

The birds are starting to sing—Spring will come!

Here is the latest Triad Flora report. To contribute, send me ([lisal Gould@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 Leatherleaf Mahonia (*Berberis bealei*) is by Dennis Burnette.

## FORSYTH COUNTY

**Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*** (in bloom). Muddy Creek area, 1/3/16 (Rosemary Wheeler).

\*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia, *Berberis bealei*** [= *Mahonia bealei*] (in bloom & fruit). Edges, 1/31/16 (Lisa Gould). *Note:* Honeybees foraging on the flowers.

\***Hoary Bittercress, *Cardamine hirsuta*** (in bloom + fruit). Edges, 1/31/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle, *Lamium purpureum*** (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 1/31/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!1] **Fragrant Honeysuckle, *Lonicera fragrantissima*** (in bloom + with young fruit). Edges, 1/31/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!2] **Common Chickweed, *Stellaria media*** (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 1/1/16 (Lisa Gould).

\***Common Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale*** (in bloom + fruit). Edges, 1/31/16 (Lisa Gould).

\***White Clover, *Trifolium repens*** (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 1/1/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!2] **Lesser Periwinkle, *Vinca minor*** (in bloom). Edge, 1/1/16 (Lisa Gould).

## GUILFORD COUNTY

\*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (in bloom & fruit). 1/17/16 (Dennis Burnette).