



# Georgia Native Plant Society

*Promoting the conservation and stewardship of Georgia's native plants and their habitats through education and with the involvement of individuals and organizations.*



## OUR VISION

Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) envisions a better landscape for Georgia, one where native plants are protected, conserved, and used as the primary plants in yards and greenspaces. GNPS is growing people with a passion for this vision. Public interest in native plants and the understanding of the difference they make for native insects and birds is higher than ever. We use our unique skill sets to **connect** people to native plants, **teach** people how to use them and **inspire** people to be good stewards.



## ABOUT US

A group of native plant devotees formed GNPS in Atlanta in 1994 to advocate the use and preservation of Georgia's native plants. GNPS has grown to a statewide organization with 8 chapter affiliates. Chapters implement programs and initiatives locally while the State focuses on broader strategies and partnerships that lead to meaningful change.

## WHAT WE DO

### Education

- Symposia, webinars, field trips and plant sales

### Conservation

- Native Plant Habitat Certification
- Native plant rescue
- Habitat restoration and educational garden projects

### Advocacy

- Native plant propagation
- Toolkits and training for advocating the use of native plants with local officials and industry groups
- Armchair activism

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## HOW WE WORK

Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) is a statewide organization with a chapter network. Each chapter is a separate 501(c)(3) organization and maintains official chapter status with GNPS through a structured affiliation program. Resources are directed to the local level to encourage new leaders, increase membership, and have a direct impact in communities while allowing the State Board to focus on key state-level partnerships and strategies that lead to more meaningful change and progress of our mission.

The State Board of Directors sets policy, drives strategic direction and ensures that proper resources are in place to support the organization. This is a working board and its members take active roles in state-level and ad hoc committees. In 2023, GNPS hired its first executive director to support organization growth and increase its impact. It is anticipated that staffing will grow as the organization grows - in members and funding.

Work is guided by the most recent 2022-25 Strategic Plan. Areas of focus are education, conservation and advocacy, as well as continuing to increase organizational sustainability.

State-level committees develop operational policies and oversee programs. Committee members include State Board members, chapter leaders, and GNPS members. Training and resources are provided to the chapters so they may implement programs at the local level. Chapters choose to implement the programs that make sense for them. It is our hope that as chapters grow, the capacity to implement all signature programs increase.

We welcome you to explore our different areas of work on our website [gnps.org](https://gnps.org).

## GNPS CHAPTERS

Athens-East Piedmont  
Augusta's River Region  
Coastal Plain  
Fringed Campion (Middle Georgia)  
Intown Atlanta  
North Georgia Mountains  
North Metro Atlanta  
West Georgia



## GNPS STATE COMMITTEES

Executive Committee  
Governance Committee  
Finance Committee  
Audit Committee  
Education Committee

- Habitat Certification Subcommittee
- Conservation Committee
- Plant Rescue Subcommittee
- Restoration Subcommittee
- Propagation Subcommittee

Advocacy Committee  
Chapter Council