

Smith's Shady Slopes
The garden of Patricia and Steve Smith
4711 Walnut Hill Drive, Evans, GA

The certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat has evolved over the last 23 years to provide food, water, and shelter for wildlife while maintaining sustainable practices to ensure soil, air and water stay healthy and clean. The challenging steep hillside, three-quarter acre property was a blank slate in 1998. Over the years the owners have enhanced the lot with the addition of an expansive deck, terraced garden beds, a wide wooden staircase, meandering paths, flowing creeks and a large koi pond.

Visitors will find a mixture of natives, perennials, and annuals designed to attract pollinators and provide year-round blooms and interest. The front yard provides a place for the sun-loving plants, larkspur and poppies, which return each year from seed, as well as plants such as abelia, day lilies, coneflowers, clematis, loropetalum, knock out roses, quince, evergreen dogwood, irises, native azaleas and many more. The backyard is a shady retreat where you can enjoy a peaceful stroll through gardens that combine textures, shades of green, varying heights, and an abundance of plant varieties, especially hydrangea macrophylla, arborescens and paniculata. The fish pond and two rock lined creeks provide a favorite place to enjoy watching fish swim, birds drink, tadpoles emerge, spiders spin their webs and listen to the sound of splashing water.

Front Yard Bed by Street

Larkspur	Lily	Bottlebrush
Poppy	Crinum	Deutzia <i>Yuki Cherry Blossom</i>
Stoke's Aster	Camellia Sasanqua	Dwarf Gardenia
Rose Campion	Gladiola	Verbena
Scabiosa	Evergreen Dogwood <i>Empress of China</i>	Day Lily
Dianthus Pinks	Abelia	Dianthus Pinks
Gaura lindheimeri	Nandina	Foxglove
Salvia	Amaryllis	Calibrachoa <i>Million Bells</i>

Front Yard – Right Side

Sedum	Cuphea <i>Candy Corn</i>	Iris – White & Purple
Day Lily	Quince	Clematis
Knock Out Rose	Walking Iris	Asiatic Jasmine <i>Snow-N-Summer</i>
Abutilon pictum	Dianthus	
Phlox	Patio Peach <i>Bonfire</i>	

Front Yard of House

Upright Pyramidal Yew	Boxwood <i>Harland</i>	Black-eyed Susan
Dwarf Crape Myrtle	Gerbera Daisy	
Nandina	Amaryllis	

Front Yard Right Side of House

Michelia figo <i>Banana Shrub</i>	Hydrangea Paniculata	Ornamental Pomegranate
Hosta <i>Guacamole & Francee</i>	Cliftonia	Hydrangea Macrophylla
Azalea	Fothergilla	
Amaryllis	Osmantus <i>Orange Tea Oliv)</i>	

Front Yard Along Driveway & Top of Wall

Verbena	Hibiscus	Helleborus <i>Lenten Rose</i>
Serissa <i>Snow Rose</i>	Native Azalea	Creeping Jenny
Dianthus	Hydrangea Macrophylla	Passion Vine
Calibrachoa <i>Million Bells</i>	Peony	Grancy Graybeard Fringe Tree
Quince	Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow	
Dwarf Japanese Maple	Snowball Viburnum	

Front Yard Left Side of House

Camellia Japonica	Turk's Cap	Hydrangea Macrophylla
Camellia Sasanqua	Anemone	Azalea

Japanese Maple
Yellow Flag Iris
Ferns - Autumn
Rabbit Foot

Japanese Painted
Daphne Odora
Epimedium
Trillium

Helleborus
Acanthus *Bear's Breeches*
Bletilla

Back Yard Along Steps

Epimedium
Hosta
Prostrate Yew
Azalea
Solomon's Seal
Native Azalea
Strawberry Begonia
Shell Ginger

Ferns – Autumn, Christmas,
Japanese Painted & Holly
Helleborus *Lenten Rose*
Asarum *Wild Ginger*
Anise
Pieris
Hydrangea Macrophylla
Tiarella

Bletilla
Japanese Maple
Cotinus *Smoketree*
Boxwood
Camellia Japonica
Nandina
Abelia

Back Yard Retaining Walls

Hydrangea Macrophylla
Hydrangea Paniculata *Limelight*
Ninebark
Ginger Lily
Corylopsis sinensis *Winterhazel*
Pieris 'Flaming Silver'

Azalea & Native Azaleas
Rhododendron
Cascading Hydrangea *Fairytale Bride*
Oakleaf Hydrangea
Fatsia
Mountain Sweetbox

Rose of Sharon
Osmanthus
Goshiki Variegated Tea Olive
Weigela

Back Yard Along Fence and Grass

Lamb's Ear
Euphorbia
Evergreen Dogwood *Empress of China*
Farfugium
Quince
Hydrangea Macrophylla
Native Azalea
Deutzia
Climbing Rose
Osmanthus *Goshiki Variegated*
Viburnum

Euonymus americanus
Amaryllis
Mondo Grass
Salvia
Phlox
Variegated Pittosporum
Loropetalum
Asparagus Fern
Amsonia
Camellia Japonica
Amaryllis
Indigofera

Lychnis coronate
Lychnia senno
Abutilon
Phlox
Gaura
Aster
Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
Japanese Maple (self-seeded)
Forget Me Nots
Daphne Odora
Variegated Boxwood
Shasta Daisy

Shade Garden First Bed

Amaryllis
Hosta
Forget Me Nots
Lamb's Ear
Acanthus

Ferns
Ardisa
Hydrangea Paniculata *Pinky Winky*
Podophyllum peltatum
Variegated Ajuga *Sparkler*

Disporopsis fuscopicta
Evergreen Solomon's Seal
Heuchera
Broadleaf Barbara's Buttons

Shade Garden Second Bed

Ajuga
Native Azalea
Indigofera amblyantha
Arisaema ringens
Tiarella
Columbine

Hosta
Dichroa febrifuga
Evergreen Hydrangea
Begonia
Helleborus (*Lenten Rose*)

Arum italicum
Ardisa
Variegated Ajuga *Sparkler*
Viburnum
Variegated Skull Ginger

Shade Garden Third & Fourth Beds

Spanish Bluebells
Hydrangea Macrophylla
Hydrangea Paniculata
Green and Gold
Giant Ajuga
Heuchera

Disporopsis fuscopicta
Evergreen Solomon's Seal
Farfugium
Acanthus
Native Azalea

Hardy Geranium
Ferns
Hosta
Ardisa
Pulmonaria 'Trevi Fountain'

