



Fetterbush

White or pale pink flowers. Bell-shaped and hangs in clusters along arching stems. Blooms March to May.



Shrubby St. John's Wort

Bright yellow flowers with star-shaped buds with numerous stamens. Blooms June to August.



Buttonbush

White flowers with round, spiked and globe-like clusters. Blooms June to August.



Mountain Laurel

White to pink flowers with purple markings. Has cup-shaped flowers arranged in large clusters. Blooms May to June.

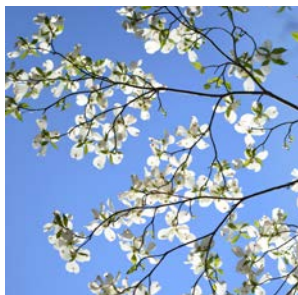


A Guide to Flowering Shrubs and Trees

Friends of Lower Haw River, Inc. (FLOHA) is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that provides stewardship, education, and advocacy for the Lower Haw River State Natural Area and the Chatham County segment of the Haw River State Trail, both part of the NC State Parks system.

The Lower Haw River State Natural Area is a great place to observe flowering trees and shrubs. Resources for North Carolina plant species information include the NC Native Plant Society, the NC Natural Heritage Program NatureServe Explorer, the NC State Parks Natural Resources Inventory Database, and the NC Biodiversity Project.

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Dogwoods

White or pink petal-like bracts in forms of four that surround a small flower cluster. Blooms in March to April.



St. Andrews Cross

Yellow cross-shaped flower with four narrow petals forming an "x". Blooms June to September.



Southern Arrowwood

Creamy white flowers that form flat-topped clusters of smaller flowers. Blooms May to June.



Pinxter Azaleas

Pink to white flowers that are tubular with five long, spread petals and protruding stamens. Blooms April to May.



Common Pawpaw

Maroon to purple bell-shaped flowers with three petals that droop. Blooms March to May.



Spicebush

Pale yellow flowers in small clusters of tiny star-like flowers. Blooms March to April.