

Information on Maryland Native Plants and Where to Get Them

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Helpful Online Reference Books



“Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping, Chesapeake Bay Watershed” - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s booklet:

This booklet contains pictures and valuable information (in spreadsheet form) about native plants’ characteristics and their preferred growing conditions. An online version is available at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/native-plants-wildlife-habitat-and-conservation-landscaping-chesapeake-bay-watershed>.



“Mistaken Identity? Invasive Plants and their Native Look-Alikes, an identification Guide for the Mid-Atlantic:

This booklet identifies invasive plants that should be removed and it also suggests native plants which could be used to replace the invasives. An online version can be accessed at: https://www.nybg.org/files/scientists/rnaczi/Mistaken_Identity_Final.pdf

Local Native Plant Nursery

Herring Run Nursery, 6131 Hillen Road, Baltimore, MD 21239

<https://bluewaterbaltimore.org/herring-run-nursery/>

This local nursery only sells native plants. Proceeds from their sales go to support the work of the nonprofit “Blue Water Baltimore” which monitors and protects our local waters,

The Maryland Native Plant Society has a list of nurseries which sell native plants.

<https://mdflora.org/nurseries.html>

Helpful Information

The books, “Bringing Nature Home” & “Nature’s Best Hope”, both by Douglas Tallamy explain the importance of using native plants in your yard. “With nothing less than the future of North American biodiversity at stake, Tallamy imparts an encouraging message: it’s not too late to save the ecosystem-sustaining matrix of insects and animals, and the solution is as easy as replacing alien plants with natives.”

Doug Tallamy's mosquito control brew:

Instead of using pesticides in the yard to try to control those pesky mosquitos, this solution targets only mosquitos, leaving the pollinators and other beneficial insects to thrive in your garden. Since many insects are important in so many food chains for larger animals, they are critical to our local environment. Doug Tallamy's mosquito control method kills the mosquitos in the larval stage, making it a more effective way to control them than trying to kill the adults. It is also quicker, easy to do, less expensive, and does not put harmful chemicals onto your yard. This link will take you to a short video where Doug Tallamy explains how to do this and why it is effective and important:

<https://youtu.be/TqcDZDNtP-0>

How to make highly effective brew which targets only mosquitos

- Need:
 - Bucket full of water
 - Add Straw or hay
 - Mosquito dunk (disc you purchase from hardware store)
- Procedure
 - Put water in bucket, add straw or hay & let it sit for 1-2 days (This allows the diatoms and algae that the mosquito larvae eat to grow; female mosquitos will be attracted & lay their eggs here)
 - Add the mosquito dunk, which contains a bacillum which kills the larvae
 - This targets only the mosquitos, not other insects or animals
 - Replace with a new batch each month during mosquito season

