

Propagating from Seed Resources

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Seed Sources

Ecotype 59 seeds (local CT ecotype seeds):

northeastseedcollective.com

Wild Seed Project (Maine) <https://wildseedproject.net/>

(germination codes, propagating info, etc)

<https://wildseedproject.net/how-to-grow-natives-from-seed/>

<https://wildseedproject.net/maine-native-plants-for-roadside-restoration/>

Prairie Moon Nursery <http://prairiemoon.com>

(native seeds/plants – not local genotype; germination codes)

Hamden Public Library - Seed Library

<https://hamdenlibrary.org/plant-for-the-pollinators-this-winter/>

HPLSeedLibrary@gmail.com – request seed at this email

Pollinator Resources

Seed Propagation Handouts by Bill Cullina <https://www.lymelandtrust.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Seed-Propagation-Handouts-Bill-Cullina.pdf>

Germination Requirements of Seeds

Germination Codes of Native Plants

Seed Collection Dates

Organizations with Useful Websites and Databases

Homegrown National Park <http://homegrownnationalpark.org>

Organization started by Doug Tallamy with useful newsletters and how to add your yard to the national list of wildlife friendly yards

Xerces Society <https://xerces.org>

loads of great publications! One is a pdf called Collecting Your Own Seed

Conserving Bumble Bees: <https://www.xerces.org/publications/guidelines/conserving-bumble-bees>

CT Agricultural Experiment Station's Pollinator Information:

<https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/Publications/Publications/Pollinator-Information>

Pollinator Partnership EcoRegional Planting Guides: [https://
www.pollinator.org/guides](https://www.pollinator.org/guides)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Database [https://www.wildflower.org/
plants/index.php](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/index.php)

Native Plant Trust's (New England) Go Botany Simple Key [https://
gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/simple/](https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/simple/)

Native Plant Trust's native garden plant finder for your garden conditions:
<https://plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org/Plant-Search>

National Wildlife Federation's Native Plant Finder <https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/>

National Audubon Society's Plants for Birds <https://www.audubon.org/PLANTSFORBIRDS>

State Native Plant/Pollinator Groups

Wild Ones – Mountain Laurel Chapter meets at Conn College <https://mountainlaurel.wildones.org/>

Native Grow Native Massachusetts: good resource on Massachusetts natural plant communities
<https://grownativemass.org/>

Long Island Native Plant Initiative <http://www.linpi.org/>

Maine – Wild Seed Project <https://wildseedproject.net/>

CT Botanical Society – has good wildflower images and offers free walks
CT Butterfly Association <https://ctbutterfly.org/>

Under publications, great resources is Life Histories of Connecticut Butterflies
Also offers free butterfly walks

Pollinator Pathway <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/>
Pollinator Pathways in CT and NY: Citizen Science Projects

Bumble Bee Watch <https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/>

Beecology Project <https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/home#page-title>

Great Sunflower Project <https://www.greatsunflower.org/>

Nativars Research Project <http://budburst.org/projects/nativars>

Books

Wildflowers: A Guide to Growing and Propagating Native Flowers from North America (out of print) by William Cullina

Native Trees, Shrubs and Vines: A Guide to Growing, Propagating North American Woody Plants (out of print) by William Cullina

Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide by Heather Holm

Pollinators of Native Plants by Heather Holm

Attracting Native Pollinators, Xerces Society

Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants by Doug Tallamy

Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy

The Nature of Oaks by Doug Tallamy

Garden Revolution by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher

How to Eradicate Invasive Plants by Terri Dunn Chace

Native Plants for New England Gardens by Dan Jaffe and Mark Richardson

Weeds of the Northeast by Uva, Neal, and DiTomaso

Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be A Source of Environmental Change by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher

The Living Landscape by Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke

Planting in a Post Wild World by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West

Noah's Garden by Sara Stein (out of print)

Planting Noah's Garden by Sara Stein (out of print)

Kaufman Field Guide to Butterflies of North America by Jim P. Brock and Kenn Kaufman

Butterflies through Binoculars: The East – A Field Guide to the Butterflies of Eastern North America by Jeffrey Glassberg

Caterpillars of Eastern North America: A Guide to Identification and Natural History by David L. Wagner

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