

Together, we can make the world a better place...one native plant at a time!



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WHY PLANT NATIVES?

Bringing Nature Into
Your Own Backyard

WHY NATIVES?

They Grew Up Here

Native plants are species that existed here without human introduction. They are accustomed to our local climate and weather patterns. Many are hardy and easy to establish in the landscape.

Deep Roots

The deep root systems of some natives can help protect our soil and prevent or mitigate flooding. This also means they may need little to no supplemental watering once those roots are established. A win for water conservation!

Un-BEE-lievably Beneficial

Many ornamental flowers at garden centers are exotics or cultivars. Pollinators are attracted to them, but may not find any pollen/nectar within the flower. In the case of double-flowering hybrids, pollinators can struggle to access the food. Native flowers are perfectly adapted to feed bees and butterflies.

Host With The Most

Natives host the most caterpillars! Busy bird parents can feed their young with less effort when native host plants are nearby. Berries also provide the perfect nutrients for migratory birds, unlike nutritionally deficient berries from non-natives. Seeds can feed over-wintering songbirds.

More Than Just A Pretty Face

There are hundreds of plants indigenous to your state. Choosing the right plant for the right place in your landscape can not only add curb appeal, but also attract beautiful wildlife visitors. Bring nature into your own backyard by planting natives!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Many butterflies and moths rely on certain host plants to ensure the survival of their species. This is because their larvae (caterpillars) are uniquely adapted to consume the leaves of that specific plant or plant family! They do not recognize exotic ornamentals as a food source. How can you help?

Plant Natives!



NATIVE PLANT FEATURE

JEWELWEED
IMPATIENS CAPENSIS/PALLIDA



SPRING

Often found sprouting up along streambanks, this colorful 2'-5' tall annual loves wet soil and shade. Perfect for a rain garden, around ponds, or in a riparian buffer.

SUMMER

Orange or yellow flowers bloom from June-September. A favorite for bumble bees and attractive to hummingbirds. Insects use the blossoms for shelter on rainy days. This plant is especially lovely when morning dew or raindrops hang from the leaves and petals like jewels.

FALL

One of its common names is Spotted Touch-Me-Not because of its slender seed pods that split open explosively when touched. Thus, propelling seeds in all directions. Entertaining for both kids and adults!

WINTER

Though an annual, it self-seeds prolifically. Seeds need the cold of winter to germinate. When spring comes, this native colonizes the landscape once again.