

Potowmack Chapter

Virginia Native Plant Society

Resolution in support of
Lonicera sempervirens
as the official native wildflower of
Fairfax County.

WHEREAS, Fairfax County currently lacks an official, native wildflower; and

WHEREAS, Trumpet or Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) is a beautiful, native flowering vine that is indigenous to the Fairfax County area; that lives in a variety of conditions from dry uplands to floodplain forests as well as clearings and disturbed habitats; and

WHEREAS, Trumpet Honeysuckle has a long bloom time of coral, trumpet-shaped flowers from March through July and sporadically through the fall that attract hummingbirds, and red berries from July through September that feed songbirds; and

WHEREAS, Trumpet Honeysuckle, in addition to being native, is also commercially available for residents to grow and enjoy in their own yards, and can even be planted in large pots, while leaving wild stands of honeysuckle and all other wildflowers and native plants undisturbed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society hereby supports the adoption of the Trumpet or Coral Honeysuckle, (*Lonicera sempervirens*) for the honor of being named Fairfax County's official, native wildflower.

Adopted by the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society, September 5, 2018



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