

Happy New Year to all!

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 29 May 2015, by Alan S. Weakley, UNC Herbarium, Chapel Hill NC. Available as a free download (a searchable pdf) from: http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/FloraArchives/WeakleyFlora_2015-05-29.pdf

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 Round-lobed Hepatica is by Matthew Perry; the photo of Common Spring-beauty is by Marie Poteat.

FORSYTH COUNTY

***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (in bloom + with young fruit). Tanglewood Park, 12/12/15 (Lisa Gould).

Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/19/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Sweet Autumn Clematis**, *Clematis terniflora* [= *Clematis paniculata*] (in bloom). Edge, 12/13/15 (Lisa Gould).

***Henbit**, *Lamium amplexicaule* (bloom just beginning). Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/19/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 12/30/15 (Lisa Gould).

Tulip-tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera* (fruit being released). 12/19/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] **Fragrant Honeysuckle**, *Lonicera fragrantissima* (in bloom). Edges, 12/31/15 (Lisa Gould).

Smooth or Late Goldenrod, *Solidago gigantea* (in bloom + fruit). Edges, 12/17/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Common Chickweed**, *Stellaria media* (in bloom). Tanglewood Park, 12/12/15 (Lisa Gould).

Yards, 12/31/15 (Lisa Gould).

Frost-aster, *Symphyotrichum pilosum* (in bloom). Edges, 12/17/15 (Lisa Gould).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom + fruit). Tanglewood Park, 12/12/15 (Lisa Gould).

Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/19/15 (Lisa Gould).

Yards & edges, 12/31/15 (Lisa Gould).

***White Clover**, *Trifolium repens* (in bloom). Yards & edges, 12/31/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Ivyleaf Speedwell**, *Veronica hederifolia* (in bloom). Old Salem, 12/10/15 (Lisa Gould).

Black Walnut Bottoms, Bethania, 12/19/15 (Lisa Gould).

GUILFORD COUNTY

*[!4A] **Italian Arum**, *Arum italicum* (new leaves at woodland edge). Greensboro, 12/29/15 (Dennis Burnette).

*[!3] **Groundsel/Salt shrub**, *Baccharis halimifolia* (a few fluffy seed heads left). Greensboro, 12/21/15 (Dennis Burnette).

*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (blooming in woodland). Greensboro, 12/19/15 (Dennis Burnette).

***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (rosette of young leaves about 3" diameter). Greensboro, 12/28/15 (Dennis Burnette).

Maryland Golden-aster, *Chrysopsis mariana* (in bloom+ fruit). Near Southern Guilford High School, 12/3/15 (Lynne Edel).

Common Spring-beauty, *Claytonia virginica* (in bloom—the earliest the observer has ever recorded on the property). Jamestown, 12/26/2015 (Marie Poteat).

Aster, possibly *Symphyotrichum racemosum* (= *Aster racemosus*, *Aster vimineus*) (blooming in woods). Greensboro, 12/24/15 (Dennis Burnette).

***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Lawns, Greensboro, 12/19/15 (Dennis Burnette).

***Red Clover**, *Trifolium pratense* (in bloom). Roadsides, 12/16/15 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] **Lesser Periwinkle**, *Vinca minor* (in bloom between two yards in residential area). Greensboro, 12/15/15 (Dennis Burnette).

YADKIN COUNTY

Round-lobed Hepatica, *Anemone americana* [= *Hepatica nobilis* var. *obtusa*, *Hepatica americana*] (in bloom). 12/19/15 (Matthew Perry).