

Happy New Year! Maybe Spring actually *is* on its way!

Here is the latest Triad Flora report. To contribute, send me (lisal Gould@gmail.com) your observations, including common name, scientific name (if possible), place observed (locale, town, county), date observed, stage (e.g., in bloom, in fruit, leaves only, etc.), and observer's name. Please report only for the following counties: Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin.

Please include only plants that are in the wild (native or naturalized)—no garden plants. Species with an asterisk (*) are not native to our area but have naturalized here.

Nomenclature is from *Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States*, Working Draft of November 2012, by Alan S. Weakley, UNC Herbarium, Chapel Hill NC. Available as a free download (a searchable pdf) from: <http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/flora.htm>

Invasive species status [marked with an exclamation point and a number] is from the NC Native Plant Society's *Invasive Exotic Plants in NC – 2010*, which is available at <http://www.ncwildflower.org/invasives/list.htm>. The Society ranks invasive plants by the threat level: Rank 1 [!1] = Severe Threat, Rank 2 [!2] = Significant Threat, Rank 3 [!3] = Lesser Threat, Watch List A [!4] = naturalizing and may become a problem, Watch List B [!5] = known threat in other states but not yet a problem here. This list is a work-in-progress—if you have comments, go to the web link for information on how to provide feedback.

The Triad Flora Report is sent via email to members of the [Audubon Society of Forsyth County](#), the Triad Chapter of [the Carolina Butterfly Society](#), and the Triad Chapter of the [NC Native Plant Society](#). If you want to receive the reports, please join one (or all!) of these great groups.

The attached photo a Yellow-rumped Warbler eating Red Cedar fruit is by Sven Halling.

FORSYTH COUNTY

Red Maple, *Acer rubrum* (in bloom). 2/19/14 (Lisa Gould).

Tag Alder, *Alnus serrulata* (in bloom). Historic Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem. 2/20/13 (Lisa Gould).

Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/23/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Chinese Mahonia**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (bloom just beginning). Edges, 1/20/14; still barely in bloom on 2/8/14, more in bloom 2/20/14 (Lisa Gould).

***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (bloom just beginning). Lawns & edges, 2/7/14 (Lisa Gould).

Beaked Hazelnut, *Corylus cornuta* (in bloom—male flowers only). Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/23/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/23/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] **Fragrant Honeysuckle**, *Lonicera fragrantissima* (trying to open). Edges, 2/7/14; in bloom 2/20/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Common Chickweed**, *Stellaria media* (in bloom). Lawns, 2/24/13 (Lisa Gould).

***Common Buttercup**, *Ranunculus bulbosus* (first observed in bloom). Redtail Ridge Farm, 1/4/14 (Lisa Gould).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (first observed in bloom). Redtail Ridge Farm, 1/4/14 (Lisa Gould).
City yards, 2/28/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Ivyleaf Speedwell**, *Veronica hederifolia* (bloom just beginning). City yards, 2/25/14 (Lisa Gould).