

Things are beginning to pop—Spring is getting close!

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 Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) is by Matthew Perry.

## FORSYTH COUNTY

**Red Maple**, *Acer rubrum* (in bloom). Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/27/16 (Lisa Gould).

**Tag Alder**, *Alnus serrulata* (in bloom). Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/27/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (in bloom & fruit). Edges, 2/14/16 (Lisa Gould).

\***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (in bloom + fruit). Washington Park, 2/21/16 (Lisa Gould).  
Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/27/16 (Lisa Gould).

**American Hazelnut**, *Corylus americana* (in bloom). Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/27/16 (Lisa Gould).

**Tiny Bluet**, *Houstonia pusilla* [= *Hedyotis pusilla*] (in bloom). Washington Park, 2/21/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). Muddy Creek Greenway, 2/27/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!1] **Fragrant Honeysuckle**, *Lonicera fragrantissima* (in bloom + with young fruit). Edges, 2/23/16 (Lisa Gould).

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

**Skunk Cabbage**, *Symplocarpus foetidus* (in bloom). Bethania, 2/6/16 (Matthew Perry).

\***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom + fruit). Washington Park, 2/21/16 (Lisa Gould).

\*[!2] **Ivyleaf Speedwell**, *Veronica hederifolia* (in bloom). Lawns, 2/29/16 (Lisa Gould).

**Wild Pansy**, *Viola bicolor* (in bloom). Edges, 2/23/16 (Lisa Gould).

## GUILFORD COUNTY

**Red Maple**, *Acer rubrum* (in bloom). 2/26/16 (Dennis Burnette).

\*[!2] **Leatherleaf Mahonia**, *Berberis bealei* [= *Mahonia bealei*] (a few blooms). 2/26/16 (Dennis Burnette).

\***Hoary Bittercress**, *Cardamine hirsuta* (in bloom). 2/26/16 (Dennis Burnette).

\***Henbit**, *Lamium amplexicaule* (in bloom). 2/26/16 (Dennis Burnette).

\*[!2] **Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (in bloom). 2/26/16 (Dennis Burnette).

\***Common Dandelion**, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Edges, 2/26/16 (Dennis Burnette).  
Price Park, 2/28/16 (Stan Gilliam).

## RANDOLPH COUNTY

**Common Spring-beauty**, *Claytonia virginica* (in bloom). Creekside Park, Archdale, 2/1/16 (Judith West).