

## BOOKS AND WEBSITES ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS, 4/15/2022 (updated site addresses 9/5/22)

### Books

**Holm, Heather H.** *Wasps: Their Biology, Diversity, and Role as Beneficial Insects and Pollinators of Native Plants*, (2021), *Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide* (2017), *Pollinators of Native Plants* (2014). All published by Pollination Press. Also see her website.

**Norris, Kelly D.** *Designing and Planting a Resilient, Ecologically Vibrant Home Garden* (2021), Cool Springs Press. Focuses on the intersection of horticulture and ecology. See his website.

**Uli Lorimer**, *The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden*, publication scheduled May 10, 2022 by Timber Press. The author was on the staff of the Native Plant Trust

**Richardson, Mark and Dan Jaffee**, *\*Native Plants for New England Gardens*. (2018) Globe Pequot Press, an excellent resource with very helpful gardening information. Both authors were associated with the Native Plant Trust. Jaffee has a website with many of his webinar handouts.

**Sousa, Ellen**, forward by William Cullina, *\*The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planting and Maintaining the Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden* (2011), Bunker Hill Publishing. Sousa does not confine herself to straight native plants, but uses some cultivars as well.

**Tallamy, Doug**, *\*The Nature of Oaks* (2021), *Bringing Nature Home* (2007), *\*Nature's Best Hope* (2019), co-author with Rick Darke of *\*The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden* (2014). All published by Timber Press. Both Tallamy and Darke have websites with articles and videos of webinars. Darke's video presentation on the High Line (a garden on the restored elevated railroad line in New York City) is surprisingly relevant to the Lathrop cottage gardener.

**Wormser, Owen**, *Lawns into Meadows: Growing a Regenerative Landscape* (2020), Stone Pier Press. The author has also designed gardens you can visit in Northampton (the steep slope to the left of City Hall, the front area of Hungry Ghost Bread on State Street, the Teaberry Garden on the Lathrop East Campus.) His company, Abound Design, has a website.

**\*Cottage Garden Guide** - while not technically an authored book, this notebook is collection of articles and lists put together by those responsible for maintaining the Native Plant Shelf in the residents' library on each campus. Always worth checking.

\* = on the Native Plant Shelf at both campuses (except Sousa book is North Campus only)

## Websites *(listed alphabetically)*

- **Aspetuck Land Trust**

Although the Aspetuck Land Trust is located in Connecticut, their work helping local residents establish a Green Corridor in a suburban setting is an inspiring model to consider for both Lathrop campuses. Both the text and video explain the plan.

<http://aspetucklandtrust.org/>

- **Broad Brook Coalition**

Broad Brook Coalition (BBC) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization incorporated in 1988 with the mission of preserving open space and promoting affordable housing. Under a memorandum of understanding with the Northampton Conservation Commission, BBC is responsible for the day-to-day management of the 850-acre Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area. (If you have walked the North Campus Loop Trail and then along Boggy Meadow Road as far as the beaver pond, you have been on their land.) The website has superb lists of local native plants (with photos) organized by season of bloom. And there is also information about the local geology and related land use history.

<https://www.broadbrookcoalition.org>

- **Dan Jaffe Wilder**

Dan Jaffee is a photographer, author, teacher, and landscape consultant. You will recognize his name as co-author, with Mark Richardson, of the excellent book *Native Plants for New England Gardens*. (Globe Pequot Press, 2018). Both authors are with the Native Plant Trust. Dan's website includes his excellent handouts (click on Lectures and Workshops at the top of the page), watch his video, and then scroll through his inspiring photographs.

<https://www.dantjaffe.com>

- **Ecological Landscape Alliance**

The Ecological Landscape Alliance (ELA) has webinars (reduced price if you become a member) and articles (for example, the recently circulated one: all the reasons to leave leaves on your garden). Always interesting webinars and articles (in newsletters sent to members).

<https://www.ecolandscaping.org>

- **Greening Greenfield MA**

Was formed by a group of concerned citizens working with residents, businesses and town government working to build a more resilient and sustainable Greenfield. Website address brings you to their work on planting for pollinators and links to events sponsored, or co-sponsored, by other active native plant organizations.

<http://www.greeninggreenfieldma.org/action/campaigns/join-a-gg-campaign>

- **Grow Native Massachusetts**

Includes plant lists, live (virtual) programs, videos of past programs and comprehensive list of relevant books and lists of nurseries. Also has videos/webinars and plant lists by Robert Gegear on pollinator plants and an extraordinarily interesting and a surprisingly relevant video: Managing an Urban Landscape for Biodiversity by Rebecca McMackin, Director of Horticulture, Brooklyn Bridge Park. (Click on Great Resources, then Our Experts Videos.)

<https://grownativemass.org>

- **Homegrown National Park**

Website of Doug Tallamy (author of *Bringing Nature Home* (2007), *Nature's Best Hope* (2019) and *The Nature of Oaks* (2021)). And co-author with Rick Darke of *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden* (2014).

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org>

links to resources: <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/resources>

and videos: <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/tallamys-hub-1>

- **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**

The Center's website includes lists by state with photographs, growing condition requirements and bloom descriptions (click on Native Plants, then Plant Lists).

<https://www.wildflower.org>

- **Lathrop Websites (LCC Website and North Campus Websites)**

The LCC website has great photographs and articles. Click on any of the topics that interest you. To get this document and other native plant resources, click on "Cottage Gardens" then scroll down to the choices listed in the center panel.

<https://lathropland.wordpress.com/home/>

The North Campus website has a full set of the native plant resources. Go to the top of the page. Click on North/East Groups, then Land Conservation, then scroll down to a list of resources.

<https://lathropres.org>

A paper copy of this document is available in a notebook on the North Campus in Meeting House Library and, on the East Campus, in the Library at the Inn.

- **Maine Organic Farmer**

Excellent articles – see especially one on creating native plant "Sponge Landscapes"

<https://www.mofga.org/>

- **Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources**

The state website has an excellent list to help gardeners and landscapers select native plants that also help pollinators. It is organized by blooming season and includes sun and moisture information.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/choosing-pollinator-friendly-native-plants-in-home-gardening-or-landscaping>

- **Massachusetts Pollinator Network**

The mission of the MA Pollinator Network (MAPN) is to expand pollinator habitat and reduce the use of pesticides through creation of a statewide network that connects and supports the growing number of citizens, communities, organizations, and research groups working to protect pollination systems across the Commonwealth.

<https://www.nofamass.org/mass-pollinator-network/>

- **National Audubon Society**

This well-known organization has a "planting for birds" website - and information about native plants generally (including a short Doug Tallamy video). The website (scroll down when you open it) asks for your zipcode (to get the best list of appropriate plants), and then your email (so they can send you the list). Scroll down to view the list. The articles are excellent - as are the descriptions of each plant. Both National Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology are involved in this website.

<https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>

- **National Wildlife Federation**

The website includes a Native Plant Finder that ranks plants by number of butterflies and moths that use the species as larval host. (an amazing resource) To make sure you are getting plants native to your county, the site asks for your area code. Click on the photo for more information. You can also look at the list of butterflies and moths (the most specialized i.e. only one larval host, are listed first.)

<https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants>

- **Native Plant Trust** (*formerly the New England Wildflower Society*)

The website has native plant lists, pollinator plant lists, and the "Garden Plant Finder"(See "For Your Garden" on the homepage). The Plant Finder allows the user to search for a single plant by name or create a search-list of plants with combinations of many different features, such as wet/dry, sun/shade, time/color of blooms and berries, height and width, usefulness to wildlife, etc. Also, background articles including Adapting to Climate Change, native plant ID (Go Botany), and excellent information on Seed Collecting and Seed Saving.

<http://www.nativeplanttrust.org>

During the growing season, the Native Plant Trust sells native plants at Nasami Farm in nearby Whately, MA. A list of plants, their availability, and COVID-protocol for purchasing is on their website.

- **New England Wetland Plants**

Wholesale nursery of both wetland and upland plants. Website includes excellent information on growing conditions for the many plants they raise. Now located at 14 Pearl Lane, South Hadley, MA 01075.

<https://newp.com>

- **Newton Conservators**

While much of this website focuses on events and activities in the Newton, Massachusetts area, the articles in their on-line newsletter and the Resources list (scroll down to Links) are excellent.

<https://newtonconservators.org>

- **Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)**

This is a very practical, helpful website - the kind members need. When looking for resources, check out the farmer, gardener, and landscaper sections. There is also an early spring bulk order opportunity (click on programs)

<https://www.nofamass.org>

Their video on carbon sequestration is especially useful.

<https://www.nofamass.org/carbon/> (scroll down to video)

- **Ohio State University (or, more accurately, The Ohio State University Extension Services)**

Their Bee Lab offers free webinars (click on "Workshops and Webinars") that are technically very well done, offered by leaders in the field, attended live on zoom by 10,000 individuals (the speakers are impressed), and recorded so that you can watch them at your convenience. They also have plant-related information (click on "plants").

<https://u.osu.edu/beelab/plants/>

- **USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)**

**NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Plant Guide is a plant Database. If your plant has a Plant Sheet and Plant Guide, you will have excellent information, otherwise it will not be too helpful. The website is being created, so check back.

<https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/home>

**RNGR: Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Research**

US Dept of Agriculture, Forest Service website to supply people who grow forest and conservation seedlings with the very latest technical information, and to provide links to other organizations and individuals with similar interests.

<https://rngr.net>

Also see the **Native Plants Network** - <https://npn.rngr.net/npn/journal>

- **Western Mass Pollinator Network**

Very helpful, locally-focused website.

<https://www.missionbox.com/organization/1737/western-mass-pollinator-networkscreative-thought-and-action>

- **Wild Ones**

Promotes environmental landscaping by preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities using information, events, a network of local chapters, a members' journal, and garden designs. While there is not yet a chapter in our area, individuals can become members and the website has excellent information,

<https://wildones.org>

- **Wild Seed Project**

Although this group is based in Maine, their events and resources are very appropriate for our communities, including their work on re-wilding edges of highways. They also partner with many other local organizations.

<https://wildseedproject.net>

- **Xerces Society**

Regional Lists of Pollinator Plants with an explanation of pollinator's various needs (nectar, pollen, larval host plant/caterpillars, nesting sites).

[https://www.xerces.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/17-051\\_03\\_XercesSoc\\_PollinatorPlants\\_Northeast-Region\\_web-3page.pdf](https://www.xerces.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/17-051_03_XercesSoc_PollinatorPlants_Northeast-Region_web-3page.pdf)

This list is most easily viewed, if you save as a pdf and then either open the pdf so you can read on the screen or print the pdf so you can read on paper. The website also has information on planting strategies and a list of webinars.