

& naturalized Native Plants OF THE CAROLINAS



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NameThatPlant.net is a **clearinghouse of information** about native and naturalized plants of the Carolinas.

You can **search** for a plant by its common or scientific name, or by the family that it belongs to.

You can ask for a list of native plants recommended for home landscapes or to attract wildlife. You can describe a plant that you've seen and ask for plants that meet those criteria. And, for an ever-growing number of botanically interesting areas, you can access a list of plants that you might see on your next visit.



On the plant detail page, you will **see** the plant's scientific names, as cited by several authorities. Most field guides will use one of these names.

If there is a button beside the name, you can click it to **hear** the Latin name pronounced.

Other information is displayed on this page too, such as when to expect the plant to bloom and the fruit to ripen, whether the leaves are alternate or opposite, simple or compound, the flower color, type of fruit, whether the plant is known to grow wild in the Carolinas, and if it is considered invasive.



Photographs are displayed for many of the plants, showing leaves, fruit, bark, and habit, as well as flowers. The pictures **sort sequentially** to show *seasonal changes*.

Some of the photos are **accompanied by notes** pointing out specific features to look for, much as a teacher might mentor a student. This commentary comes from various books and experts. As pictures are paired with verbal descriptions, the viewer learns not only to *see*, but he gradually becomes acquainted with the vocabulary of botany.

Clicking a "thumbnail" photo provides a larger image.

You can compare confusingly similar plants side by side, like a police line-up!



NameThatPlant.net is a **work-in-progress**:

At the date of this printing it features 2308 plants, 1433 of which are pictured (6932 photos).



There are descriptions of naturally occurring **plant communities** and species lists from **botanically interesting areas**.



There is information on **invasive plants**.



Botanical terms are explained *in context*.

Books of interest to native plant enthusiasts in the Carolinas are reviewed. If a book intrigues you, click its picture and look inside.



There are **links** to other plant-related sites.



NameThatPlant.net would not be possible without the help and contributions of many patient and knowledgeable people.

Your comments/corrections are welcomed and will make the site more useful for us all. Address them to webmaster@namethatplant.net