

# TRUSTED POLLINATOR GARDEN RESOURCES

## Key Webpages

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/criticalarea/Documents/> Maryland Native Plant List

[https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants\\_wildlife/Native-Plants.aspx](https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/Native-Plants.aspx)

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/habitat/wildacres.aspx> The Wild Acres Program

[https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/CommonButterflies\\_Skippers.pdf](https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/CommonButterflies_Skippers.pdf)

RELATED: <http://www.marylandbutterflies.com/>

Maryland Native Plant Society

<https://www.mdflora.org>

National Wildlife Federation

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants>

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Resources/guides>

University of Maryland Extension Service

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/recommended-native-plants-maryland>

Chesapeake Bay Native Plant Center.

<https://www.nativeplantcenter.net/>

Mt. Cuba Center

<https://mtcubacenter.org/native-plant-finder/>

Xerces Society

[www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org) Look for the List of Pollinator-Friendly Plants for the Mid-Atlantic region.

## Books

Bormann, F.H., D. Balmori, et. al. *Redesigning the American Lawn: A Search for Environmental Harmony*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2001.

Darke, Rick and Doug Tallamy. *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Diversity in the Home Garden*. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press, 2014.

Marzluff, J. M. *Welcome to Subirdia: Sharing Our Neighborhoods with Wrens, Robins, Woodpeckers, and Other Wildlife*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2014.

Mizejewski, David. *Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Backyard Wildlife*. National Wildlife Federation. Mount Joy, PA: Creative Homeowner, 2019.

Rosenzweig, M.L. *Win-Win Ecology: How Earth's Species Can Survive in the Midst of Human Enterprise*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Swearingen, Jill M. and Judith P. Fulton. *Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas: Field Guide*. Miami Beach, FL: Passiflora Press, 2022.

Tallamy, Douglas W. *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press, 2007.

Tallamy, Douglas W. *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press, 2019.

## How To Find Places to Purchase Native Plants

- Keep an eye out for native plant sales in your area. Good places to look are your community Green Team webpages.
- Check out local Audubon Society, Naturalist Groups, and Maryland Master Gardener webpages.
- Key Web Resources:
  - ✓ National Wildlife Federation/Garden for Wildlife Program  
<https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants> Scroll down to the “suppliers” tab  
[https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Eco-Regions/Eastern-Temperate-Forests\\_Plant-List.ashx?la=en&hash=616D5224A08F6939620441CFECE9BA90B9496712](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Eco-Regions/Eastern-Temperate-Forests_Plant-List.ashx?la=en&hash=616D5224A08F6939620441CFECE9BA90B9496712)  
<https://gardenforwildlife.com/>
  - ✓ PlantNative.org  
[https://plantnative.org/national\\_nursery\\_dir\\_main.htm](https://plantnative.org/national_nursery_dir_main.htm)
  - ✓ Lady Bird Johnson’s Wildflower Center  
<https://www.wildflower.org/suppliers/>

## Final Words of Advice

- Starting out you may feel overwhelmed and confused by so many conflicting messages. It is okay. You will make mistakes because everyone does. Just be persistent and keep learning. Do your homework.
- Find trusted resources and hold on to them like you would a compass out at sea. They will guide you safely to shore.
- Measure success by the arrival of larvae (caterpillars) in your garden for they indicate you have provided enough of the right resources for the youngsters to grow.
- Remember, even a little garden can pay big dividends, especially if it inspires others to create their own.