Triad Flora Report January–February 2018

Here is the latest Triad Flora report. To contribute, email me (<u>lisalgould@gmail.com</u>) or text (336-837-9833) 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 <u>Audubon Society of Forsyth County</u>, the Triad Chapter of <u>the Carolina Butterfly Society</u>, and the Triad Chapter of the <u>NC Native Plant Society</u>. If you want to receive the reports, please join one (or all!) of these great groups.

The attached photos of Ivyleaf Speedwell (*Veronica hederifolia*) and Fragrant Honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*) were taken by Lisa Gould.

FORSYTH COUNTY

Red Maple, *Acer rubrum* (in bloom). All over, 2/15/18 (Lisa Gould).

Downy Serviceberry, *Amelanchier arborea* (in bloom). Woodland edges, 2/26/18 (Lisa Gould).

*[!2] Leatherleaf Mahonia, Berberis bealei [= Mahonia bealei] (bloom just beginning). Edges, 1/22/18 (Lisa Gould). Note: 2/5/18: Honeybees foraging on the flowers. (in bloom) Roadsides, 2/14/18 (Barbara Cullen).

*Hoary Bittercress, *Cardamine hirsuta* (bloom beginning). Edges, 1/29/18 (Lisa Gould).

*Crocus, Crocus sp. (in bloom—apparently naturalized). Tanglewood Park, 2/15/18 (Ron Morris).

Eastern Red Cedar, Juniperus virginiana (male cones releasing pollen). Woods, 2/23/18 (Lisa Gould).

*Henbit, *Lamium amplexicaule* (in bloom). Edges, 2/1/18 (Lisa Gould).

***[!2] Purple Dead-nettle**, *Lamium purpureum* (bloom beginning). Lawns & edges, 1/29/18 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] Fragrant Honeysuckle, Lonicera fragrantissima (in bloom). Edges, 2/5/18 (Lisa Gould).

*Annual Bluegrass, *Poa annua* (in bloom). Lawns, 2/26/18 (Lisa Gould).

*[!1] Callery Pear, *Pyrus calleryana* (in bloom). Roadsides and edges, 2/26/18 (Lisa Gould).

- *[!3] Common Groundsel, Senecio vulgaris (in bloom). Edges, 2/20/18 (Lisa Gould).
- *[!2] Common Chickweed, Stellaria media (in bloom). Lawns & edges, 2/1/18 (Lisa Gould).
- *Common Dandelion, Taraxacum officinale (in bloom). Edges, 2/20/18 (Lisa Gould).
- *[!2] Ivyleaf Speedwell, *Veronica hederifolia* (leaves emerging). Lawns & edges, 1/21/18. In bloom 2/1/18 (Lisa Gould).

Common Blue Violet, *Viola sororia* (in bloom). Lawns, 2/23/18 (Lisa Gould).

YADKIN COUNTY

- *Hoary Bittercress, *Cardamine hirsuta* (in bloom). Roadsides, 2/18/18 (Matt Perry).
- *Henbit, *Lamium amplexicaule* (in bloom). Roadsides, 2/18/18 (Matt Perry).
- *Common Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale* (in bloom). Roadsides, 2/18/18 (Matt Perry).



Lonicera fragrantissima

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