunflower	Jul-Sep	yellow (purple center)	4-7'	sun to partial shade	dry	butterflies, bees	X	
Helianthus microcephalus	Small-headed Sunflower	Aug-Sep	yellow	3-6'	shade to partial shade	moist to dry	bees	X	
Heuchera villosa	Rock Alumroot	Jul-Aug	white	8-24"	shade to partial shade	dry to moist, well drained thin soils, acidic	hummingbirds, butterflies		B,G,L
Hexastylis shuttleworthii var. shuttleworthii	Large-flowered Heartleaf	May-Jun	brown	4-6"	shade	mesic, acidic	beetles, flies		A,B,L
Hylotelephium telephioides	Appalachian Live-forever	Jul-Sep	pink	18"	sun	dry	butterflies		A
Iris cristata (Alton) AKA: Neubeckia cristata (Aiton) Alef.	Dwarf Crested Iris	Apr-May	blue	6-10"	shade to partial shade	moist	hummingbirds, bees		A,B,C,E,F,G,H, J,K,L,M
Liatris scariosa var. scariosa	Northern Blazing-star	Aug-Sep	rosy-pink	15-24"	sun	dry	butterflies, bees		K
Liatris spicata var. spicata	Dense Blazing-star	Jul-Sep	rosy-pink	20-40"	sun	dry to wet	hummingbirds, butterflies, bees		C,D,E,G,H,K
Lilium michauxii	Carolina Lily	Jul-Aug	orange-red with purple spots	30-40"	partial shade	dry	hummingbirds, butterflies		
Lilium superbum	Turk's-cap Lily	Jul-Aug	orange to yellow	to 8'	shade to partial shade	moist to wet	hummingbirds,moths, bees, butterflies		A,C,G,K,L
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	Jul-Sep	red	36-48"	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	hummingbirds, butterflies, bees		A,B,C,D,E,F,G, I,K,L,M

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Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia	Jul-Sep	blue	24-40"	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	hummingbirds, bees, butterflies		A,B,C,D,F,G,L
Monarda didyma	Bee Balm	Jul-Sep	scarlet red	2-6'	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	hummingbirds, butterflies, bees	X	A,B,C,E,F,G,I,L
Penstemon canescens	Appalachian Beardtongue	May-Jun	violet	12-30"	sun to partial shade	dry to dry-mesic	hummingbirds, bees, butterflies	X	F
Penstemon digitalis	Mississippi penstemon, Smooth white beardtongue, Talus slope penstemon, Foxglove beardtongue	May-Jul	white	18"-3'	sun, part-shade	wet, moist, dry	bees, bumble bees, hummingbirds		C,E,G,L
Penstemon smallii	Blue Ridge Beardtongue, Smalls Penstemon	May-Jun	deep pink to purple	12-24"	sun to partial shade	dry to dry-mesic	butterflies, bees, hummingbirds	X	A,L
Phemeranthus teretifolius	Appalachian Fameflower	Jun-Sep	pink	8-10"	sun	dry	butterflies		
Phlox divaricata ssp. divaricata	Eastern Blue Phlox	Apr-May	blue	12-15"	shade	moist	bees, butterflies		B,C,F,G,K,L
Phlox stolonifera	Creeping Phlox	Apr-May	blue	6-8"	shade	moist	bees, butterflies		A,C,E,G,K
Pycnanthemum muticum	Clustered mountainmint, Mountain mint, Short-toothed mountain mint	Jul-Sep	white	2-3'	sun to partial shade	moist to dry	bees, honeybees, butterflies, moths		E
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan, Common black-eyed Susan, Brown-eyed Susan	Jun-Oct	yellow	1-2'	sun, shade, part-shade	moist, dry	bees, butterflies, moths	X	A,E,K,M
Rudbeckia laciniata	Cutleaf coneflower, Green-head coneflower, Cut-leaf coneflower	Jul-Oct	yellow	48-84"	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths	X	A,C,D,G,J,L

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Rudbeckia triloba	Brown-eyed Susan	Jul-Sep	yellow	24-42"	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles	X	C,K
Sanguinaria canadensis	Bloodroot	Mar-Apr	white	6-12"	shade	moist	bees, beetles, flies		A,C,F,G,K,L
Sedum glaucophyllum	Cliff Stonecrop	May-Jun	white	2-4"	partial shade	moist	butterflies		
Silene virginica	Fire Pink, Firepink	May-Jul	red	8-12"	sun to partial shade	moist	hummingbirds, flies, bees, butterflies		B,C,G,L
Solidago canadensis	Canada goldenrod, Canadian goldenrod, Tall goldenrod, Giant goldenrod	Sep-Nov	yellow	3-6'	sun, part-shade	moist, dry	bees, honey bees, butterflies		E,K
Solidago curtisii	Curtis's Goldenrod	Aug-Oct	yellow	1-2'	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, beetles, bees	X	A
Solidago roanensis	Roan Mt. Goldenrod	Jul-Sep	yellow	8-15"	sun	dry	butterflies, beetles, bees	X	
Symphotrichum cordifolium	Blue Wood Aster	Sep-Oct	blue	2-3'	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, bees, wasps, flies, beetles	X	A,B
Symphotrichum undulatum	Wavy-leaved Aster	Aug-Nov	blue to lilac	3-4'	sun to partial shade	dry	butterflies, bees	X	A
Thermopsis villosa (AKA Thermopsis caroliniana)	Aaron's-rod, Carolina Bush Pea	May-Jun	yellow	3-7'	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	butterflies		A,G,H,L,M
Tiarella cordifolia	Foamflower	Apr-May	white	1-2'	shade		butterflies, bees		A,B,C,E,F,H,I
Trillium luteum	Yellow Trillium	Apr-Jun	yellow	4-12"	shade, higher calcium	moist	bees, beetles	X	A,B,F,L

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Vernonia noveboracensis (AKA Vernonia glauca)	Ironweed, New York Inronweed, Broadleaf Inronweed	Aug-Sep	purple	3-7'	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	butterflies, honey bees	X	A,C,J,L
VINES									
Aristolochia macrophylla	Dutchman's Pipe	May-Jun	brown	15-30'	shade to partial shade	moist	flies	X	B,C,G
Clematis virginiana	Virgin's Bower	Jul-Sep	white	to 30'	sun to shade	moist	butterflies, bees, wasps		L
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper	Jun-Jul	yellowish- green	30-45'	sun to partial shade	moist	bees	X	A,B,C,D,G,L
TREES & SHRUBS									
Aesculus flava	Yellow Buckeye	Apr	yellow	80'+	sun to shade	moist, well- drained	hummingbirds, bees	X	A,B,G
Alnus serrulata	Tag Alder	Mar	brown	12-20'	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	bees, wind	X	K
Betula nigra	River Birch	Mar-Apr	brownish- green	50-75'	sun to partial shade	moist	wind	X	B,G,I
Calycanthus floridus	Sweet Shrub, Bubby Bush	Apr-May	red	4-6'	sun to partial shade	moist	beetles		A,B,D,G,H,K,L
Cladrastis kentukea	Yellow-wood	Apr-May	white	30-50'	shade to sun	moist	bees, butterflies		A,D,G
Clethra acuminata	Mountain Pepperbush	Jul-Aug	white	7-12'	shade to sun	moist	hummingbirds, butterflies, honey bees		A,D,G,H,I,K
Cornus alternifolia	Pagoda Dogwood	May-Jun	white	15-25'	partial shade	moist	butterflies, bees, flies	X	A,D,G
Cornus amomum	Silky Dogwood	May-Jun	white	4-10'	sun	moist to wet	bees, flies, butterflies	X	A,D,K
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	Apr-May	white	15-30'	sun to partial shade	moist, well- drained	butterflies, bees, flies	X	B,E,G,I,K

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Diervilla sessilifolia	Southern Bush Honeysuckle	Jun-Aug	yellow	4-5'	sun to partial shade	moist	bumble bees, hummingburds		G,K
Euonymus americanus	Hearts-a-bustin'	May-Jun	greenish-white	3-6'	shade to partial shade	moist	bees, beetles, flies, ants	X	A,B,D,G,K
Halesia tetraptera var. tetraptera	Silverbell	Apr-May	white	30-40'	shade to sun	moist	butterflies, bees		A,G
Hydrangea arborescens	Smooth Hydrangea	May-Jun	white	4-5'	shade to partial shade	moist	butterflies, bees		A,B,E,G,K
Hypericum densiflorum	Bushy St. John's-wort	Jun-Aug	yellow	2-6'	sun	moist to wet, acidic	bees		I,K
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel	May-Jun	pale pink	8-20'	shade to partial shade	dry to moist, well-drained	butterflies, hummingbirds		B,E,G,H,I,K,L
Leucothoe fontanesiana	Doghobble	Apr-May	white	18-24"	shade to partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies		A,B,E,G,I,K,L
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar	Apr-May	light orange	to 100'	shade to partial shade	moist	bees	X	A,B
Magnolia acuminata	Cucumber Tree	Apr-May	white	60-80'	sun to shade	moist, calcareous or mafic	bees, beetles		A,G
Magnolia Virginiana	Sweetbay, Sweetbay magnolia, Swampbay, Swamp magnolia, Small magnolia	Apr-Jul	white	12-50'	part-shade	moist	butterflies, moths, beetles	X	G
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood	Jun-Jul	white	to 50'	sun to shade	dry to dry-mesic, acidic	bees, butterflies	X	A,B,G,L
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	Apr-May	white	60-90'	shade to sun	moist	bees, butterflies, flies, wasps	X	

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Rhododendron arborescens	Sweet Azalea	Jun-Jul	white to pink	8-12'	sun to partial shade	moist, acidic	butterflies, hummingbirds	X	H,G,K,L
Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea	May-Jun	orange, yellow, reddish-orange	4-8'	sun to shade	dry to moist, well-drained, acidic	butterflies, hummingbirds	X	D,E,G,H,K,L
Rhododendron carolinianum	Punctatum	Apr-May	pink	3-6'	sun to partial shade	dry-acidic	hummingbirds, butterflies		H,K,L
Rhododendron catawbiense	Catawba Rhododendron	Jun	red to reddish-pink	6-10'	sun to partial shade	moist	hummingbirds, butterflies		E,H,I,K,L
Rhododendron maximum	Great Laurel	Jun-Jul	white	6-25'	shade to shade	moist, acidic	hummingbirds, butterflies		A,B,G,H,K,L
Rhus copallinum var. copallinum	Winged Sumac	Jun-Aug	greenish-yellow	20-30'	sun to partial shade	dry	butterflies, wasps, flies, bees	X	B,K
Rosa carolina	Carolina Rose	May-Jun	pink	3-6'	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, flies, beetles	X	A,D
Rubus odoratus	Flowering Raspberry	Jun-Aug	purple-rose	4-6'	sun to partial shade	moist	butterflies, wasps, flies, bees		A,K,L
Stewartia ovata	Mountain Camellia	Jun-Jul	white	10-15'	shade to partial shade	moist, acidic	beetles, bees, flies		
Viburnum cassinoides, AKA Viburnum nudum var. Cassinoides	With-rod	May-Jun	white	5-6'	shade to sun	moist	butterflies	X	G,K
Viburnum dentatum	Southern Arrowwood, Arrowwood Viburnum	May-Jul	white	6-8'	sun,shade, part-shade	moist	bees, bumble bees, butterflies, moths	X	E,G,K,L
Xanthorhiza simplicissima	Yellowroot	Mar-May	purplish-brown	2-3'	shade to partial shade	moist to wet	bees		A,K,L

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LOCAL NURSERIES THAT STOCK THESE PLANTS

Name	Code	Location	Website
Sandy Mush Herb Nursery	A	Leicester	www.sandymushherbs.com
Eagle Feather Organic Farm	B	Marshall	www.ncgoldenseal.com
Willow Creek Nursery	C	Weaverville	www.ashevilleperennials.com
Elk Mountain Nursery	D	Asheville	http://elk-mountain.com
Painters Greenhouse	E	Old Fort	www.paintersgreenhouse.com
Big Pine Native Gardens	F	Marshall	www.bigpinegardens.com
Reems Creek Nursery	G	Weaverville	www.reemscreek.com
Red Root Native Nursery	H	Asheville	www.redrootnatives.com
Henn's Plant Farm	I	Fletcher	www.hennsplantfarm.com
Geowild	J	Weaverville	828-318-4262
Carolina Native Nursery	K	Burnsville	www.carolinanativenursery.com
Gardens of the Blue Ridge	L	Pineola	www.gardensoftheblueridge.com
Sisters Floribunda	M	Swanannoa	828-298-2271.

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