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Hilltop has a long-standing interest in the native plants of Louisiana, beginning with native plantings by founder Emory Smith and continuing with the installation of a native prairie meadow, educational programs and sale of native plants. The purpose of this document is to provide the definitions and methodology used by Hilltop in designating plants offered for sale as native to Louisiana on plant labels and signs. Each individual plant is sold with an identifying label, while signs are located with each grouping of the same species and provide photographs and

No single definitive source on native plants exists. The field is constantly changing as are scientific names and ranges. Common names are

Table 1. Classification of plants offered for sale at Hilltop.

LA Native	Species native to Louisiana
LA Native Cultivar	Louisiana plant species bred or selected for improved shape, color, size, etc.
Native US	Plant native to the US, but not documented as native in Louisiana
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Introduced	Plant not native to the US
Undetermined	Hybrids between native and introduced plants

Taking the above into consideration, multiple sources are used i

- d. S Wasowski and A Wasowski. 2020. Revised Edition.
 "ncbgDfYgg; i]ZcfXž7H" GYÍ B Uhj YF Ub[Yí 'gWcb'Zcf'YUW' plant. Good for up-to-date scientific names. Includes trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ferns flowers, grasses and sedges, water plants.
- e. H\Y'A]ggci f]'6chUb]W'; UfXYb]k YVg]H']bW XYg'bi a Yfci g'bUhj Y'd'Ubh cultivars
 (http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx).
- f. The website <http://www.wilflowersearch.org/> is useful for identification of donated plants offered for sale. Its search criteria can be restricted to Louisiana (recommended) and are based on plant type and characteristics rather than name.

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