

Aspetuck Land Trust Green Corridor

What Homeowners Can Do — Fact Sheet #1

Plant Natives on your property

Why plant natives?

Because gardening with natives is easier! They require less of everything and give back so much more! A native plant species is one that occurs naturally in a particular region. Our native wildlife and insects have developed over thousands of years with these native plants. The loss of our native plants has a direct impact on the declining populations of native wildlife and insects, including pollinators. We can reverse this trend by planting native plants!



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What plants should I buy?

When you plant native plants that attract pollinators to your property (bees, butterflies, and moths), you are also providing a food source, like caterpillars, for our native birds, and nectar and pollen for bees. This reconnects the food chain in our own backyards. Visit [www.earthtonesnatives.com](#) for a list of optimal native plants, trees and shrubs recommended for Connecticut by Dr. Kim Stoner (Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station) and Dr. Doug Tallamy (University of Delaware).

Where can I buy native plants?

Look for nurseries that stock 'Straight Species' Natives (not Nativars or Cultivars). Below are four Connecticut nurseries that provide the natives that we recommend:

Earth Tones Native Plants • 212 Grassy Hill Road, Woodbury, CT • www.earthtonesnatives.com

Gilberties Organics • 7 Sylvan Road, Westport, CT • www.gilbertiesorganics.com

Native, A Native Plant Nursery • 2940 Redding Road, Fairfield, CT • www.anativeplantnursery.com

Oliver Nurseries • 1159 Bronson Road, Fairfield, CT • www.olivernurseries.com

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