

Underutilized Native Plants

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Highlighted plants mentioned in the talk in the order which they appear:

Scientific Name	Common	Comments
<i>Silene regia</i>	Royal Catchfly	Full sun/ Hummingbirds
<i>Asclepias angustifolia</i> 'Sonoita'	Sonoita Narrowleaf Milkweed	Full sun/ Monarchs Everblooming/Drought tol.
<i>Asclepias perennis</i>	Aquatic Milkweed	Full sun/ Monarchs Everblooming
<i>Asclepias texana</i>	Texas Milkweed	Full sun/ Monarchs Everblooming/ Drought tol.
<i>Asclepias lanceolata</i>	Red Milkweed	Tall, sunny wetland specialist
<i>Asclepias rubra</i>	Purple Savanna Milkweed	A more refined swamp milkweed
<i>Asclepias rubra x</i> <i>lanceolata</i>	Hybrid Savanna Milkweed	Dezzling variation
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Florida running form	Florida Runner Butterflyweed	Drought-tolerant, slow creeper, forming patches
<i>Asclepias oenetheroides</i>	Evening Primrose Milkweed	Oddball
<i>Asclepias obovata</i>	Obovate-leaf Milkweed	Oddball
<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	Green Milkweed	Tightly clumping
<i>Asclepias variegata</i>	Redring Milkweed	Solitary, non-running (single flowering)

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<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i> 'Fanny'	'Fanny' Limestone Aster	The most floriferous of all late-flowering "asters"
<i>Thalictrum thalictroides</i> 'Shiozaki'	Shiozaki Double Rue-Anemone	No nectar or pollen, but wow! Grown in crevice gard.
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> 'Ramble On'	Ramble On Frogfruit	One of the best living mulch species. Apr-Dec flowers attract small skippers
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	Almost never the right species offered in the trade. The correct sp. is great
<i>Sisyrinchium nashii</i> 'Suwanee'	Suwanee Blue-eyed Grass	Doesn't form seed – amazing slowly-spreading, great <i>Liriope</i> substitute.
<i>Chrysogonum australe</i> 'Eco Lacquered Spider'	Eco Lacquered Spider Green-&-Gold	Quickly forms cover, very shallow rooted.
<i>Erigeron pulchellus</i> 'Lynnhaven Carpet'	Lynnhaven Carpet Showy Fleabane	The best of this species
<i>Mitchella repens</i> 'Danny'	Danny Partridge Berry	Our best selection
<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i> 'Angola'	Angola Alleghany Spurge	Very heat tolerant
<i>Asarum arifolium</i> 'Chattahoochee'	Chattahoochee Arrowhead Wild Ginger	Short-rhizomatous mats
<i>Asarum arifolium</i> 'Silver Spreader'	Silver Spreader Arrowhead Wild Ginger	Wide silver variegation and mat-forming
<i>Asarum arifolium</i> 'Stained Glass Windows'	Stained Glass Windows Arrowhead Wild Ginger	Reverse mottling, clumping
<i>Carex howei</i> 'Bonnie & Clyde'	Bonnie & Clyde Sedge	Hair-thin leaves – incredible Standard garden conditions

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<i>Amsonia ciliata</i> 'Georgia Pancake'	Georgia Pancake Blue Star	Like a prostrate <i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i> – great for hot, droughty sunny locations
<i>Amsonia rigida</i>	Rigid Blue Star	Stiffly erect, dwarf and tall forms
<i>Trautvetteria nervata</i>	Southern Tassel-rue	Heat-tolerant, amazing July flowers, keeps good foliage
<i>Oenothera riparia</i>	Riverbank Sundrop	Long-flowering period, densely branching
<i>Zephyranthes atamasco</i>	Atamasco Lily	
<i>Zephyranthes simpsonii</i>	Simpson's Atamasco Lily	
<i>Hymenocallis occidentalis</i>	Hammock Spiderlily	Amazing, cold-hardy, August flowers
<i>Baptisia aberrans</i>	Eastern Prairie Blue Wild Indigo	Compact
<i>Baptisia minor</i>	Prairie Blue Wild Indigo	Compact
<i>Baptisia perfoliata</i>	Catbells	Amazing foliage
<i>Baptisia arachnifera</i>	Wooly Wild Indigo	AMAZING! August flowers.
<i>Baptisia bracteata</i>	Creamy Wild Ingigo	Early flowering oddball
<i>Baptisia nuttalliana</i> 'Nuttball'	Nuttball Nuttall's Wild Indigo	Great shape – unique
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i> 'Little Redhead'	Little Redhead Pinkroot	Superb color – great form
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i> 'Ragin Cajun'	Ragin Cajun Pinkroot	Orangeish – incredible form

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<i>Spigelia marilandica</i> 'Texas Flame'	Texas Flame Pinkroot	Deep red with Ragin form
<i>Spigelia alabamensis</i>	Alabama Pinkroot	Incredible, sun and drought tolerant
<i>Scutellaria mellichampii</i> <i>S altamaha</i> <i>S ocmulgee</i>	Mellichamp's Skullcap Altamaha Skullcap	Heat-tolerant, mid-summer flowers
<i>Eryngium ravenelii</i> 'Charelston Blues'	Charleston Blues Ravenel's Eryngo	Powder blue insect magnet
<i>Macbridea caroliniana</i>	Carolina Birds-in-a nest	Large pink flowers in Aug
<i>Pycnanthemum flexuosum</i>	Savanna Mountain Mint	Tightly clumping
<i>Pycnanthemum albescens</i> 'Malcolm Dedrine'	White-leaf Mountain Mint	Tightly clumping Double-mint Scent
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	Bradbury's Wild Bergamot	April flowers!
<i>Monarda clinopodia</i> 'Dark Shadows'	Dark Shadows Wild Bergamot	Stunning dark stems May-June
<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	Hyssop-leaf Thoroughwort	Great results in cultivation
<i>Chrysopsis mariana</i>	Little Miss Sunshine Golden-Aster	Great results in cultivation
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i> 'Carolina Snow'	Carolina Snow Flowering Spurge	4 months+ of flowers!
<i>Tradescantia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Spiderwort	Reflowers in autumn
<i>Gaillardia pulchellus</i>	Beach Blanketflower	Short-lived; goldfinches
<i>Gaillardia aestivalis</i>	Sandhills Gaillardia	Long-lived; goldfinches
<i>Berlandiera pumila</i>	Chocoholic Eastern Green Eyes	Incredible chocolate odor

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<i>Eurybia hemisphaerica</i> 'Baby Blues'	Baby Blues Aster	Slowly forms tight mats, 2'
<i>Symphotrichum georgianum</i>	Georgia Aster	Huge deep purple flwrs. Late
<i>Symphotrichum grandiflorum</i> 'Biscoe Belle'	Biscoe Belle Large-	Densely branched, big flwrs
<i>Symphotrichum elliotii</i>	Elliott's Swamp Aster	Late, tall, doesn't flop easily
<i>Solidago mexicana</i>	Southern Seaside Goldenrod	Late, tall, doesn't flop easily
<i>Coreopsis palustris</i>	Swamp Coreopsis	Dense masses, Oct flwrs
<i>Collinsonia verticillata</i>	Whorled Horsebalm	April flowers
<i>Collinsonia punctata</i>	Florida Horsebalm	Sept flowers
<i>Trillium discolor</i>	Faded Trillium	Clove scent, unique color
<i>Trillium sessile</i>	Halifax Sessile Trillium	Unique tightly clumping form
<i>Iris cristata</i> 'Eco Orchid Giant'	Eco Orchid Giant	Very large and vigorous
<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Goldenseal	Much easier than reported!
<i>Silene catesbyi</i>	Fringed Campion	Reliably perennial, easy but rare and difficult to find
<i>Silene ovata</i>	Mountain Catchfly	Autumn flowers in shade!
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> 'Slim Pickens'	Slim Pickens Indiangrass	Upright, never flops, blue fol.
<i>Dalea bicolor</i> var. <i>argyraea</i>	Silver Prairie Clover	You never know till you try which plants will be great!