

WNC NATURE REPORT

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BLOOMING:



Cardinal Flower
Lobelia cardinalis
Snowbird Creek



Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium fistulosum
Frequent along sunny roadsides



Iron Weed
Veronica gigantea
unmown meadows and fields

FRUITING:



American Black Elderberry
Sambucus nigra
Along Santeetlah Creek on 129 N toward Tapoco Lodge



Chicken of the Woods
Laetiporus sulphureus
Random growths on oak and cherry trees

ACTIVE:



American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis
Flock in farm fields and roadsides; Hooper & Huckleberry Balds

FALL COLOR:



Sumac
Rhus coriaria
Along 129 and 28 and areas beneath powerlines



American Mountain Ash
Sorbus americana
Hooper Bald along the Cherohala Skyway



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