

The plants associated with the three communities listed here are specific to [eco-region 45, Piedmont](#), but also grow well in adjacent regions. These three community classifications are appropriate to most eco-regions in the eastern U.S..

Mesic - Moist, but not saturated soil. Often ravines, or north-facing slopes, near streams, but beyond the bottomland.

- Canopy/tree layer: Southern Sugar Maple, Muscledwood, Beech, Silverbell, Tuliptree, Bigleaf and Umbrella Magnolia, Ironwood, Northern Red Oak, Basswood.
- Shrub layer: Buckeyes, Pawpaw, Strawberry Bush, Native Hydrangea, Spicebush, Mountain Laurel, Azaleas.
- Ground Cover: Black-cohosh, Round-lobed hepatica, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Rattlesnake fern, Toothwort, Devil's bit, Trout lily, Geranium, Broad-beech fern, Mayapple, Bloodroot, Foamflower, Sweet Betsy trillium.

Oak, Pine, Hickory - Moist/dry. The most prevalent natural community in north Georgia, upslope, not north facing, a bit dryer than the mesic.

- Canopy/tree layer: Hickories, Flowering Dogwood, Sourwood, Shortleaf and Loblolly Pine, White, Scarlet, Southern Red, Rock Chestnut and Black Oaks
- Shrub layer: Small-fruited Pawpaw, Strawberry Bush, Mountain Laurel, Oconee Azalea, Greenbriers, Blueberries, Muscadines.
- Ground Cover: Pipsissewa, Butterfly, Pea, Wild Yam, Elephant's Foot, Eastern flowering Spurge, Downy rattlesnake Orchid, Little Brown Jugs, Veiny Hawkweed, Common stargrass, Licorice goldenrod

Bottomland - Moist/wet. The land next to streams and rivers that are occasionally flooded.

- Canopy/tree layer: Box elder Red Maple, River Birch, Muscledwood, Southern Hackberry, Green Ash, Sweetgum, Tuliptree, Sycamore, Swamp Chestnut, Water and Cherrybark Oaks, Black Willow
- Shrub layer: Tag-alder, Cross-vine, Button bush, Climbing hydrangea, Virginia Willow, Spicebush, Swamp Azalea, Yellowroot
- Ground Cover: River cane, False-nettle, Sedges, River Oats, Orange Jewelweed, Rushes, Cardinal Flower, Sensitive, Netted Chain, Royal and Cinnamon Ferns, Green arrow-arum, Cutleaf Coneflower, Broad-leaf Arrowhead, Lizard's Tail, Atamasco Lily