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Stock Up on Native Plants at Our Spring Plant Sales

(Atlanta, Ga.) March 13, 2018 – Stock up on native plants for birds at one of two Native Plant Sales co-hosted by Atlanta Audubon Society this spring. Atlanta Audubon is partnering with the Chattahoochee Nature Center for their Spring Native Plant Sale on March 30, 31, and April 6, and 7, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell. The second sale is a co-sponsored event with Atlanta Audubon Society, Blue Heron Nature Preserve, and Beech Hollow Farms on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at 4055 Roswell Road, Atlanta. The goal of these plant sales is to help expand habitat for birds and other wildlife.

This year's native plant sales will highlight nectar-producing plants that provide resources for hummingbirds, orioles, and other nectar-loving birds. A large variety of native plants will be available, including anise hyssop, red buckeye, bee balm, cardinal flower, salvia, cranesbill, white false indigo, and many, many other varieties. To see a complete listing of plants, visit the Atlanta Audubon website at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/plant-sale>.

"The biggest threat to birds here in Georgia is habitat loss," says Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon Society Executive Director. "Homeowners can provide birds with high quality resources simply through some thoughtful landscaping. The welfare of birds is inexorably linked to the quality of food and shelter available. As urbanization increases and natural habitats disappear, native plants can go a long way to restoring the habitat birds need."

Native plants are hardy and well-adapted, so they thrive without synthetic fertilizers and pesticides which hurt our pollinators and can runoff into streams. Finally, native plants and the wildlife they sustain provide color and beauty, right in your own backyard. If your property provides high quality habitat, please consider having it certified as an Atlanta Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary—it's for the birds!

A limited number of plants will be available for presale on the Atlanta Audubon website at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/plant-sale>. Presales for the Chattahoochee Nature Center Sale has already begun, and presale for the Blue Heron sale will begin Monday, March 19. All plants must be picked up during the plant sales.

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