

Michaux's "Carolinas Top 40"

Forty of André Michaux's plants native to the Carolinas listed by common name. More of Michaux's Carolina plants lack generally accepted common names than have them. Plants listed are not necessarily the most common species, nor the most widespread, but most are showy, often found in regional wildflower guides, and demonstrate the both breadth of Michaux's work and his ability to spot rarities.

RAB=page reference in the Manual of the Vascular Flora of the Carolinas by Radford, Ahles and Bell. JB=page reference in Wild Flowers of North Carolina by Justice and Bell. Asterisk * indicates an illustration in RAB.

Wild Flowers

Blazing Star *Liatris squarrosa* RAB 1051 *, JB 191, plus *Liatris aspera* & *Liatris elegans*, other Michaux species that share the common name

Blue Cohosh, Papoose-root *Caulophyllum thalictroides* RAB 471 *, JB 68

Crested Fringed-orchid *Habenaria cristata* RAB 340

Cherokee Rose *Rosa laevigata* RAB 550 *

Dwarf Dandelion *Krigia montana* RAB 1031, JB 188

Fringed Phacelia *Phacelia fimbriata* RAB 878 *, JB 160

Giant Chickweed *Stellaria pubera* RAB 439 *, JB 57

Halberd-leaved Yellow Violet *Viola hastata* RAB 730, JB 120

Heart Leaf, Wild Ginger *Hexastylis arifolia* RAB 400

Ironweed *Vernonia noveboracensis* RAB 1047, JB 190, plus *Vernonia angustifolia* another Michaux species that shares the common name

Larkspur *Delphinium tricorne* RAB 454, JB 61

Lobelia *Lobelia puberula* RAB 1007 *, JB 185, plus *Lobelia amoena* another Michaux species that shares the common name

Partridge Pea, Senna *Cassia fasciculata* RAB 577 *, JB 98

Pixie-moss *Pyxidantha barbulata* RAB 818 *, JB 142

Robin's Plantain *Erigeron pulchellus* RAB 1068, JB 195

Stonecrop *Sedum ternatum* RAB 514 *, JB 81
Speckled Wood-lily *Clintonia umbellulata* RAB 293 *, JB 22
Spring-beauty *Claytonia caroliniana* RAB 433, JB 56
Large-flowered Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum* RAB 292, JB 21
Meadow Parsnip *Zizia trifoliata* RAB 776, JB 128
Twisted Stalk *Streptopus roseus* RAB 296 *, JB 24
Umbrella leaf *Diphyllia cymosa* RAB 471 *, JB 68
White Arrow Arum *Peltandra sagittaeifolia* RAB 258 *, JB 11
Yellow Mandarin *Disporum lanuginosum* RAB 294 *

Ferns

Broad Beech Fern *Thelypteris hexagonoptera* RAB 27 *
Christmas Fern *Polystichum ascroftichoides* RAB 27
Southern Lady Fern *Athyrium asplenoides* RAB 20 *

Grasses

Little Bluestem *Andropogon scoparius* RAB 163
River Oats *Uniola latifolia* RAB 66 *

Trees, Shrubs and Vines

Big Leaf Magnolia, Umbrella Tree *Magnolia macrophylla* RAB 473 *
Carolina Rhododendron *Rhododendron minus* RAB 798
Catawba Rhododendron, Mountain Rosebay, Purple Laurel *Rhododendron catawbiense*
RAB 798 *, JB 131
Crab-apple *Malus angustifolia* RAB 557 *, JB 94
Fever Tree *Pinckneya pubens* RAB 978 *

Flame Azalea *Rhododendron calendulaceum* RAB 799, JB 132

Muscadine *Vitis rotundifolia* RAB 695

Pond Pine *Pinus serotina* RAB 36 *

Southern Red Oak, Spanish Oak *Quercus falcata* RAB 381 *

Swamp Willow *Salix caroliniana* RAB 358

Sweet Pepperbush, White Alder *Clethra acuminata* RAB 792 *, JB 129

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