

Resources for Native Plant Gardening, Restoration and Exploration

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Sources of Native Plants

See www.mdflora.org for wholesale and retail native plant nursery list or call 301/694-1596. For landscape plugs or bareroot perennials for large restoration plantings: 717/529-3870 www.newmoonnursery.com; 610/225-0100 www.northcreeknurseries.com; and 301/270-4534 www.chesapeakekenatives.com. Please note that inclusion here is not an endorsement.

Regional native plant sales to get to know the plants (in order of dates sales are held):

Lahr Symposium & Plant Sale Saturday late March (U.S. National Arboretum) 202/245-4521; Delaware Nature Society last weekend in April 302/239-2334 (website below); **Adkins Arboretum** 1st or 2nd Saturday in May & Sept. 410/634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org; **Millersville, PA** Thursday to Saturday, about 1st week of June www.millersvillenativeplants.org 717/872-3030 ; **Irvine Natural Science Center** (Stevenson, MD) 3rd Saturday in August 410/484-2413 www.explorenature.org; **Delaware Native Plant Society** 1st Saturday in Nov.

Web Resources

NativePlantsEast listserv <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NativePlantsEast>.

Announcements, questions & answers.

Delaware Native Plant Society (DNPS) www.delawarenativeplants.org

Great programs and field trips, plus a native plant nursery and sale. Links to other regional plant organizations.

Delaware Nature Society <http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/>

Another wonderful place to learn about native plants and wildlife. Collaborates with National Wildlife Foundation re backyard and community habitat programs.

Bayscapes <http://chesapeakebay.fws.gov/>

Chesapeake Bay Field Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, consummate conservation landscaping website, with excellent publications. Available on-line is *Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping – Maryland*, info on appropriate uses, light & moisture requirements, & regional habitat (mountain, piedmont and coastal plain).

Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS) www.mdflora.org

Tremendous number of useful links along with access to MNPS publications (*Plants for Maryland Landscapes*, *Control of Invasive Non-native Plants*) and a list of regional nurseries.

National Wildlife Federation Habitat Programs www.nwf.org/education

Wonderful support for homeowners and educators interested in enhancing wildlife habitat in their communities.

Photo Gallery of the Flora of the Washington-Baltimore Area

www.nmnh.si.edu/botany/projects/dcflora/index.html

Great collection of photos of regional herbaceous and woody plants in the site's Flower Gallery.

PLANTS Database <http://plants.usda.gov>

USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service site with practical plant information. VegSpec system allows you to find plants based on specific site considerations (native and non-native).

Plant Conservation Alliance www.nps.gov/plants

Useful site for invasive plant information, as well as federal plant conservation programs, including funding for restoration projects.

Chesapeake Natives www.chesapeakekenatives.com 301/270-4534

Wonderful descriptions & photos of native plants grown from seed collected within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Gardening & Propagation Guides

(see www.mdflora.org for extensive annotated bibliography)

- Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Back Yards** by Sara Stein; 1993; Houghton Mifflin: New York.
- American Wildlife & Plants: A Guide to Wildlife Food Habits: The Use of Trees, Shrubs, Weeds and Herbs by Birds and Mammals of the United States** by Alexander Martin, Herbert Zim, and Arnold Nelson; 1961; Dover Publications of New York (orig. McGraw-Hill in 1951).
- The Natural Habitat Garden** by Ken Druse; 2004; Timber Press: Portland, OR (orig. pub'd in 1994 by Clarkson Potter).
- Butterfly Gardening: Creating Summer Magic in Your Garden** by the Xerxes Society and the Smithsonian Institution; 1990; Sierra Club Books: San Francisco.
- Butterfly Gardens: Luring Nature's Loveliest Pollinators to Your Yard** edited by Alcinda Lewis for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Handbook #143; 1995; Brooklyn Botanic Garden: New York.
- Attracting Birds to Your Backyard** by Sally Roth; 1995; Rodale Press: Emmaus, Pennsylvania.
- The New England Wild Flower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada and Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines: A Guide to Using, Growing, and Propagating North American Woody Plants** by William Cullina; 2000 & 2002; Houghton Mifflin: New York.
- A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers: An Organic Guide to Choosing and Growing over 150 Beautiful Wildflowers** by C. Colston Burrell; 1997; Rodale Press: Emmaus, PA.
- 100 Easy to Grow Native Plants** by Lorraine Johnson; 1999; Firefly Books: Buffalo, NY.
- The Once & Future Forest: A Guide to Forest Restoration Strategies** by Leslie Jones Sauer; 1998; Island Press: WDC.
- Prairie Moon Nursery Catalog**, www.prairiemoon.com or 866/417-8156. Has seed propagation cultural guide.
- The Native Plant Primer** by Carole Ottesen; 1995; Harmony Books: New York City.

Recommended Aids for Exploration (field guides)

- Butterflies of Delmarva** by Elton Woodbury; 1994; Tidewater Publishers.
- Newcomb's Wildflower Guide** by Lawrence Newcomb; 1977; Little Brown & Co.: Boston.
- Caterpillars of Eastern North America** by David Wagner; 2005; Princeton University Press.
- Peterson's Field Guide to Caterpillars** by Amy Wright; 1993; Houghton Mifflin Co.: Boston.
- Butterflies Through Binoculars** by Jeffrey Glassberg; 1993; Oxford University Press: New York.
- Finding Wildflowers in the Washington-Baltimore Area** by Cristol Fleming, Marion Blois Lobstein, and Barbara Tufty; 1995; Johns Hopkins Univ. Press: Baltimore.