

NATIVE GARDEN AND PLANT RESOURCES MICHIGAN

- ▶ MSU
 - ▶ https://www.canr.msu.edu/nativeplants/plant_facts/local_info/south_lower_peninsula
- ▶ Wild Ones Grand Rapids
 - ▶ rivercitygrandrapids.wildones.org
- ▶ Wildones.org
- ▶ Prairie Moon Nursery catalog
 - ▶ www.Prairiemoon.com
- ▶ The Native Plant Nursery
 - ▶ www.nativeplant.com
- ▶ Michigan Native Plant Producers Association
 - ▶ www.mnppa.org
- ▶ MDOT “Wildflowers of Michigan”
- ▶ Wildflower Association of Michigan
 - ▶ www.wildflowersmich.org
- ▶ County Conservation District
 - ▶ Ottawacd.org
- ▶ Book: Landscaping with Native Plants of Michigan by Lynn M. Steiner
- ▶ Books by Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy co -founder of Homegrown National Park
 - ▶ Bringing Nature Home
 - ▶ Nature’s Best Hope
 - ▶ The Nature of Oaks
 - ▶ The Living Landscape
 - ▶ How Can I Help?

Plant it Wild - Recommended Web Sites

Plant It Wild: plantitwild.net

Michigan Wildflower Association: wildflowersmich.org

Benzie Conservation District: benziecd.org

Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) & Go Beyond

Beauty: habitatmatters.org

Grand Traverse Conservation District: natureiscalling.org

Manistee Conservation District: manisteecd2.org

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council: watershedcouncil.org

Saving Birds Thru Habitat: savingbirds.org

Rain Gardens of West Michigan: raingardens.org

USDA Plants Data Base: plants.usda.gov

Wisconsin Vascular Plants: wisflora.herbarium.wisc.edu

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership: mishorelinepartnership.org

Pollinator Partnership: pollinator.org

Pollinators by Heather Holm: pollinatorsnativeplants.com

Xerces Society: xerces.org

University of Michigan Herbarium: michiganflora.net

Michigan Natural Features Inventory: mnfi.anr.msu.edu

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: wildflower.org/plants-main

National Wildlife Federation: gardenforwildlife.com

Leelanau Conservation District: leelanaucd.org

2026 Native Plant Sales

ALLEGAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2026 Tree Seedling Sale (Pre-orders due April 14)

Sat., April 25 Pickup 9 am–2 pm

Pickup location: 2412 Taft Road, Allegan 49010

2026 Native Plant Sale - check website *Pre-order by 5/20*

Allegan Conservation District address *Pickup on 5/30*

1668 Lincoln Rd., Allegan, MI 49010

(269) 941-6165 • allegancd.org

AQUINAS COLLEGE NATIVE PLANT SALE

Early spring May, check Instagram @aq_plants

CALVIN ECOSYSTEM PRESERVE & NATIVE GARDENS

2026 Annual Native Plant Sale

Sat., May 16 10 am–2 pm

Calvin's Venema Plaza/Bunker Center

1750 E. Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

(616) 648-9749 • calvin.edu/go/preserve

Also have seasonal online orders: Check website.

KENT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2026 Native Tree & Shrub Sale

(Pre-orders due March 27)

Sat., April 18 Browse & Buy/Pickup Orders: 10 am–3 pm

Native Plant Sale (Pre-orders due May 1)

Sat., May 30 Browse & Buy/Pickup Orders: 10 am–3 pm

(Order online or check website for order form)

3200 Eagle Park Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

(616) 222-5846 • kentconservation.org

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2026 Spring Seedling Sale (Orders due March 10)

Sat., April 18 Pickup: 8 am–1 pm

4735 Holton Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457

2026 Native Perennial Sale - check website

(231) 828-5097 • muskegoncd.org

OTTAWA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2026 Tree Seedling Sale (Pre-order Feb 2–March 27)

Fri., April 17 Pickup and in-person sale: 9 am–4 pm

Reenders Blueberry Farms

9981 W. Olive Rd, West Olive, MI 2025

2026 Native Plant Sale (pre-ordering check website)

Sat., May 30 Browse & Buy: 9 am–12 pm

16731 Ferris St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

If raining: Hemlock Crossing Nature Center, West Olive

(616) 842-5852 • ottawacd.org

WILD ONES RIVER CITY - GR AREA CHAPTER

2026 Annual Native Plant Sale Fundraiser

Public ordering: June 1–13

Wild Ones members receive early access to order: May 26–31

Wed., June 17 Pickup orders/Browse & Buy

4:45–6:45 pm Fulton Street Market

1145 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Friday Market Days Native Plant Sales in partnership with the Native Plant Guild

Fridays: July 17, Aug 21, and Sept 18 • 8 am–2 pm

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rivercitywildones.org

BPW SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE - Holland

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Service Center Parking Lot, 625 Hastings Ave

Cash or card for payment



RiverCityWildOnes.org



River City
Grand Rapids Area

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2026 Michigan Native Plant Sources



Commercial Growers (West and Central Michigan areas)

***ARTEMIS GROWERS** - Courtney Cheers
8274 Grand River Ave, Saranac, MI 48881
(616) 304-4579 • Facebook

***BENDY STEM FARM** - Ben Crocker
10715 Bishop Hwy, Dimondale, MI 48821
(443) 987-1878 • bendystemfarm.com

***BIG BLUESTEM FARM** - Ken Hoganson
2 W. 17 Mile Rd, Bitely, MI 49309
(630) 915-7715 • bigbluestemfarm.com

***BIRDSFOOT NATIVE NURSERY**
Garrett Moyes/Blythe Webster
4276 Woodman Rd, South Boardman, MI
(231) 313-6749 • birdsfootnativenursery.com

***BLACK CAP FARM NATIVE PLANT NURSERY**
Matt LaMore
5265 Crescent Beach Rd, Onkama, MI 49675
(231) 398-5972 • blackcapplants.com

***DESIGNS BY NATURE** - Vern Stephens
9874 Chadwick, Laingsburg, MI 48848
(517) 230-2923 • designsbynaturellc.com

***DESIGNS BY NATURE WEST** - Joe Sulak
4713 Shank St NE Rockford, MI • (616) 490-2157

***GROW WISE LEARNING** - Sally Triant
Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 540-7236 • growwiselearning.com

***GRULER GARDENS** - Monica Gruler Farrier
1298 East Gruler Rd, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 675 5305 • grulergardens.com

HIDDEN SAVANNA NURSERY - Chad Hughson
100 N Van Kal St. (nursery) 18 N Van Kal St. (mail)
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 352-3876 • hiddensavanna.com

***MAGICAL MYSTERY MEADOWS** - Elliot Sedlecky
Walker, MI 49534 • magicalmysterymeadows.com

***MICHIGAN WILDFLOWER FARM** (seeds)
Esther Durnwald
11770 Cutler Road, Portland, MI 48875
(517) 647-6010 • michiganwildflowerfarm.com

***NATIVE CONNECTIONS** (seeds) - Jared Foster
3815 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 459-6900 • nativeconnections.net

***NATURE'S BALANCE GARDENING**
Karyn Detmer-Babbitt
2011 Oakleigh Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI
(616) 443-5462 • naturesbalancegardening.com

***THE GARDEN GURU** - Alysia G. Babcock
9065 Myers Lake Avenue, Rockford, MI 49341
(269) 208-3401 • thegardengurukzoo.com

WILD GINGER WOODLANDS - Sally Garrod
221 E Shoesmith Rd, Haslett, MI 48840
(517) 282-9626 • wildgingerwoodlands.com

***WILDTYPE NATIVE PLANTS** - Bill Schneider
900 North Every Rd., Mason, MI 48854
(517) 244-1140 • wilddtypeplants.com

Planting and Maintenance

NATIVE PLANT GUILD

The Native Plant Guild connects you with the professionals and resources to plant and maintain a native landscape.
nativeplantguild.com

*Native Plant Guild member

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Simple Steps to Create a Native Plant Garden in Your Yard

Like us, birds need food, water, and shelter. You can transform your yard into a bird sanctuary that also saves resources such as water and combats climate change. The secret to success lies in choosing locally native plants, which brim with nutritious insects, berries, nectar, and seed to give birds vital food and refuge. Use the steps below to create and maintain a bird-friendly habitat that attracts colorful birds and sweet melodies. If you don't have a yard, you can grow native plants in containers on a patio or balcony.

- 1 Select a site that's practical to convert into a garden and allows room to expand. Consider:**
 - Do you have full sun? Partial sun? Shade? Is the soil rocky, loamy, sandy, clay, or gravel? Does it drain well? Is your site flat or hilly? Near water? What's the elevation?
 - Learn what's optimal from your local native plant society (see sidebar).
- 2 Plant in the spring or fall months and on cooler days.**
 - Follow planting instructions carefully and get tips on mulching around plants.
 - Water only as needed when young plants are adapting to their new habitat.
- 3 Prepare your garden well to save headaches later.**
 - You may need to dig up lawn, remove invasive plants, and add organic compost to the soil. An easy method is to lay down newspaper at least six sheets deep, with plenty of overlap; wet it down; cover it with 4 to 6 inches of mulch, and let it sit until you are ready to plant. Use deep edging to keep out lawn grass.
- 4 Plan for a variety of shapes, sizes, and kinds of plants to give vertical structure to your garden.**
 - Cluster the same plant species together.
 - Design for color palettes and seasonal blooms.
 - Add habitat features like hollowed boulders that catch rainwater for birds to drink and bathe in.
- 5 Steward your native plant garden with tender loving care.**
 - Pull up noxious and invasive weeds.
 - Enhance with brush piles that shelter birds and other wildlife, too.
 - Leave dead trees and branches.
- 6 Focus on plants that support high variety and quantity of bird food.**
 - Red tubular flowers such as columbine, jewelweed, and bee balm serve up nectar for hummingbirds.
 - Native sunflowers, asters, and coneflowers produce seeds for songbirds.
 - Bushes with berries ripen at different times, so include a seasonal variety to sustain birds: dogwood and spicebush; cedar and holly trees.

The Impact of Native Plants

557

Number of butterflies and moths native oak trees support. Non-native ginkgo trees host just five.

1,200

U.S. crops that depend on pollinators to grow. Native plants are essential for pollinators like birds, bees, butterflies, and bats.

Water-wise, drought-tolerant native plants reduce water use, especially critical in drought-stricken, arid parts of our country.

96

Percentage of land birds that feed insects to chicks. Native plants are nature's bounty.

80 million

Number of pounds of pesticides homeowners apply to the 40 million acres of lawns in the U.S. each year. Native plants, on the other hand, support a vibrant balance of predator and prey insects and thrive without pesticides.

Your native garden joins a collective effort to give back to birds and plant hope for their future.

Spend more time with birds and less time with noisy lawn mowers that pollute the air and water.

800 million

Estimated number of gallons of gas Americans burn in lawn mowers annually. This produces significant amounts of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases that drive climate change.

MORE INFORMATION:

Audubon's Plants for Birds program:
audubon.org/plantsforbirds

Search our native plants database:
audubon.org/nativeplants

Find local native plant resources:
audubon.org/native-plants-resources

Buy Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy: bringingnaturehome.net