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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).

The Jersey-Friendly Yards Website has many helpful resources. Use their searchable plant database to help you select plants for your site. The database has many filters including a "native plants only" filter showcasing @ 300 natives, as well as filters for wildlife value, region, ecoregion (including barrier island/coastal, Pinelands), deer resistant, light requirement, soil type, soil moisture, drought tolerance, salt tolerance, bloom color, bloom time, plant type, and more. Check it out: www.jerseyyards.org/jersey-friendly-plants/ The site also includes a list of nurseries that sell natives county-by-county.

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/

With COVID still an issue, wear your mask. Before visiting a nursery or attending a sale CALL and / or check their WEBSITE FIRST to learn (1) if opening dates, special sales, etc. are firm, (2) of special arrangements for social distancing (prepayment, curbside pickup, MAIL-ORDER options).

NEW JERSEY

Pinelands Preservation Alliance's "**Spring Native Plant Sale**" will be run virtually this year by Pinelands Direct, 25346 Mount Pleasant Road, Columbus, New Jersey 08022. **Place your order online between April 22-28 with Pinelands Direct** (<https://www.pinelandsdirect.com/>) and have it shipped or schedule a curbside pickup at Pinelands Direct (some larger plants are only available for pickup). **Use the code PPAplants when placing orders so a portion of the proceeds can be donated to the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. Shipping and pick-ups for plant sale orders will start May 8th.**

Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247; 609-368-1211 will host its **6th annual Native Plant Sale. Order by May 7th and pick up on May 14-15, 2021** (9:30 am - 4:30 pm). **Place orders prior to the sale by email, fax, or phone; orders must be pre-paid.** For full details, order form, and plant list: <http://wetlandsinstitute.org/conservation/native-plants/>

NJ Audubon's Spring Native Plant Sales occurring at 4 NJ Audubon Centers through an on-line ordering process with scheduled pick-ups on Saturday, May 15th. Orders must be placed by 5 pm on May 10. Check website for full details: www.njaudubon.org/native-plant-sales/

- Nature Center of Cape May (NCCM), 1600 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204; 609-427-3045; nccm@njaudubon.org .
- Plainsboro Preserve, 80 Scotts Corner Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512; 609-427-3052; plainsboro@njaudubon.org .
- Lorrimer Sanctuary, 790 Ewing Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417; 908-396-6568.
- Scherman Hoffman Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble Rd, Bernardsville, NJ 07924; 908-396-7409; shws@njaudubon.org.

NEW JERSEY (continued)

Goshen Gardens (Nursery), 570 N Delsea Dr, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210; 609-778-4075; goshengardensnj@gmail.com; www.goshengardensnj.com **Open Saturdays and Sundays beginning April 10, 2021, and every weekend thru October 31.** April 10 - June 27: Saturdays & Sundays (9 am - 4 pm). Also open Fridays, May 7-28 (9 am - 4 pm). July & August SUMMER hours: Saturdays (9 am - 4 pm), Sundays (9 am - 1 pm), including July 4th. September 4 - 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.

Summersweet Native Plants, 6863 Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330; 609-287-0596; <https://summersweetnativeplants.com/>. Plant list updated regularly with more and more plants as spring unfolds (**plants listed in BOLD are available now**). Scheduled visits to the nursery to browse plants can be made by appointment with 24 hours notice. Orders accepted for "contact-free pickup" at the nursery or local delivery. To place an order, schedule a pickup, or set up a visit to the nursery call or text 609-287-0596 or email JosephDRussell84@gmail.com.

Flora for Fauna Nursery. **Open by appointment ONLY**, but owner Karen Williams will host **7 Open House Sales:** (1) Sat., **May 8** (9 am - 3 pm), (2) Fri., **June 18** (2-7 pm), (3) Sat., **June 19** (9 am - 3 pm), (4) Sun., **June 20** (9 am - Noon), (5 & 6) Fri.-Sat., **Aug. 20-21** (9 am - 3 pm), (7) Sat., **Sept. 18** (9 am - 3 pm). 1209 Freidrichstadt Ave, Woodbine, NJ 08270; 609-442-3747; flora4fauna@verizon.net. The week before each sale, check the nursery's Facebook page for list of available plants.

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Heidi Hanlon grows native plants and some non-native wildlife plants that are not problematic. Her **plants are available by appointment** through the growing season, but she is having a **plant sale on May 1st** (raindate: May 2nd) from 8 am - 2 pm at 24 Cardinal Drive, Cape May Court House, NJ (Cardinal Dr. is off Rt. 47 near mm 13). Message Heidi Hanlon on Facebook, hjhanlon@yahoo.com, or 609-425-9097 for a list of available plants and her document about plants she grows.

The Wildlife Gardener (Goshen, NJ; Cape May Co.). An extensive assortment of native plants **sold by appointment only** (check the website frequently for plant availability – dated info on website as of 4-24-21 due to supplying NJ Audubon's 2021 plant sale): www.njwildlifegardener.com/.

Earth First Native Plant Nursery; Raven Ahmed (grower / owner); 609-287-5090; Earth1stnatives@aol.com. **MAIL-ORDER only:** http://www.earthfirstnatives.com/Custom_Service.html Occasionally hosts plant sales in Egg Harbor Twp, NJ, detailed at: www.southjerseynativeplants.blogspot.com.

Toadshade Wildflower Farm Native Plant Nursery (**MAIL-ORDER only: plants & seeds**); <http://www.toadshade.com/>; 908-996-7500. Toadshade recently partnered with the Frenchtown Home & Hardware Store (11 Kingwood Ave, Frenchtown, NJ 08825), where orders can be picked up 7 days a week. When ordering choose: (1) to have your order mailed, or (2) let Toadshade know you plan to pick up your order at the hardware store.

Wild Ridge Plants, 170 Mountain Rd, Alpha, NJ 08865 (Warren Co.); 908-319-7230; <http://wildridgeplants.com/>; nursery@wildridgeplants.com. Native plants are naturally grown in an organic potting mix and from local provenance seeds. **Curbside pick up and MAIL-ORDER available from their online store:** <https://wildridgeplants.com/shop/>

Pinelands Direct Native Plants, an **online resource for native plants of the NE:** <http://www.pinelandsdirect.com/>; 609-379-3099. Have your order shipped or schedule a curbside pickup at Pinelands Direct (some larger plants are only available for pickup), 25346 Mount Pleasant Road, Columbus, New Jersey 08022. 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. **A retail and MAIL-ORDER nursery.** <https://www.rarefindnursery.com/>.

NEW JERSEY (continued)

Cicconi Farms, 1005 Farmingdale Road, Jackson, NJ 08527; 732-363-1420; 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/ Some natives.

The Clemenson family sold their farm in 2020; **Clemenson Farms Native Nursery no longer exists** (though you may still find it on many native plant nursery lists).

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 opened April 9, 2021, and is open 10 am - 4 pm (10 am - 3 pm: July thru Oct.) every day the Preserve is open.** Check plant availability at: www.bhwp.org/grow/native-plant-nursery/ Preserve trails are open (admission fee for non-member); reservations are preferred; masks are required.

Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966; 215-357-4005. **Annual Native Perennial Wildflower Sale: May 1-2 & 8-9, 2021.** Plant list available on website: www.churchvillenaturecenter.org/

Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagys Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128; 215-482-7300; www.schuylkillcenter.org. **2021 Native Plant Sale with Online Ordering is open now at:** <https://schuylkill-center-for-environmental-education-gift-shop.square.site/native-plants>

Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, 2415 Route 100, Orefield, PA 18069 (west of Allentown, PA); 610-395-2570. **Open April-October, Mon.-Sat. (9 am to 4 pm);** remote ordering and pickup also available. Display gardens on the grounds showcase natives in a garden setting. www.edgeofthewoodsnursery.com/

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Gino's Nursery, 2237 Second Street Pike, Newtown, PA 18940; 267-750-9042; <http://www.ginosnursery.com/>;
Wednesdays thru Sundays, 10 am - 4 pm. Specializing in the growing, sales, and installation of native plants.

Good Host Plants Native Plants Nursery, 150 W Butler St, Philadelphia, PA 19140; 267-270-5036;
<https://www.goodhostplants.com/> **Spring 2021 Covid-19 Update: the physical nursery on W. Butler St. is closed for retail until further notice, but they are open for curbside pickup and delivery 7/days week.** Check their "availability list" and email info@goodhostplants.com with inquiries or to place an order.

Heartwood Nursery & Nature Preserve, 8957 Hickory Road, Felton, PA 17322; 717-993-5230. Schedule a visit Mondays thru Saturdays, 9 am - 4 pm.
www.heartwoodnurseryinc.com

Kind Earth Growers, 2503 Mountain View Dr., Ottsville, PA 18942; 267-992-0406; a WHOLESale nursery with **Retail Hours: April - June, Saturdays & Sundays (10-4).**
<https://www.kindearthgrowers.com/page/Retail-Market>

Northeast Native Perennials, 1716 East Sawmill Road, Quakertown, PA 18951; 215-901-5552; family-run business. **Opened April 15, 2021. OPEN Thursdays and Fridays (10 am - 5 pm), and Saturdays (9 am - 4 pm).**
northeastnativeperennials@gmail.com
<http://www.nenativesandperennials.com/1901.html>

Redbud Native Plant Nursery, 904 N Providence Road, Media, PA 19063; 610-892-2833. **Open mid-March through November, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm.**
www.redbudnativeplantnursery.com/.

Yellow Springs Farm Native Plant Nursery, 1165 Yellow Springs Rd., Chester Springs, PA 19425 ; 610-827-2014.
Nursery open by appointment beginning late April: Wednesday thru Friday (1-5 pm), Saturday (9 am - Noon). www.yellowspringsfarm.com/

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

MARYLAND

Maryland Native Plant Society: <http://www.mdflora.org/>
See their list of native plant nurseries:
www.mdflora.org/nurseries.html

MARYLAND (continued)

Kollar Native Plant Nursery, 5200 West Heaps Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; 410-836-0500. **Spring hours: Mon., Tu., & Th. (9 am - 7 pm), Fri. (9 am - 5 pm), Sat. (9 am - 6 pm), Sun. (11 am - 5 pm).** www.kollarnursery.com/

DELAWARE

Delaware Nature Society's **online 2021 Spring Native Plant Sale runs May 2nd - 3rd.** Plant pickup appointments May 13th - 15th (choice of 2 locations: northern New Castle Co., northern Sussex Co., DE). For full details, FAQ, plant list, etc., check the plant sale website pages now and through the sale (as items will continue to be added):
<https://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/activities/events/native-plant-sale/>

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), 910 Kings Highway, Woodstown, NJ 08098; 888-998-1951;
<http://www.newmoonnursery.com/>

North Creek Nurseries (WHOLESALE only). Office: 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/ But, see Pinelands Direct (under NJ), their online resource.

Sylva Native Nursery (WHOLESALE only), 21221 Mikules Manor Lane, Freeland, MD 21053; 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/

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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. **Around the world steps are being taken to protect pollinators from Neonics.** In 2018, the European Union voted to completely ban all outdoor uses of three types of neonics (citing their impacts to honey bees). Canada followed suit, planning to phase out all outdoor use of three specific neonics in 3-5 years (2021-2023) because of impacts to aquatic ecosystems. In 2016 Connecticut became the first state in the nation to restrict the use of neonicotinoids when the legislature unanimously passed An Act Concerning Pollinator Health (banning sales of neonics for use by general consumers in backyard garden settings). Soon after, Maryland passed a similar bill that restricts the sale of neonics and bans their use by consumers. **Educate yourself about Neonics by reading the following:**

- (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/>
- (5) NJ Audubon's "Neonicotinoid Fact Sheet – Neonicotinoids, Pesticides Placing New Jersey's Wildlife, Farms, and Families at Risk -- <https://njudubon.org/pollinators/>
- (6) NJ Audubon's "Impacts of Neonicotinoids on Non-Target Species and Ecosystems" – <https://njudubon.org/pollinators/>

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*

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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>

“A Neonicotinoid Insecticide Reduces Fueling and Delays Migration in Songbirds,” by Margaret Eng, Bridget Stutchbury, Christy Morrissey. *Science*, 13 September 2019, Vol. 365, Issue 6458, pp. 1177-1180.

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6458/1177>

WHAT WE CAN DO

Here are just a few of the things that each and every one of us can do:

1. Plant NATIVES, especially Keystone Species (read Doug Tallamy’s books to understand what Keystone Species are)
2. Ask nurseries you frequent if their native plants have been treated with Neonicotinoids. If they don’t know, ask them to find out. If the answer is yes, don’t purchase and explain why, that Neonics are hazardous to the wildlife you are trying to attract and benefit.
3. 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
4. DO NOT USE Pesticides (including Organic – they KILL too) or Herbicides or synthetic Fertilizers
5. Turn outdoor lights OFF at night (use motion sensor lights instead)
6. Remove as many invasive plants as possible on your property
7. 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
8. Read and give Doug Tallamy’s books (*Bringing Nature Home*, *Nature’s Best Hope*, and *The Nature of Oaks*) to family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors.
9. If you ever have a chance to hear Doug Tallamy speak, BE THERE and bring your neighbor, friend, family member, landscaper, lawn care service worker so they can learn to speak the same language. In the meantime Google “YouTube videos (or podcasts) Doug Tallamy” and you’ll have dozens to choose from, many of which are keynote talks he’s given about the importance of insects, native plants, and much more. Watch them and they may change your life and/or the way you view life. Share them with neighbors, friends, family members, co-workers.
10. Read and give Heather Holm’s books (*Pollinators of Native Plants*; *Bees, An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide*; and *Wasps, Their Biology, Diversity, and Role as Beneficial Insects and Pollinators of Native Plants*) to family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to help you (and others) understand beneficial pollinators and provide for their nesting needs by leaving stem stubble during spring garden clean up, standing dead trees, utilizing fallen branches and tree trunks to line garden or woodland paths, and avoiding too much hardscaping, mulching, and turf so that ground-nesting pollinators have places to nest.
11. Share all this with your neighbors, friends, co-workers, family