

Louisiana Certified Habitat Plant List

Native Woody Plants (trees, shrubs, woody vines)

Common name	Scientific name
Acacia, Sweet	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>
Alder, Black/Hazel	<i>Alnus rugosa</i>
Allspice, Carolina/ Sweet Shrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>
Ashes, Native	<i>Fraxinus spp.</i>
Ash, Green	<i>F. pennsylvanicum</i>
Ash, Carolina	<i>F. caroliniana</i>
Ash, Pumpkin	<i>F. profunda</i>
Ash, White	<i>F. americana</i>
Azalea, Pink	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>
Azalea, Florida Flame	<i>Rhododendron austrinum</i>
Anise, Star	<i>Illicium floridanum</i>
Anise, Yellow/Florida	<i>Illicium parviflorum</i>
Azalea, Florida Flame	<i>Rhododendron austrinum</i>
Azalea, Pink	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>
Azalea, White	<i>Rhododendron serrulatum, viscosum, oblongifolium</i>
Baccharis/ Groundsel Bush	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>
Baccharis, Salt- marsh	<i>B. angustifolia</i>
Bayberry, Southern	<i>Morella carolinensis</i>
Beautyberry, American	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>
Beautyberry, American, White	<i>C. americana 'Lactea'</i>
Beech, American	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>
Blackberries/ Dewberries	<i>Rubus spp.</i>
Birch, River	<i>Betula nigra</i>
Blueberries	<i>Vaccinium spp.</i>
Boxelder	<i>Acer negundo</i>
Buckeye, Bottlebrush	<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>
Buckeye, Red	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>
Buckthorn, Carolina/Indian Cherry	<i>Frangula caroliniana</i>
Buckwheat Tree/Black Titi	<i>Cliftonia monophylla</i>
Bumelia, Gum	<i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i>
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>

Camellia, Silky	<i>Stewartia malacodendron</i>
Catalpa, Southern	<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>
Cedar, Eastern Red	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Cedar, Atlantic/Southern White	<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>
Cherry, Black	<i>Prunus serotina</i>
Cherry, Choke	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>
Cherry-laurel	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>
Chinquapin	<i>Castanea pumila</i>
Coralbean, Eastern/Mamou	<i>Erythrina herbacea</i>
Crabapple, Southern	<i>Malus angustifolia</i>
Creeper, Trumpet	<i>Campsis radicans</i>
Creeper, Virginia	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
Crossvine	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>
Cucumber Tree	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>
Cypress, Bald	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
Cypress, Pond	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>
Cyrilla, Swamp/Titi	<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>
Cyrilla, Little-leaf	<i>Cyrilla parvifolia</i>
Devil's Walkingstick	<i>Aralia spinosa</i>
Devilwood	<i>Osmanthus americana</i>
Dogwood, Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>
Dogwood, Rough- leaf	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>
Dogwood, Stiff	<i>Cornus foemina</i>
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>
Elms, Native	<i>Ulmus spp.</i>
Elm, American	<i>U. americana</i>
Elm, Cedar	<i>U. crassifolia</i>
Elm, Slippery	<i>U. rubra</i>
Elm, Winged	<i>U. alata</i>
Elm, Water	<i>Planera aquatica</i>
Fetterbush	<i>Lyonia lucida</i>
Fetterbush, Swamp	<i>Leucothoe racemosa</i>
Fringetree, American	<i>Chionanthus virginiana</i>
Gordonia	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>
Grape, Wild	<i>Vitis spp.</i>
Greenbriar/Catbriar	<i>Smilax spp.</i>
Gum, Black	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>

Gum, Swamp Black	<i>Nyssa biflora</i>
Gum, Tupelo	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>
Gum, Sweet	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
Hackberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>
Hawthorn, Native	<i>Crataegus spp.</i>
Hawthorn, Barberry- leaf	<i>C. berberifolia</i>
Hawthorn, Blueberry	<i>C. brachycantha</i>
Hawthorn, Green	<i>C. viridis</i>
Hawthorn, Mayhaw	<i>C. aestivalis/opaca</i>
Hawthorn, Parsley	<i>C. marshallii</i>
Hickories, Native	<i>Carya spp.</i>
Hickory, Black	<i>C. texana</i>
Hickory, Bitternut	<i>C. cordiformes</i>
Hickory, Mockernut	<i>C. tomentosa</i>
Hickory, Nutmeg	<i>C. myristiciformes</i>
Hickory, PECAN	<i>C. illinoensis</i>
Hickory, Pignut	<i>C. glabra</i>
Hickory, Shagbark	<i>C. ovata</i>
Hickory, Water/Bitter Pecan	<i>C. aquatica</i>
Hollies, Native	<i>Ilex spp.</i>
Holly, American	<i>I. americana</i>
Holly, Dahoon	<i>I. cassine</i>
Holly, Deciduous Possum-haw	<i>I. decidua</i>
Holly, Gallberry	<i>I. glabra</i>
Holly, Inkberry	<i>I. coriacea</i>
Holly, Winterberry	<i>I. verticillata</i>
Holly, Yaupon	<i>I. vomitoria</i>
Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>
Honeysuckle, Trumpet/Red	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>
Hophornbeam, Eastern/Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginica</i>
Hornbeam, American/Musclewo od/Ironwood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>
Huckleberry, Wooly/Hairy	<i>Gaylussacia mosieri</i>
Huckleberry, Winter/Tree	<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>
Hydrangea, Oakleaf	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>
Lantana	<i>Lantana urticoides</i>
Laurelcherry	<i>See Cherrylaurel</i>

Leadplant	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
Leucothoe, Downy	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>
Leucothoe, Florida/Honeybells	<i>Agarista populifolia</i>
Magnolia, Bigleaf	<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>
Magnolia, cucumber	<i>M. acuminata</i>
Magnolia, 'Little Gem'	<i>M. grandiflora</i>
Magnolia, Pyramid	<i>M. pyramidata</i>
Magnolia, Southern	<i>M. grandiflora</i>
Magnolia, Sweetbay	<i>M. virginiana</i>
Maple, Chalk	<i>Acer leucoderme</i>
Maple, Red/Swamp	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Maple, Silver	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>
Maple, Southern Sugar	<i>Acer barbatum</i>
Moonseed/Snailseed/Coralbead Vine	<i>Cocculus carolinus</i>
Mulberry, Red	<i>Morus rubra</i>
Oaks, Native	<i>Quercus spp.</i>
Oak, Cherrybark	<i>Q. pagoda</i>
Oak, Live	<i>Q. virginiana</i>
Oak, Laurel	<i>Q. laurifolia</i>
Oak, Nuttall	<i>Q. texana</i>
Oak, Overcup	<i>Q. lyrata</i>
Oak, Post	<i>Q. stellata</i>
Oak, Shumard	<i>Q. shumardii</i>
Oak, Southern Red	<i>Q. falcata</i>
Oak, Swamp Chestnut/Cow	<i>Q. michauxii</i>
Oak, Water	<i>Q. nigra</i>

Oak, White	<i>Q. alba</i>
Oak, Willow	<i>Q. phellos</i>
Osage Orange/Bois d'arc	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>
Palmetto, Dwarf	<i>Sabal minor</i>
PawPaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>
Peppervine	<i>Nekemias arborea</i>
Persimmon, American	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>
Pine, Native	<i>Pinus spp.</i>
Pine, Loblolly	<i>P. taeda</i>
Pine, Longleaf	<i>P. palustris</i>
Pine, Slash	<i>P. elliotii</i>
Pine, Spruce	<i>P. glabra</i>
Plum, Native	<i>Prunus spp.</i>
Plum, Chickasaw	<i>P. angustifolia</i>
Plum, Flatwoods/Am. Sloe	<i>P. umbellata</i>
Plum, Mexican	<i>P. mexicana</i>
Poison Ivy	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>
Prickly Ash/Toothache Tree	<i>Zanthoxylum clavaherculis</i>
Privet, Swamp	<i>Forestiera acuminata</i>
Redbay	<i>Persea borbonia/palustris</i>
Redbud, Eastern	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Rose, Carolina	<i>Rosa carolina</i>
Rose, Prairie	<i>Rosa setigera</i>
Rose, Swamp	<i>Rosa palustris</i>
St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum spp.</i>

Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>
Silverbell, Two-winged	<i>Halesia diptera</i>
Snowbell, American	<i>Styrax americana</i>
Snowbell, Bigleaf	<i>Styrax grandifolius</i>
Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>
Strawberry Bush	<i>Euonymus americana</i>
Sumac, Shining/Dwarf	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>
Sumac, Winged	<i>Rhus glabra</i>
Summer-sweet, Peppervine	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>
Supplejack/Blackjack Vine	<i>Berchemia scandens</i>
Sweetspire, Virginia	<i>Itea virginica</i>
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
Tulip Tree/Tulip Poplar	<i>Lireodendron tulipifera</i>
Waxmyrtle	<i>Morella cerifera</i>
Willow, Black	<i>Salix nigra</i>
Witch Hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>
Viburnum, Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>
Viburnum, Possumhaw	<i>Viburnum nudum</i>
Viburnum, Little-leaf/Walter's/Schiller's Delight	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>
Viburnum, Rusty Blackhaw	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>

Herbaceous plants (ferns, grasses, sedges/rushes and wildflowers)

Common Name or Plant Group Name	Scientific Name/Genus
Agave, American	<i>Agave virginica</i>
Alligator-flags	<i>Thalia spp.</i>
Asters, Wild	<i>Symphotrichum/Seriocarpus/Ionactis/Eurybia spp.</i>
Aster, Stokes	<i>Stokesia laevis</i>
Buttons, Barbara's	<i>Marshallia spp.</i>
Buttonweeds, Poor Joes	<i>Diodia spp.</i>
Beardtongues/Peenstemons	<i>Penstemon spp.</i>
Bedstraws	<i>Gaillium spp.</i>
Beebalm	<i>Monarda spp.</i>
Beggarticks	<i>(see Coreopsis)</i>
Bergamot, Wild	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
Bittercress	<i>Cardamine spp.</i>
Blazing Stars	<i>Liatris spp.</i>
Blue Stars	<i>Amsonia spp.</i>
Bluecurls	<i>Trichostema spp.</i>
Blue-eyed Grasses	<i>Sisyrinchium spp.</i>
Bonesets, Thoroughworts	<i>Eupatorium spp.</i>
Buttercups	<i>Ranunculus spp.</i>
Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Butterweed	<i>Packera glabellus</i>
Camphorweeds	<i>Pluchea spp.</i>
Cannas, Native	<i>Canna spp.</i>
Cardinalflower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>
Catchflies	<i>Silene spp.</i>
Cattails	<i>Typha spp.</i>
Clematis, Native	<i>Clematis spp.</i>
Club, Golden	<i>Orontium aquaticum</i>
Compass Plants	<i>(see Rosinweeds)</i>
Coneflowers, Black-eyed Susans	<i>Rudbeckia spp., Ratibida spp.</i>
Coneflowers, Purple	<i>Echinacea spp.</i>
Coreopsis, Native	<i>Coreopsis spp.</i>
Crownbeards, Wingstems	<i>Verbesina spp.</i>
Cuban Jute	<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>
Cypress, Standing	<i>Ipomopsis rubra</i>
Daisy Fleabanes	<i>Erigeron spp.</i>
Dayflowers, Native	<i>Commelina spp.</i>

Dutchman's Pipes, Native	<i>Aristolochia spp.</i>
Elephant's Foot	<i>Elephantopus, spp.</i>
Ferns, Native	<i>(please list below)</i>
Frog Fruits	<i>Phyla spp.</i>
Garlic, False Crowpoison	<i>Nothoscordum bivalve</i>
Gauras	<i>Gaura spp.</i>
Geraniums, Wild	<i>Geranium spp.</i>
Goldenasters	<i>Chrysopsis/Heterotheca/Pityopsis spp.</i>
Goldenrods	<i>Solidago spp.</i>
Grasses, Yellow-eyed	<i>Xyris spp.</i>
Grasses, Native	<i>(please list below)</i>
Herbertias	<i>Herbertia spp.</i>
Hibiscus, Native	<i>Hibiscus spp./Kosteletzkyia</i>
Indian Blankets	<i>Gaillardia spp.</i>
Indian Pink	<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>
Indian Plantains	<i>Arnoglossum spp.</i>
Indigos, False	<i>Baptisia spp.</i>
Iris, Native	<i>Iris spp.</i>
Ironweeds	<i>Vernonia spp.</i>
Jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>
Joe-pye Weeds	<i>Eupatorium spp.</i>
Larkspurs, Native	<i>Delphinium spp.</i>
Lillies, Rain	<i>Zephyranthes spp.</i>
Lily, Spider	<i>Hymenocallis lireosme</i>
Lily, Swamp	<i>Crinum americanum</i>
Lizard's Tail	
Lobelias, Native	<i>Lobelia spp.</i>
Lupines, Native	<i>Lupinus spp.</i>
Lettuce, Wild	<i>Lactuca spp.</i>
Mallows, Native	<i>(See Hibiscus)</i>
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>
Maypop, Passion vine, Native	<i>Passiflora spp.</i>
Meadowbeauties	<i>Rhexia spp.</i>
Meadow Rues	<i>Thalictrum spp.</i>
Mexican Hat	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>
Milkweeds, Native	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>
Mints, Mountain	<i>Pyranthemum spp.</i>
Mistflower, Blue	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>
Morning glories, Native	<i>Ipomeas pp.</i>

Nightshades, Native	<i>Solanum spp.</i>
Obedient Plants, False-dragonheads	<i>Physostegia spp.</i>
Onion, Wild	<i>Allium canadense</i>
Pea, Butterfly	
Peas, Partridge	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>
Pennyworts, Native	
Penstemons, Native	<i>(see Beardtongues)</i>
Pepper, Bird	<i>Capsicum annuum var. glabrisculum</i>
Petunias, Wild	<i>Ruellia spp.</i>
Phloxes, Native	<i>Phlox spp.</i>
Pickereelweed	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>
Pink, Fire	<i>(See Catchflies)</i>
Pink, Indian	<i>(See Indian Pink)</i>
Pokeberry/Pokeweed	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>
Poppymallows	<i>Callirhoe spp.</i>
Primroses, Native	<i>Oenothera spp.</i>
Rattlesnake Masters	<i>Eryngium spp.</i>
Rosinweeds/Compass Plants	<i>Silphium spp.</i>
Rosepinks	<i>Sabatia spp.</i>
Rushes	<i>Juncus spp.</i>
Sages, Native	<i>Salvia spp.</i>
Sedges, Flat	<i>Cyperus spp.</i>
Sedges, Caric	<i>Carex spp.</i>
Sida	<i>(see Cuban Jute)</i>
Skullcaps, Native	<i>Scutellaria spp.</i>
Snakeroot, Black	<i>Sanicula canadense</i>
Snakeroot, White	<i>Ageratina altissima</i>
Spiderworts, Native	<i>Tradescantia spp.</i>
Spikerushes, Native	<i>Eleocharis spp.</i>
Sunflowers, Native	<i>Helianthus spp.</i>
Thistles, Native	<i>Cirsium spp./Sonchus spp.</i>
Tickseeds, Native	<i>(see Coreopsis)</i>
Turk's Cap	<i>Malvaviscus arborea</i>
Verbenas, Vervains, Native	<i>Verbena spp.</i>
Violets, Native	<i>Viola spp.</i>
Wakerobins, Trilliums, Native	<i>Trillium spp.</i>

Have native plant species not on the checklist? Add them here:

Using the resources below, I have counted at least _____ native plant species on my property.
This amounts to about ____% of the area of my property.
My property therefore qualifies for (Circle one: bronze, silver or gold) level certification.

Bronze: 25 different native plant species or 25% of the plants on this site are native.

Silver: 50 different native plant species or 50% of the plants on this site are native.

Gold: 75 different native plant species or 75% of the plants on this site are native.

Refer to the Guide to the Plants of Louisiana as needed: <https://warcapps.usgs.gov/PlantID/>. The guide is exhaustive and includes all plants, not only natives. Note that the species does not have to be native to your parish, so long as it is native to the Southeast US.