

Happy New Year!

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 of Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*) in fruit is by Matthew Perry.

FORSYTH COUNTY

***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (leaves emerging). Yards, 11/16/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Lawns, 12/30/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!3] **Ox-eye Daisy**, *Leucanthemum vulgare* (in bloom). Roadsides, 11/1/14 (Lisa Gould).

Tulip-tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera* (fruit being released). 12/13/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!3] **Common Groundsel**, *Senecio vulgaris* (in bloom). Edges, 12/14/14 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Common Chickweed**, *Stellaria media* (in bloom—first observation of the season). Yards, 12/30/14 (Lisa Gould).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom + fruit). Yards, 12/4/14 (Lisa Gould).

***White Clover**, *Trifolium repens* (in bloom). Yards, 11/15/14 (Lisa Gould).

Common Blue Violet, *Viola sororia* (in bloom). Yard, 11/15/14 (Lisa Gould).

STOKES COUNTY

Carolina Hemlock, *Tsuga caroliniana* (in fruit). Upper Cascades Trail, Hanging Rock State Park, 10/5/14 (Mark Rose).

Turkeybeard, *Xerophyllum asphodeloides* (in fruit). Upper Cascades Trail, Hanging Rock State Park, 10/5/14 (Mark Rose).

SURRY COUNTY

Mountain Spleenwort, *Asplenium montanum* (in spore). Pinnacle Trail, Pilot Mountain State Park, 10/4/14 (Mark Rose).

Variable-leaf Heartleaf, *Hexastylis heterophylla* (plants). Pinnacle Trail, Pilot Mountain State Park, 10/4/14 (Mark Rose).

Mountain Fetterbush, *Pieris floribunda* (in fruit and buds). Pinnacle Trail, Pilot Mountain State Park, 10/4/14 (Mark Rose).

YADKIN COUNTY

Round-lobed Hepatica, *Anemone americana* [= *Hepatica nobilis* var. *obtusa*, *Hepatica americana*] (flowering stems just beginning to emerge). 12/13/14 (Matthew Perry).

Hoary Bittercress, *Cardamine hirsuta (in bloom). 12/24/14 (Matthew Perry).

Blue Cohosh, *Caulophyllum thalictroides* (in fruit). Pilot Mountain State Park, 12/26/14 (Matthew Perry).

Witch Hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana* (in bloom). Pilot Mountain State Park, 12/1/14 (Matthew Perry).