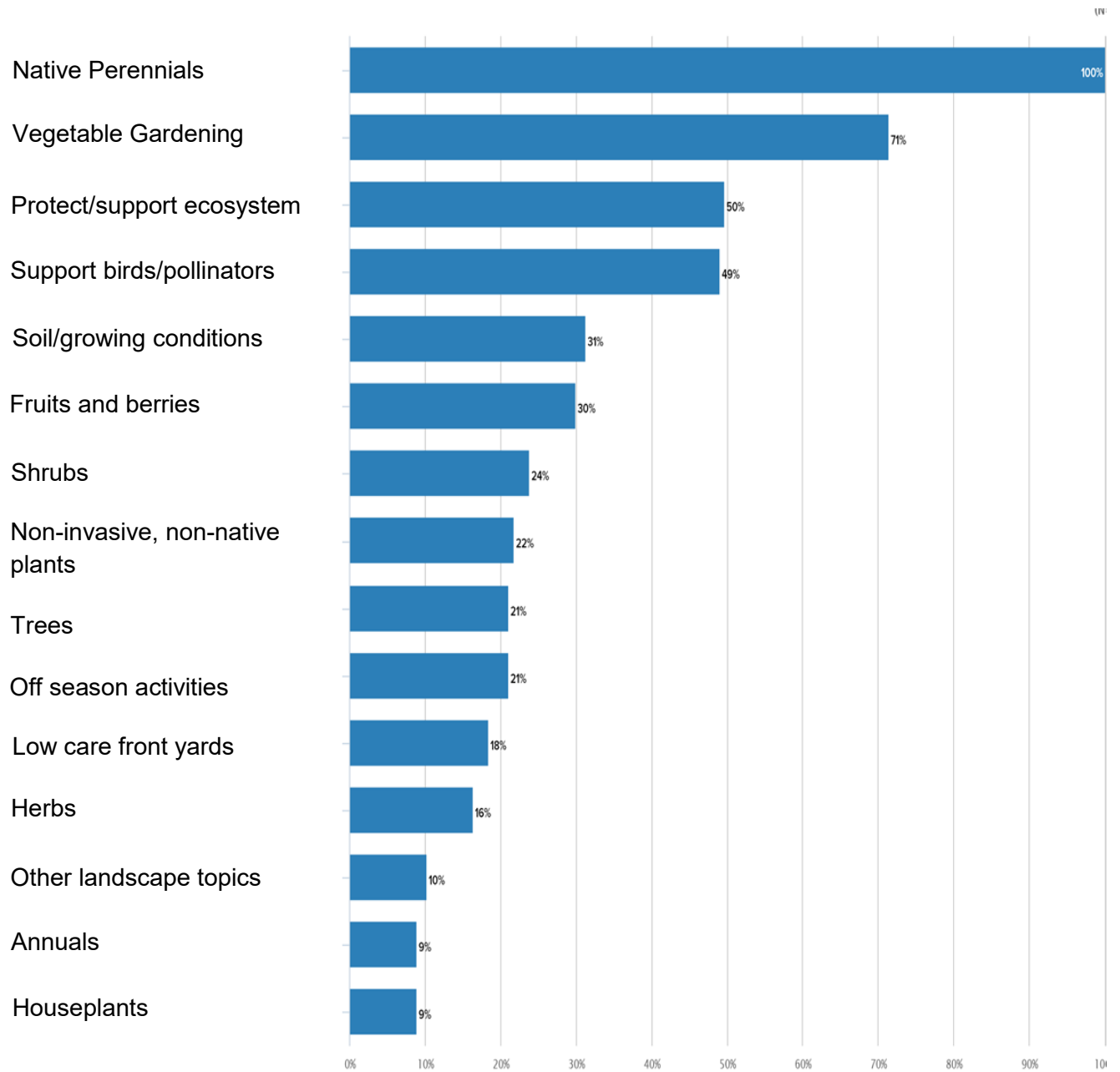


Results from the 118 members who responded to the December 2023 survey asking them for their top 3 preferences for topics for SAPS meetings in 2025 and their suggestions for other topics and possible speakers.



The suggestions for Topics and speakers included the following:

I think MELODY Rose is a good speaker. She is with Greenville Extension
Water ponds in ground and above ground.
Deer Resistant Gardening. Deer Riddance: Inclusion of deer resistant plants in any topic we have: Plants that deer will not eat
Interesting plants with a "story" (e.g., yellowwood tree, dawn redwood tree, Osage orange, chestnut
Bag Containers
How to propagate different types of fruit bushes and trees
4 season flower planting.
Shannon and Anthony Trimboli
Group entry & tour of Arboretum in Asheville. Hands on workshops during day.
Best shade and best sun-loving perennials for East Tennessee landscapes
Employee from Kingsport on pruning trees
Edible landscaping, dealing with pests in the garden (insect and mammals), pruning
Doug Tallamy, link at NETMGA: Doug Tallamy: Backyard National Park. Doug Tallamy
How are growing zones determined and what has caused the recent changes to growing zones.
Bug control when row covers is not an option.
Flower pot gardening
Outdoor bonsai
Local public gardens to visit
plant pairings (for color, mutual benefit, other)
non-native plants that are available in n.e. tennessee for purchase
Identify invasive non-native plants and how to remove them safely.
Jason Reeves - even if Zoom
Host plants for butterfly caterpillars, growing instructions
Propagation Methods. Mike Kincaid
Transforming into a low maintenance yard.
Cover crops and weed control
Landscaping for small hilly yards Sorry don't know of a speaker for this topic.
About herbs
What to do about soil/airborne plant fungus. And what to do about white flies and squash bugs
Vertical gardening for small spaces
Invasives. Ferns.
Latin names of area native plants
Trees, plants, etc. most resistant to deer damage.
New annual/perennials guide and care 2024
Landscape Design
Native plants with Christy Shivell, plants for wildlife, rain gardens, monarch waystation
Bee keeping and area bee keepers
wildlife habitats with native landscape plants
Landscaping for public spaces such as downtowns, highways, parks; history of landscaping
How to compost, dealing with invasive non-natives plants, anything related to vegetable gardening
Hydroponics, small container gardening
Native trees, shrubs, flowers specific to East Tennessee
How to attract bees and hummingbirds
Landscaping on a project; Composting by Ben Hunter: Compost
Best tools to have, how to use, how to maintain
Edible plants and flowers. Plants that can be touched for people who have a physical disability to
Something historical like the Olmsted presentation
Homesteading for beginners. How to create an ecosystem that works together
Keeping pests out of orchids Keeping bees
Interaction of plants and animals
Specific genus, ex. Acer palmatum, Magnolias etc. Garden styles - meditation, cottage, etc
Destructive insecticides