Growing a plant in the right place is essential for that plant’s health. Know the conditions of your site and choose accordingly. Doing so is a crucial step in conserving water and reducing the need to use chemical nutrients and pesticides. By following the directions below, you can determine the right native plants for your landscape’s conditions. Remember, a happy plant is a healthy plant!

Selecting Native Plants for Your Site Conditions

**Step 1.** Go to the UGA MAREX EcoScapes website (www.marex.uga.edu/ecoscapes/).

**Step 2.** Select “Native Plant Search Engine” icon from the EcoScapes home page. A picture of the Search Engine’s webpage is above.

**Step 3.** Make selections on the native plant search engine based on your site conditions and desired plant characteristics. Under “Conservation Landscaping Options”, select “Commonly Available” to find plants that are available in nurseries. Once selections are complete, click on “Submit”.

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Step 4. Review the native plant list you obtained based on the selections you provided (see example below on left).

Step 5. Click on an individual plant’s common OR scientific name. You will then obtain a page on the specific plant you selected (see example below on your right).

Step 6. Read more information on the native plant’s specific characteristics and condition needs. In addition, many of the individual plant pages have photos for your viewing.

Step 7. Also note that the USDA National Plants Database and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center’s native plant web links are also provided on the top right hand side for more additional information on the selected plant. Just click on either of the search engines and you will then be sent to their specific websites pertaining to that specific plant.

Step 8. Once you have reviewed information on the plant list selection you obtained, you can now determine which plant(s) you would like to integrate into your landscape.

Step 9. Before shopping for your native plants, check out our Purchasing Native Plants section under the “Native and Invasive Plants” page of the EcoScapes website for native plant purchasing guidance and lists of native plant nurseries and directories.