



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA NATIVE PLANTS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Georgia's native landscapes and habitats are among our state's most important natural resources providing critical habitat for birds and other wildlife; and
- WHEREAS:** A diversity of birds is indicative of a healthy ecosystem that provides a full array of ecosystem services to Georgia residents including biological control of pests, carrion regulation, seed dispersal, and nutrient cycling; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Georgia residents enjoy watching, feeding, and listening to a wide variety of birds in habitats ranging from their backyards to the coastal beaches to the mountains of North Georgia.; and
- WHEREAS:** Plants that occur naturally in Georgia provide critical insects and other food sources for birds and other wildlife, and landscaping choices have meaningful effects on the native insects that bird populations need to survive; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages its citizens to consider the benefits of native plants for birds and wildlife as they garden and landscape; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as GEORGIA NATIVE PLANTS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF