



Bower Recommended Native Gardening Resources

Help to get you started and keep you going

Native Seed sources

Prairie Moon Nursery (Westfield, WI) - seeds, seed mixes, and plugs prairienursery.com
Ernst Seeds (Meadville PA) seeds, seed mixes ernstseed.com

PA Native Plant Sources

Behmerwald Nursery (Schwenksville, PA) behmerwald.com
Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve (New Hope, PA) bhwp.org
Calyx Native Nursery (York, PA) <https://calyxnativenursery.com/>
Collins Nursery (Glenside, PA) collinsnursery.com
Diakon Wilderness Native Plant Nursery (Boiling Springs, PA) www.diakon.org
Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, LLC (Orefield, PA) edgeofthewoodsnursery.com
Gino's Nursery (Newtown, PA) ginonursery.com
Go Native Tree Farm (Manheim, PA) gonativetrees.com
Hungry Hook Farm (Bainbridge, PA) hungryhookfarm.com
Northeast Natives and Perennials (Quakertown, PA) nenativesandperennials.com
Perennial Gardens (New Bloomfield, PA) perennialgardens.name
Prairie Moon Nursery (see above -plugs)
Redbud Native Plant Nursery (Media, PA) redbudnative.com
Yellow Springs Farm (Chester Springs, PA) yellowspringsfarm.square.site

On-line information about native plants

Audubon Society, Plants for Birds Audubon.org/native-plants
Provides information on native plant genera that benefit birds
Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center wildflower.org
Amazing resource for information about specific plant needs and benefits to wildlife
EcoBeneficial <http://www.ecobeneficial.com>
Site by author and landscape professional Kim Eierman; resources, videos, etc.
Missouri Botanical Garden missouribotanicalgarden.org
Another great resource for specifics about plants and their growing needs
National Wildlife Foundation, Native Plant Finder nwf.org/Native/Plant/Finder
Provides variety of information, including rankings for plant genera in their ability to host caterpillars
Native Plant Trust plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org
Data base on native plants that can be sorted by color, habitat, and much more
PA DCNR *Landscaping with native plants, native plant species* dcnr.pa.gov
PA Native Plant Society *Great resource section on website* panativeplantsociety.org

Places to visit

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve (New Hope, PA) See above under plant sources
Native plant showcase preserve and native plant nursery, symposiums, and educational opportunities
Mt. Cuba Center (Hockessin, DE just over PA line) mtcubacenter.org

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Organizations to Join

Facebook groups Pennsylvania Native Plant Society, Pennsylvania Native Plant Gardening, Pennsylvania Insects, Audubon Pennsylvania, South-Central Pennsylvania Native Plants, Wild Ones (and local chapters)

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Native Plant Trust *A native plant conservation trust; emphasis on New England natives; seed bank; programs, etc.* plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org

The Ecological Landscape Alliance *Workshops, Conference, Garden Walk Throughs, Resources* ecolandscaping.org

New Directions in American Landscape (NDAL) *Workshops and an Annual Conference* ndal.org

Wild Ones *National organization promoting preserving and landscaping with natives; there are several local chapters in PA* wildones.org Local South Central PA chapter contact wildonesscpa@gmail.com

Books

Principles of Ecological Landscape Design, Travis Beck, Island Press, 2013 *Textbook on constructing landscapes with ecological design*

Deer-Resistant Native Plants, Ruth Clausen and Gregory Tepper, Timber Press, 2021 *How to have native gardens in the midst of abundant deer populations!*

Wildflowers and Native Trees Shrubs, & Vines, William Cullina and the New England Wildflower Society, Houghton Mifflin, 2000 & 2002. *Beautifully photographed with information about individual native plant species.*

The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline with Ecological Gardening, Kim Eierman, Quarto Publishing, 2020 *Great information on pollinators of all types and how to maximize your garden space to support pollinators.*

The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener, Tammi Hartung, Storey Publishing, 2014 *Growing food in harmony with nature*
Pollinators of Native Plants, Heather Holm, Pollinator Press, LLC, 2014 *Heather Holm can teach more than you can ever absorb about native bees, wasps, and other pollinators. One of the best books on the subject. Also by Heather Holms: Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide; Wasps: Their Biology, Diversity, and Roles as Beneficial Insects and Pollinators of Native Plants; Common Native Bees of the Eastern United States (Pocket Book)*

In Suspect Terrain, John McPhee, Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 1983. *Fun and fascinating read about the geology of the Appalachian region.*

Planting in a Post-Wild World, Thomas Rainer and Claudia West, Timber Press, 2015 *Excellent information on plant communities and layering of native plants in the garden*

Bird-by-Bird Gardening, Sally Roth, Rodale, 2006 *Landscaping for the birds!*

Noah's Garden, Sara Stein, Houghton Mifflin, 1993 *An early book on one woman's conversion from a conventional gardener into one with nature in mind*

Bringing Nature Home, Doug Tallamy, Timber Press, 2007 – updated 2019 *The first book you should read on the importance of planting your garden, no matter how small, with natives*

Also by Doug Tallamy Nature's Best Hope and The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden (with Rick Darke)

Garden Revolution, Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher, Timber Press, 2016 *A guide to nurturing natives in the landscape, proper plant siting, and plant communities*