

Native Plant Garden
May Scavenger Hunt
Pickens County Museum of Art and History
Pickens, South Carolina



Photo by John Batson

Plant: Rocky Shoals Spider Lily
(*Hymenocallis coronaria*)

Type: Aquatic perennial wildflower

Clue:

In Southeast Piedmont I am growing,
In rocky creeks with water flowing.
Spider-like blooms appear in May,
But each will last for just one day.



Photo by JK Marlow

Plant: Green and Gold
(*Chrysogonum virginianum*)

Type: Perennial evergreen ground cover

Clue:

I'm not very tall,
So keep your eyes down.
My bright golden blooms
spread out on the ground.



Plant: Adam's Needle
(*Yucca filamentosa*)

Type: Evergreen shrub (bush)

Clue:

I am a succulent with rigid sword-shaped leaves,
and my flower stalk can be 10 feet tall.
Native Americans used the fiber from my leaves
to make baskets, fishing nets, and clothing.



Plant: Wild Blue Indigo
(*Baptisia australis*)

Type: Perennial wildflower

Clue:

I have bluish green leaves and grow three feet tall.
Native Americans, such as the Cherokee,
and early European settlers used me to make blue dye.

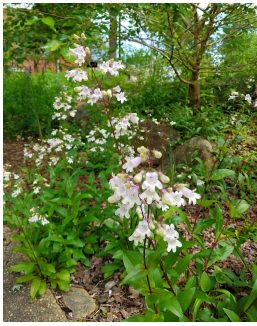


Photo by Cathy Robison

Plant: Beardtongue
(*Penstemon digitalis*)
Type: Perennial wildflower
Clue:

Butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees love my white tubular flowers for their nectar. Lines inside my flowers, called nectar guides, act like runway lights, telling bees that “the good stuff is back here!”



Photo by JK Marlow

Plant: Virginia Sweetspire
(*Itea virginica*)
Type: Shrub (bush)
Clue:

I have beautiful, great-smelling, droopy white flowers on a bush that’s about as tall as you are. Butterflies love my nectar, and humans like my colorful red and purple foliage in the fall. George Washington ordered some of these for his yard!



Photo by Cathy Robison

Plant: Yellow Pitcher Plant
(*Sarracenia flava*)
Type: Carnivorous perennial wildflower
Clue:
I am an unusual looking plant that loves wet feet.
My yellowish green tubelike leaves is where I eat.
The insects are attracted to my nectar smell.
Look inside you might see them stuck in the well.



Photo by JK Marlow

Plant: Blue-eyed Grass
(*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)
Type: Perennial wildflower
Clue:
I’m a short plant with light blue star shaped flowers and grass-like leaves, but I’m actually in the Iris family. Birds eat my seeds and pigs prefer my sweet underground tubers. That’s why my long scientific name means Pig Snout!

Plant: Indian Pink
(*Spigelia marilandica*)
Type: Perennial wildflower
Clue:

My name is Indian Pink
So you’ll seek just the color you think
But don’t be misled
My flowers are red
And hummingbirds come for a drink.



Photo by Joey Williamson

Plant: Red Buckeye
(*Aesculus pavia*)
Type: Shrub (bush)
or small tree
Clue:

I have showy red flowers which attract hummingbirds. Native Americans threw my powdered seeds and crushed roots and branches into pools of water to temporarily stun fish so they could be easily caught.



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