

# Native Plant Week

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Join us for a week of celebration of native plants and the birds, bees, and other bugs they benefit!



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## About Native Plant Week

Sparked by legislation drafted by Audubon South Carolina, South Carolina Native Plant Week was first introduced as a resolution to the state legislature in 2017 and signed into law by Governor McMaster in April 2018. This resolution recognizes the importance of native plants and permanently establishes the third week of October as Native Plant Week in South Carolina.

## You're Invited to Participate!

To show our love for native plants, Audubon South Carolina and the South Carolina Native Plant Society invite you to participate in Native Plant Week. If you or your organization are interested in planning an event, the following are some suggested opportunities. Please let us know if you'd like help planning an event or just want to let us know about something fun that you're already doing!

- Create a Native Plant Tabling Event or Display
- Plant a Pollinator Garden
- Install a Native Plant Rain Garden
- Ask Your Local Nurseries to Make a Native Plant Display
- Host a Native Plant Sale or Seed Swap
- Organize a Volunteer Event to Remove Invasive Species at a Local Park or Greenspace
- Promote Native Plants on Social Media
- Host a Native Plant Walk

## Native Plant Resources

If you are planning an event for Native Plant Week, please share the details with us and we would be happy to help promote it! In addition, below is a list of resources to help you in promoting native plants:

- Audubon's Plant for Birds Database will help you find beneficial plants specifically for birds: <http://sc.audubon.org/bird-friendly-communities>
- The South Carolina Native Plant Society's website has a variety of resources on native plants: [www.scnps.org](http://www.scnps.org)
- Clemson Extension has the Carolina Yards database where you can search for native plants based on your planting location conditions: <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/carolinayards/>.
- Audubon South Carolina also has a variety of handouts available in PDF format if you'd like to print them for your tabling events or displays. Please contact us to request copies!

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