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Decorating your garden with native plants, or those indigenous to the geographic area, is the earth-friendly way to a beautiful garden. Since native plants are adapted to your region, they require very little maintenance. Once established, many will not require watering or special treatment. Flowering and fruiting native plants, such as those with berries, can be beneficial to birds and other wildlife. Birds and butterfly species will pick your garden as their home. There is no need to struggle with high-maintenance exotic species that may turn invasive. With a native plant garden, just put the plants in the ground and let nature do the work! Here are some examples of native plants that will look great in your yard. Our state flower, the Yellow Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*), Wild Rosemary (*Conradina canescens*), and Sweetgrass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) are all colorful native species.

