

## Some Sources of NATIVE PLANTS in 2020

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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/](http://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/](http://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/) (a work in progress).

**With the COVID-19 Health Crisis, before visiting a nursery or attending a sale CALL FIRST and/or check their WEBSITE FIRST to learn (1) if opening dates, special sales, etc. have been postponed or cancelled, (2) of special arrangements for social distancing (prepayment, curbside pickup, MAIL-ORDER options). Normally I try to feature "fund raiser" special spring sales first, but since so many have been postponed or their dates are TBA, I've listed nurseries with MAIL-ORDER options first.**

### NEW JERSEY

Goshen Gardens (Nursery), 570 N Delsea Dr, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210; 609-778-4075; [goshengardensnj@gmail.com](mailto:goshengardensnj@gmail.com); [www.goshengardensnj.com](http://www.goshengardensnj.com) **Open Saturdays and Sundays beginning April 4, 2020, and every weekend thru October 31 (including Easter Sunday). April 4 - June 28:** Saturdays & Sundays (9 am - 4 pm). Also open **Fridays, May 1-29** (9 am - 4 pm). **July & August SUMMER hours:** Saturdays (9 am - 4 pm), Sundays (9 am - 1 pm). **September 5 - October 31:** Saturdays & Sundays (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.

The Wildlife Gardener, 795 Goshen Road, CMCH, NJ 08210; 609-536-8036 <https://njwildlifegardener.com/>. **Began taking on-line Native Plant orders in April** that were sold April 23-24. Will update plant availability every 2 weeks and have more and more species available as spring unfolds. Regularly check their “Plant Sale” page for updated plant list, order form, and payment options. They will contact buyers to set up safe pickup or, for Cape May County sites, delivery.

Summersweet Native Plants, 6863 Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330; 609-287-0596; [JosephDRussell84@gmail.com](mailto:JosephDRussell84@gmail.com); <https://summersweetnativeplants.com/>. Plant list updated regularly with more and more plants as spring unfolds (new plants in red with date they are expected to be available for sale). **Email or phone orders accepted for “contact-free pickup” at the nursery or local delivery.** Scheduled visits to the nursery to browse plants can be made by appointment with 24 hours notice (to allow for adequate social distancing and to ensure no overlap of appointments). Call or text 609-287-0596 or email [JosephDRussell84@gmail.com](mailto:JosephDRussell84@gmail.com) to place an order, schedule a pickup, or set up a visit to the nursery!

### NEW JERSEY (continued)

Toadshade Wildflower Farm Native Plant Nursery (**MAIL-ORDER only: plants & seeds**); <http://www.toadshade.com/>; 908-996-7500. All plants propagated in Frenchtown, NJ. **Toadshade Wildflower Farm will bring a wide selection of native plants and seeds for sale to the Hunterdon Land Trust Farmer's Market (111 Mine St, Flemington, NJ 08822 in Hunterdon Co., NJ) on the following Sundays: April 26** (11 am to 1 pm), **May 3** (11 am to 1 pm), and **every Sunday May 17 to June 28** (9 am to 1 pm); full details on Toadshade Wildflower Farm’s website.

Wild Ridge Plants, 170 Mountain Rd, Alpha, NJ 08865 (Warren Co.); 908-319-7230; <http://wildridgeplants.com/>; [nursery@wildridgeplants.com](mailto:nursery@wildridgeplants.com). Their native plants are naturally grown in an organic potting mix and from local provenance seeds. **Due to Covid-19, now offering retail MAIL-ORDER and pre-order / curbside pick up from their online store: <https://wildridgeplants.com/shop/>** Normally offers WHOLESALE to qualified customers and welcomes RETAIL sales to individuals during events and by appointment **ONLY**. Spring Open House (May 8-9) has been CANCELLED.

Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247; 609-368-1211 will host its **5th annual Native Plant Sale on May 15-17, 2020** (9:30 am - 4:30 pm). **Place orders prior to the sale by email, fax, or phone; orders must be pre-paid.** There will be controlled access during the sale to ensure social distancing; they will be taking phone orders for pick up and delivery throughout the sale. Curbside pickup will be available on May 15-17 (9:30-4:30). They are also offering delivery to 7 Mile Island and Middle Township from May 15-22. For full details, order form, and plant list: <http://wetlandsinstitute.org/conservation/native-plants/>

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Earth First Native Plant Nursery; Raven Ahmed (grower / owner); 609-287-5090; [Earth1stnatives@aol.com](mailto:Earth1stnatives@aol.com). **MAIL-ORDER only:** [http://www.earthfirstnatives.com/Customr\\_Service.html](http://www.earthfirstnatives.com/Customr_Service.html)

Occasionally hosts plant sales in Egg Harbor Twp, NJ, detailed at: [www.southjerseynativeplants.blogspot.com](http://www.southjerseynativeplants.blogspot.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; [support@rarefindnursery.com](mailto:support@rarefindnursery.com) ; <https://www.rarefindnursery.com/index.php/native-plants>. A **retail and MAIL-ORDER nursery.**

Flora for Fauna Nursery. Open by appointment ONLY, but owner Karen Williams offers special “**Open House Sale Days**” (**May 16, June 19-20, Aug. 21-22, and Sept. 19, 2020**), 1209 Freidriechstadt Ave, Woodbine, NJ 08270; 609-442-3747; [flora4fauna@verizon.net](mailto:flora4fauna@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.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance hosts an Annual “**Earth Day Native Plant Sale**” postponed from April 25 to **mid-May 2020 (date TBA)** (11 am - 2 pm) at the Pinelands Visitor Center (Bishop Farmstead), 17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton, NJ 08088. Check website for updates.

[www.pinelandsalliance.org/explore-the-pinelands/pinelands-events-and-programs/spring-native-plant-sales/](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org/explore-the-pinelands/pinelands-events-and-programs/spring-native-plant-sales/)

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/](http://www.njaudubon.org/centers/nature-center-of-cape-may/). **Early Bird Plant Sale** postponed (had been scheduled for April 18, 2020), Hopes to host their **Spring Native Plant Sale on May 16-17, 2020** (10 am - 4 pm). Call 1<sup>st</sup>. Check website for full details.

NJ Audubon Society’s Lorrimer Sanctuary, 790 Ewing Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417; 908-481-4090. Hopes to host a **Native Plant Sale on May 2-3, 2020** (10 am - 4 pm). Call 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://njaudubon.org/gardening-for-wildlife/>

NJ Audubon Society’s Scherman Hoffman Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble R., Bernardsville, NJ 07924; 908-396-7409 will host a **Native Plant Sale on June 6** (9 am - 4 pm) & **June 7** (Noon - 4 pm), **2020**. <https://njaudubon.org/gardening-for-wildlife/>

## NEW JERSEY (continued)

Cicconi Farms, 1005 Farmingdale Road, Jackson, NJ 08527; 732-363-1420; [www.cicconifarms.com/](http://www.cicconifarms.com/)

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).

Triple Oaks Nursery, 2359 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ 08322; 856-694-4272; [www.tripleoaks.com/](http://www.tripleoaks.com/) Some natives.

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Cumberland County **Annual Plant Sale** was to be on **May 2, 2020 (has been POSTPONED, new date TBA)**, 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.

**Native Plant Society of NJ** (look for a chapter near you): [http://www.npsnj.org/pages/getinvolved\\_Local\\_Chapters.html](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/](http://www.bhwp.org/). The preserve grounds are closed indefinitely during Covid-19 shutdown. But **2020 Plant Sales will go on and will occur online with pre-order, payment, and arranged curbside pick-up at:** <https://bhwp.org/buy-native-plants/>. The online catalogue will be updated weekly as new plants become ready for sale, so check back frequently.

Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, 2415 Route 100, Orefield, PA 18069 (west of Allentown, PA); 610-395-2570. Due to Covid-19, now offering **remote order, payment, and ‘Curbside Pickup’ by appointment, and local delivery.** [www.edgeofthewoodsnursery.com/](http://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. Due to Covid-19, nursery is closed for retail, but **open for curbside pickup and delivery.**

Good Host Plants Native Plants Nursery, 150 W Butler St, Philadelphia, PA 19140; 267-270-5036; <https://www.goodhostplants.com/> Due to Covid-19, nursery is closed for retail, but **open for curbside pickup and delivery 7/days week.**

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Northeast Native Perennials, 1716 East Sawmill Road, Quakertown, PA 18951; 215-901-5552; family-run business. **Offering pre-pay and curbside pick-up.** [northeastnativeperennials@gmail.com](mailto:northeastnativeperennials@gmail.com)  
<http://www.nenativesandperennials.com/index2.html>

Redbud Native Plant Nursery, 904 N Providence Road, Media, PA 19063; 610-892-2833;  
[www.redbudnativeplantnursery.com/](http://www.redbudnativeplantnursery.com/). **Offering online ordering and payment, with curbside pick-up at prearranged convenient time.**

Yellow Springs Farm Native Plant Nursery, 1165 Yellow Springs Rd., Chester Springs, PA 19425 ; 610-827-2014;  
[www.yellowspringsfarm.com/](http://www.yellowspringsfarm.com/) **Offering MAIL-ORDER purchasing.**

Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966; 215-357-4005;  
<https://www.churchvillennaturecenter.org/>. **Annual Native Perennial Wildflower Sale: originally scheduled for May 2-3 & 9-10, 2020 (to be determined - call 1st).**

Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128; 215-482-7300;  
[www.schuylkillcenter.org](http://www.schuylkillcenter.org) . **Spring Native Plant Sale Week was to be from April 24 - May 3, 2020 (has been POSTPONED, new date TBA).**  
<http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/departments/land/plantsale.html>

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](http://www.heartwoodnurseryinc.com)

**Pennsylvania Native Plant Society** is an excellent resource:  
<http://www.panativeplantsociety.org/>

### DELAWARE

Delaware Nature Society's **2020 Annual Native Plant Sale will be online this year!** Check the plant sale website page on **May 6 (through May 11)** to start your online order (quantities are limited; all sales are final; pick-ups will be in New Castle County on the time/day you select):  
<https://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/activities/events/native-plant-sale/>  
Check their website for full details.

### MARYLAND

Kollar Native Plant Nursery, 5200 West Heaps Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; 410-836-0500; as of 4-2-20, call in or email your plant order and they will do their best to have your order ready, so as to minimize personal contact.  
[www.kollarnursery.com/](http://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/](http://www.americannativeplants.com/)

New Moon Nursery (WHOLESALE only), 910 Kings Highway, Woodstown, NJ 08098; 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), 6126 Street Road, Kirkwood, PA 17536; 717-529-3160;  
<https://www.octoraro.com/>

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

Sylva Native Nursery (WHOLESALE only), 21221 Mikules Manor Lane, Freeland, MD 21053; 410-299-6898;  
[www.sylvanative.com/](http://www.sylvanative.com/)

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

- (1) Prairie Nursery; [www.prairienursery.com/](http://www.prairienursery.com/)
- (2) Prairie Moon Nursery; [www.prairiemoon.com/](http://www.prairiemoon.com/)

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### BEWARE OF Neonicotinoids

**BEWARE OF NEONICS** – 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: <https://www.xerces.org/publications/brochures/protecting-bees-from-neonicotinoids-in-your-garden>

(2) Xerces Society's "How Neonicotinoids Can Kill Bees, the Science Behind the Role These Insecticides Play in Harming Bees" – <https://www.xerces.org/publications/scientific-reports/how-neonicotinoids-can-kill-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 – <https://www.xerces.org/publications/other/neonicotinoid-movement-in-environment>

(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/>

### HUGE INSECT DIE-OFF / INSECT APOCALYPSE

#### 'A car "splatometer" study finds huge insect die-off'

Nov. 13, 2019, by Damian Carrington, Environmental Editor, *The Guardian*

Measuring how many bugs fly into car windshields might sound silly. But to scientists predicting an "insect apocalypse," the numbers are deadly serious.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/feb/12/car-splatometer-tests-reveal-huge-decline-number-insects>

#### 'Insect apocalypse' poses risk to all life on Earth, conservationists warn

Feb. 12, 2020, by Damian Carrington, Environmental Editor, *The Guardian*

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/13/insect-apocalypse-poses-risk-to-all-life-on-earth-conservationists-warn>

### BIRDS ARE VANISHING

#### "Birds are Vanishing from North America"

The number of birds in the United States and Canada has declined by 2.9 billion, or 29 percent, over the past 50 years (1970-2019), scientists find (*Science*, 2019).

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/19/science/bird-populations-america-canada.html>

### WHAT WE CAN DO

**Here are just a few of the things that each and every one of us can do:** (1) Plant NATIVES, (2) Leave fallen leaves on the ground: they are full of insect life, they protect tree and shrub and perennial roots, they break down and naturally nourish your soil, and they prevent erosion, (3) DO NOT USE Pesticides (including Organic) or Herbicides or synthetic Fertilizers, (4) Turn outdoor lights OFF at night (use motion sensor lights instead), (5) remove as many invasive plants as possible on your property, (6) share some of your native "Chocolate Cake" perennial divisions (that are also Keystone Species: Asters and Goldenrods, for example) with others to help get them hooked, (7) read and give Doug Tallamy's books (*Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature's Best Hope*) to family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, (8) share all this with your neighbors, friends, co-workers, family.