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The Meadow Project ("Urban and Suburban Meadows" and "Hometown Habitat" by Catherine Zimmerman) shares an excellent state-by-state “Find Native Plants” link: www.themeadowproject.com/resources/find-native-plants/

To help people find the top ranked plants in their county Doug Tallamy, author of Bringing Nature Home, is working with National Wildlife Federation’s Native Plant Finder: www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/ (a work in progress).

NEW JERSEY

Clemenson Farms Native Nursery is a wholesale nursery that grows neonic-free plants. They open their doors several times a year to wildlife gardeners and homeowners looking for hard-to-find native and pollinator friendly plants. 2019 “RETAIL Sale Days” (when the public is welcome to shop) follow: Friday afternoons (3 to 6 pm) and Saturday mornings (9 am - 1 pm), May 17 thru June 15. Clemenson Farms Native Nursery, 108 Linwood Ave, Estell Manor, NJ 08319; 609-476-3903; http://www.clemensonfarmsnativenursery.com/retailsaleevents.html

Goshen Gardens (Nursery), 570 N Delsea Drive, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210; 609-778-4075; goshengardensnj@gmail.com; www.goshengardensnj.com
Open Saturdays and Sundays beginning April 6, 2019, from 9 am - 4 pm and every weekend thru October 27; also open Fridays and Mondays May 3 thru June 16 (9 am - 4 pm). Nice selection of native trees, shrubs and perennials in 1-15 gallon containers; they only sell what they grow and all plants are pesticide free.

Summersweet Native Plants, 6863 Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330; 609-287-0596; NURSERY hosting an OPEN HOUSE & PLANT SALE on May 25 & 26 (Sat. & Sun.), 9 am - 5 pm. After that, open most weekends or by appointment; call or e-mail: JosephDRussell84@gmail.com https://summersweetnativeplants.com/

NJ Audubon Society’s Plainsboro Preserve, 80 Scotts Corner Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512; 609-427-3052; plainsboro@njaudubon.org; https://njaudubon.org/centers/plainsboro-preserve/; will host a Native Plant Sale on Sat., June 1, 2019 (10 am - 2 pm). Three great native plant vendors will have a wide variety of NJ native annuals and perennials for sale, including Cicconi Farms, Toadshade Wildflower Farm, and Wild Ridge Plants.

Flora for Fauna Nursery. Open by appointment ONLY, but owner Karen Williams offers special “Open House Sale Days” (June 20-21, August 23-24, & September 14 in 2019), 1209 Friedreichstadt Ave, Woodbine, NJ 08270; 609-442-3747; florafauna@verizon.net. Open House hours are 9 am - 3 pm, with a garden tour at Noon and a meadow tour at 3 pm after the sale is over.

Cicconi Farms, 1005 Farmingdale Road, Jackson, NJ 08527; 732-363-1420; www.cicconifarms.com/

Pinelands Direct, an online resource for native plants of the NE: http://www.pinelandsdirect.com/ Partnered with Pinelands Nursery & Supply to provide a retail outlet for native plants.

Rare Find Nursery, 957 Patterson Road, Jackson, NJ 08527; 732-833-0613; MAIL-ORDER, but host “Open to the Public Days,” on April 25, 26, & 27, 2019. https://www.rarefindnursery.com/index.php/native-plants

Toadshade Wildflower Farm Native Plant Nursery (MAIL-ORDER only: plants & seeds); http://www.toadshade.com/ 908-996-7500. All plants propagated in Frenchtown, NJ.

Heidi Hanlon will host a plant sale (including many natives and some non-natives) on Sat., June 1, 2019 (8 am - 2 pm), at her home, 24 Cardinal Drive, Cape May Court House, NJ (just off Rt. 47 at mile marker 13). She shares posts about her plant sales (including a list of species for sale) on her facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/heidi.hanlon.98

NEW JERSEY (continued)


Huffman Farm and Greenhouse, 296 S. Blue Bell Road, Vineland, NJ 08360; 609-805-1115. Open: Tu.-Sun. (CLOSED Monday). Some natives, including Butterfly Weed (an important milkweed for Monarchs).

Pinelands Nursery & Supply, 296 S. Blue Bell Road, Vineland, NJ 08360; 609-805-1115. Open Tu.-Sun. (CLOSED Monday). Some natives, including Butterfly Weed (an important milkweed for Monarchs).

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Wild Ridge Plants, Pohatcong, NJ (Warren Co.): 908-319-7230;  http://wildridgeplants.com/native_plant_nursery/; info@wildridgeplants.com. Their native plants are chemical free and from local provenance seeds. Offers WHOLESALE to qualified customers and RETAIL sales to individuals by appointment ONLY.

Native Plant Society of NJ (look for a chapter near you):  http://www.npsnj.org/pages/getinvolved_Local_Chapters.html

PENNSYLVANIA:

Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve; 1635 River Road, New Hope, PA 18938; 215-862-2924;  www.bhwp.org/. The Native Plant Nursery at BHWP is open 9 am - 5 pm DAILY in April, May, & June, and Tuesday thru Sunday, July 1 to Oct. 31. Knowledgeable native plant enthusiasts will be available to assist folks at the following times: Wed. & Thurs. (9 am - Noon), Fri. (1-4 pm), Sat. (10 am - 4 pm), Sun. (1-4 pm). Check website for plant availability catalog & great learning opportunities:  https://bhwp.org/grow/native-plant-nursery/

Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, 2415 Route 100, Orefield, PA 18069 (west of Allentown, PA); 610-395-2570; Retail Nursery open April thru October;  www.edgeofthewoodsnursery.com/

Gino’s Nursery, 2237 Second Street Pike, Newtown, PA 18940;  267-750-9042;  http://www.ginosnursery.com/; specializing in the growing, sales, and installation of native plants. Retail hrs Tu.-Sat (9 am - 5 pm), Sun. (10 am - 3 pm).

Good Host Plants Native Plants Nursery, 150 W Butler St, Philadelphia, PA 19140; (267) 270-5036;  https://www.goodhostplants.com/ Retail hours Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays beginning May 11, 2019. Or call for an appointment.

Heartwood Nursery & Nature Preserve, 8957 Hickory Road, Felton, PA 17322; 717-993-5230; Retail hours on Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am - 4 pm.  www.heartwoodnurseryinc.com

Northeast Native Perennials, 1716 East Sawmill Road, Quakertown, PA 18951; 215-901-5552; family-run business; opens April 18, 2019.  northeastnativeperennials@gmail.com http://www.nenativesandperennials.com/index2.html

PENNSYLVANIA (continued)

Redbud Native Plant Nursery, 904 N Providence Road, Media, PA 19063; 610-892-2833;  www.redbudnativeplantnursery.com/.  Open mid-March through November, Tuesday through Saturday (9 am - 5 pm) and Sundays in April, May and October (10 am - 4 pm); visitors are encouraged to call ahead to check hours.

Yellow Springs Farm Native Plant Nursery, 1165 Yellow Springs Rd., Chester Springs, PA 19425 ; 610-827-2014;  www.yellowspringsfarm.com/

Pennsylvania Native Plant Society is an excellent resource:  http://www.pnativeplantsociety.org/

MARYLAND

Kollar Native Plant Nursery, 5200 West Heaps Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; 410-836-0500;  www.kollarnursery.com/

Native Plant Nurseries in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed:  http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/BayScapes/bsresources/bs-nurseries.html

Maryland Native Plant Society (look for learning opportunities near you):  http://www.mdflora.org/

WHOLESALE ONLY NURSERIES:

ArcheWild Native Nurseries (WHOLESALE only), 2191 Hillcrest Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951;  855-752-6862;  https://archewild.com/nursery/

American Native Plants (WHOLESALE only), 7500 Marshy Point Rd, Middle River, MD 21220;  410-529-0552;  www.americannativeplants.com/

New Moon Nursery (WHOLESALE only), 975 Barretts Run Rd, Bridgeton, NJ 08302;  888-998-1951;  http://www.newmoonnursery.com/

North Creek Nurseries (WHOLESALE only), Landenberg, PA 19350;  610-255-0100;  https://www.northcreeknurseries.com/page/About-Us

Octoraro Native Plant Nursery (WHOLESALE only), Kirkwood, PA 17536; 717-529-3160;  https://www.octoraro.com/
WHOLESALE ONLY NURSERIES (continued):

Pinelands Nursery & Supply (WHOLESALE only), 323 Island Road, Columbus, NJ 08022; 609-291-9486; www.pinelandsnursery.com/ But, see Pinelands Direct (on previous page), an online resource partnered with Pinelands Nursery & Supply to provide a retail outlet for native plants.

Sylva Native Nursery (WHOLESALE only), 3815 Roser Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327; 410-299-6898; www.sylvanative.com/

EXCELLENT MAIL ORDER CATALOGUES for creating prairies and for native plants (and seeds):

(1) Prairie Nursery; www.prairienursery.com/
(2) Prairie Moon Nursery; www.prairiemoon.com/

BEWARE OF Neonicotinoids

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Avoid plants treated with Neonicotinoid Insecticides. Neonicotinoids are systemic (get into every part of the plant, including pollen, nectar, even dew) pesticides that are applied to many commercially-available nursery plants and are harmful to bees, caterpillars, moths, and butterflies. To learn more read:

(1) Xerces Society’s “Protecting Bees From Neonicotinoid Insecticides in Your Garden (includes list of products with neonics in them)” at: http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/NeonicsInYourGarden.pdf

(2) Xerces Society’s “How Neonicotinoids Can Kill Bees, the Science Behind the Role These Insecticides Play in Harming Bees” – http://www.xerces.org/neonicotinoids-and-bees/

(3) Xerces Society’s “Neonicotinoid Movement in the Environment” POSTER – Neonicotinoids are being found throughout the landscape in areas where they were not applied. This poster illustrates some of the main pathways for neonicotinoid movement in the environment and also shows how this movement has undoubtedly exposed beneficial insects – http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/XS-NeonicMovementGraphic.pdf

(4) American Bird Conservancy’s “Neonicotinoid Insecticides Harm The Little Creatures,” including how 90 percent of food samples taken from Congressional cafeterias contain neonicotinoid insecticides (highly toxic to birds and other wildlife): https://abcbirds.org/behind-the-report-neonicotinoid-insecticides-harm-the-little-creatures/
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PAST 2019 SALES IN NEW JERSEY

NJ Audubon Society’s Nature Center of Cape May (NCCM), 1600 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204; 609-427-3045; www.njaudubon.org/centers/nature-center-of-cape-may/. Early Bird Plant Sale on April 27, 2019 (10 am - 4 pm), Spring Native Plant Sale on May 18-19, 2019 (10 am - 4 pm). Website includes full details (and a plant list).

Pinelands Preservation Alliance hosts an Annual “Earth Day Native Plant Sale” on April 27, 2019 (11 am - 2 pm) at their Pinelands Visitor Center (Bishop Farmstead), 17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton, NJ 08088; website includes plant list: www.pinelandsalliance.org/exploration/ppaprograms/plantsale/

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County Plant Expo & Garden Market on May 4, 2019 (9 am - 2 pm) at Mercer Educational Gardens, 431 A Federal City Rd, Pennington, NJ 08534; 609-989-6830. Garden Market of top-notch vendors (including Wild Ridge Plants), home grown (by master gardeners) perennials, trees, and shrubs. See website for full details: https://mgofmc.org/

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Cumberland County Annual Plant Sale on May 4, 2019, at the Eco Fair at Wheaton Village, 1100 Village Dr, Millville, NJ 08332. Will include many “Chocolate Cake” native perennials, herbs, & tomato plants. For info: 856-451-2800, x-4.

NJ Audubon Society’s Lorrimer Sanctuary, 790 Ewing Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417; 908-481-4090 will host a Native Plant Sale on May 4-5, 2019. https://njaudubon.org/gardening-for-wildlife/

Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247; 609-368-1211 will host its 4th annual Native Plant Sale on May 10-12, 2019 (9:30 am - 4:30 pm). For full details and plant list: http://wetlandsinstitute.org/conservation/native-plants/

Wild Ridge Plants, Pohatcong, NJ (Warren Co.); 908-319-7230; http://wildridgeplants.com/native_plant_nursery/; info@wildridgeplants.com. Their native plants are chemical free and from local provenance seeds. Offers WHOLESALE to qualified customers and RETAIL sales to individuals by appointment ONLY. Spring Open Green House on May 10 (3-6 pm) & May 11 (10 am - 3 pm); register for directions: nursery@wildridgeplants.com

PAST 2019 SALES IN PENNSYLVANIA


Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy’s Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128; 215-482-7300; www.schuylkillcenter.org. Spring Native Plant Sale Week from May 4-11, 2019: May 4 (8:30 am - 4 pm), May 5 (9 am - 2 pm), May 6-10 (5 - 6 pm), and May 11 (8:30 am - 4 pm). http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/departments/land/plantsale.html

PAST 2019 SALES IN DELAWARE

Delaware Nature Society’s Annual Native Plant Sale will be May 3-4, 2019 (also May 2 for Members), at their Cloverdale Farm Preserve, 543 Way Road, Greenville, DE 19807. Check their website for full details and to view their 2019 Plant Sale Catalogue: https://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/activities/events/native-plant-sale/