

PROPAGATING FROM SEED RESOURCES

Native seed and plant sources and more

- **Northeast Seed Collective - Ecotype 59 seeds** (local CT ecotype seeds; sold through the Hickories, a farm in Ridgefield CT; connected to NOFA – the Northeast Organic Farmers Assoc., which is about much more than farming!):
<https://www.northeastseedcollective.com/>
- **Prairie Moon Nursery** (Minnesota; native plants and seeds; germination codes to go with purchases; not grown locally) – Native seeds/plants. <http://prairiemoon.com>
- **Prairie Nursery** (Minnesota; native plants and seeds for our region, but not grown locally)
https://www.prairienursery.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAj9m7BhD1ARIsANsIIvAe4aDKgz68zsPB6qgR177RX5yLu8I2qTX5Xgy9gYdqnb2khTgRI6MaAj50EALw_wcB
- **High Mowing Seeds** (Vermont, organic non-GMO) –
https://www.highmowingseeds.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAj9m7BhD1ARIsANsIIvCGQE06jYyB-lkkJy9XFKjewfAx5Vtu4vLYmexwpVKP3HyzJXjyRbUaAu96EALw_wcB
- **FEDCO** (Maine) (many organic, sustainably grown, non-GMO) –
<https://www.fedcoseeds.com/about>
- **Turtle Tree Nursery** (New York; biodynamic; organic; non-GMO) –
<https://turtletreeseed.org/>
- **Hudson Valley Seed Company** (New York -many organic choices)-
https://hudsonvalleyseed.com/?campaign=21802298384&creative=716812178116&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA1eO7BhATEiwAm0Ee-PhJ7Kg_CxGisBEUcwMK_QNLfTFhQnhKaxZwGECz_888pJWn6t-7mhoC8o8QAvD_BwE
- **Johnny's Selected Seeds** (Maine; lots of organic choices; tools; tutorials; resources; run extensive trials of seeds).
https://www.johnnyseeds.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=BL%20%20Search%20%20Brand%20%20PRP%20%20HG%20%20US&utm_keyword=johnny%27s%20seeds%20organic&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA1eO7BhATEiwAm0Ee-EFImyYxFWewZ2W81XW6BN9wnGoQzIQnfPLfOIrX9ZnXYK9IcKRjGGRoCawMQAvD_BwE
- **Pinetree Garden Seeds (Maine; lots of organic seeds):**
https://www.superseeds.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA1eO7BhATEiwAm0Ee-K5WiiTc1vy4bHBfYGjBXTLBTisMFp1OUgH7aHhfCdBEcviQESR-UBoC8J4QAvD_BwE
- **Bill Cullina's Germination Codes** (what do your seeds need? Reflects years of research into germination requirements) <https://gnps.org/conservation/propagation-germination-requirements-of-seeds/>
<https://gnps.org/conservation/propagation-germination-requirements-of-seeds/>
and <https://gnps.org/conservation/propagation-propagating-native-plants-from-seeds/>

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- **Earthtones Native Plant Nursery** (all organic; Woodbury, CT) - <https://www.earthtonesnatives.com/>
- **Gilbertie's Native Plant Nursery** (all organic; Easton & Westport, CT) – <https://www.gilbertiesorganics.com/>
- **Native Plant Trust** (formerly New England Wildlife Society; MA; all organic plants; educational materials, classes, research, farm, etc.): <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/for-your-garden/buy-native-plants-new/>
- **Rewild** (new nursery opened last year - reopening in March 2024 for the season). Run by Lisa Newell. Reopens in March. Plants are natives grown organically. The email is info@rewildct.com. Phone 860-218-0164. Folks can sign up for updates. Limited hours. <https://www.cultivatedgardensct.com/about-us>
<https://www.rewildct.com/about-1>
- **Connecticut Conservation District** Annual Earth Day Native Plant Sales. All have different plant lists; join their mailing lists: **North Central Conservation District** (pickup is in Bloomfield or Vernon <https://conservect.org/northcentral/plant-seed-sale/>); **CT River Conservation District** (pickup is usually at Chester Fairgrounds <https://www.conservect.org/product-category/ct-river-coastal-conservation-district-2024-native-plant-plug-sale/>); **Northwest Conservation District** (pickup is at Goshen Fairgrounds <https://www.conservect.org/northwest-conservation-district/>)
- **Pinelands Nursery** (New Jersey; native plants for our area are available) <https://www.pinelandsnursery.com/>
- **Izel Nursery** (Washington, D.C.; Native plants for our area in bulk at wholesale prices; easy to narrow down what is native to our area, select straight species, and select conditions, with the drop down menu) <https://www.izelplants.com/?srsltid=AfmBOorZiCfTApwy0mQ45PpeODcmnKyekY0V-mA56-sLXTUpogBCsvX6>
- **Mount Cuba Center** (Delaware) – famous for plant trials; committed to the conservation of native plants and their habitats; they offer classes. Check out the latest research.

Pamphlets

- **Deno, Norman. USDA.** Seed Germination Theory and Practice – free from USDA <https://www.gardenmyths.com/seed-germination-dr-deno/>
- **Wild Seed Project** (Maine) <https://wildseedproject.net/> (germination codes, propagating info, etc.) <https://wildseedproject.net/how-to-grow-natives-from-seed/>
<https://wildseedproject.net/maine-native-plants-for-roadside-restoration/>

Pollinator resources and organizations with useful websites and databases

- **Homegrown National Park** <http://homegrownnationalpark.org> Organization started by Doug Tallamy with useful newsletters and how to add your yard to the national list of wildlife friendly yards

- **Bringing Nature Home** <http://bringingnaturehome.net> A call to regenerate biodiversity by creating new backyard habitats (videos, native plant finder, your Keystone plants)
- **Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.** <https://xerces.org>
loads of great publications! One is a pdf called Collecting Your Own Wildflower Seed
- **CT Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG):** <https://cipwg.uconn.edu/>
- **Conserving Bumble Bees:**
<https://www.xerces.org/publications/guidelines/conservingbumble-bees>
- **NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association):** <https://ctnofa.org/>
- **CT Agricultural Experiment Station's Pollinator Information:**
<https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/Publications/Publications/Pollinator-Information>
- **DEEP Native Tree and Shrub availability list:** https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/forestry/urban_forestry/ct-native-plant-availability-list_uconn_ctdeep_may2023.pdf
- **Pollinator Partnership (EcoRegional Planting Guides):**
<https://www.pollinator.org/guides>
- **Plants for Pollinators (Northeastern US)** – Bloom time, growing requirements, & what pollinators are attracted to each plant:
<https://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/EasternBroadleaf.Oceanic.rx18.pdf>
- **USDA Forest Service: “Bee Basics: An Introduction to Native Bees”**
<https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/documents/BeeBasics.pdf>
- **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Database**
<https://www.wildflower.org/plants/index.php>
- **Native Plant Trust (New England) Go Botany Simple Key**
<https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/simple/> they also have a garden native plant finder.
<https://plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org/Plant-Search>
- **National Wildlife Federation's Native Plant Finder (By zip Code)**
<https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/>
- **National Audubon Society's Plants for Birds**
<https://www.audubon.org/PLANTSFORBIRDS> State Native Plant/Pollinator Groups
- **CT Audubon:** <https://ctaudubon.org>
- **Audubon CT:**
https://www.ctaudubon.org/?utm_source=google&utm_campaign=218520435&utm_content=19588668315&utm_term=audubon%20ct&utm_medium=674042699425&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA1eO7BhATEiwAm0Ee-HdmZHpMhYzp45ciiV2EsuYK27SSiSr2BD9rqXWoG8-zSmDiyfM3hoCyw8QAvD_BwE
- **Wild Ones – Mountain Laurel Chapter** meets at Conn College
<https://mountainlaurel.wildones.org/>
- **Native Grow Native Massachusetts:** good resource on Massachusetts natural plant communities <https://grownativemass.org/>
- **Wild Seed Project (Maine)** <https://wildseedproject.net/>
- **CT Botanical Society** – has good wildflower images and offers free walks (soon I hope), Gardening in CT with native plants. <https://www.ct-botanical-society.org/>
- **Long Island Native Plant Initiative** <http://www.linpi.org/>
- **CT Butterfly Association** <https://ctbutterfly.org/>

- Under “publications,” great resources include “Life Histories of Connecticut Butterflies;” also, they offer free butterfly walks.
- **Pollinator Pathways in CT & NY** :<https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/> Pollinator
- **Bumble Bee Watch (Citizen Science Projects)** <https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/>
- **Beecology Project** <https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/home#page-title>
- **Great Sunflower Project** <https://www.greatsunflower.org/>
- **Nativars Research Project** <http://budburst.org/projects/nativars>

Books

- Askins, Robert (2022). *Restoring North America’s birds: Lessons from landscape ecology*
- Brock, Jim P. and Kaufman, Ken (2006). *Kaufman field guide to butterflies of North America*
- Chace, Terri Dunn (2013). *How to eradicate invasive plants*
- Cullina, William (2000). *Wildflowers: A guide to growing and propagating native flowers from North America* (out of print).
- Cullina, William (2019). *Native trees, shrubs and vines: A guide to growing and propagating North American woody plants* (out of print).
- Glassberg, Jeffrey (1999). *Butterflies through binoculars: The east – A field guide to the butterflies of eastern North America.*
- Holm, Heather (2017). *Bees: An identification and native plant forage guide.*
- Holm, Heather (2014). *Pollinators of native plants.*
- Holm, Heather (2022). *Wasps: Their biology, diversity, and role as beneficial insects and pollinators of native plants.*
- Leopold Donald J. (2005). *Native plants of the northeast: A guide for gardening and conservation.*
- Lorimer, Uli (2022). *The northeast native plant primer: 235 plants for an earth-friendly garden.*
- Rainer, Thomas and West, Claudia (2015). *Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes.*
- Richardson, Mark and New England Wildflower Society (2018). *Native plants for New England gardens.*
- Stein, Sara Bonnett(1997). *Planting Noah’s Garden: Further adventures in backyard ecology* (out of print).
- Stein, Sara (1993). *Noah’s Garden: Restoring the ecology of our own back yards* (out of print).
- Tallamy, Douglas (2009). *Bringing nature home: How you can sustain wildlife with native plants.*
- Tallamy, Douglas (2020). *Nature’s best hope.*
- Tallamy, Douglas (2021). *The nature of oaks.*
- Tallamy, Douglas and Darke, Rick (2014). *The living landscape*
- Uva, Neal, and DiTomaso (1997). *Weeds of the Northeast.*
- Wagner, David L. (2005). *Caterpillars of eastern North America: A guide to Identification and Natural History.*

- Wagner, David L. (2025). *Moths of the world: A natural history (A guide to every family)*.
- Vogt, Benjamin (2023). *Prairie up: An introduction to natural garden design*.
- Weaner, Larry and Christopher, Thomas. (2016). *Garden revolution: How our landscapes can be a source of environmental change*.
- Xerces Society (2011). *Attracting native pollinators: The Xerces Society guide, protecting North America's bees and butterflies*.

Publications/Podcasts/Blogs

- Christopher, Thomas. “*Growing Greener*” Podcast. <https://www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcast>
- Lamp'l, Joe. “*The Joe Gardener Show*” Podcast. <https://joegardener.com/podcasts/>
- Native Plant Podcast. <https://www.nativeplantpodcast.com/>
- Picone, Peter (1995). *Enhancing Your Backyard for Wildlife*. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/wildlife/pdf_files/habitat/enhancingbackyardhabitatpdf.pdf/
- Roach, Margaret “*A Way to Garden*” podcast. <https://awaytogarden.com/>
- Sirch, Jim Nature “*Beyond Your Back Door*” Blog. Subscribe at <http://beyondyourbackdoor.net>