



YARDS ALIVE

Living Landscape Learning Series

Resource Handout

Visit www.PricklyEds.com to download a digital version of this handout and to explore resources including articles, videos, plant lists, planting guides, upcoming events and background on ways to connect with others. While there, be sure to read our blog & explore past editions of our newsletter.



**Prickly Ed's
Cactus Patch**

Native Plant Emporium

Organizations and Initiatives to Know:

Pollinator Pathways www.pollinator-pathway.org

Pollinator Pathways (Barrington)

<https://www.blct.org/more-about-us/pollinator-pathways/>

Homegrown National Park www.homegrownnationalpark.org

Certified Wildlife Habitats www.certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org

Perfect Earth Project www.PerfectEarthProject.org

The Native Plant Trust <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org>

Rhode Island Wild Plant Society www.RIWPS.org

Bee Lab at URI <https://web.uri.edu/beelab/>

Grow Native Massachusetts www.grownativemass.org

Rhode Island Plant Insect Community Network <https://picn.rinhs.org/>

The Pollinator Alliance at the Audubon Society of RI

<https://asri.org/pollinators/alliance.html>

Research & Learn More About Native Plants

Rhode Island Native Plant Guide <https://web.uri.edu/rinativeplants/>

Audubon Plants for Birds Program <https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>

Xerces Society Plant List <https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/native-plants-for-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects-northeast>

Gegear Lab Plants for Pollinators at Risk <https://gegearlab.weebly.com/plant-list.html>

National Wildlife Foundation Native Plant Finder <https://nativeplantfinder.nwf.org/>

Selecting Plants for Pollinators

<http://pollinator.beefriendlyfarmer.org/PDFs/EasternBroadleaf.Oceanic.rx18.pdf>

Go Botany at the Native Plant Trust <https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/>

Phone Apps for Plant & Nature ID

iNaturalist, smart phone app

Plantsnap, smart phone app

PictureThis smart phone app

Merlin Bird ID smart phone app for bird sound identification



Thought Provoking Articles

“Is Your Yard Undergrown?” Nancy Lawson

<https://www.humanegardener.com/is-your-yard-undergrown-not-overgrown/>

“Biodiversity Day” Doug Tallamy

<https://hgnp.wpengine.com/biodiversity-day/>

“Not In Our Yard” Doug Tallamy

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/not-in-our-yard-doug-tallamy/>

Let Your Garden Grow Wild Ted Talk, Rebecca McMackin

https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_mcmackin_let_your_garden_grow_wild

Why Clover Lawn Isn’t Helping All That Much, Benjamin Vogt

<https://www.monarchgard.com/thedeepmiddle/why-a-clover-lawn-isnt-helping-all-that-much>

“Invasive Plants Have RI’s Native Life in a Stranglehold” EcoRI

<https://ecori.org/2022-1-20-invasive-species-tighten-grip-on-ocean-states-native-plants/>

“Leave the Leaves Alone” EcoRI

<https://ecori.org/leave-the-leaves-alone/>

Radicle Thinking: What Does Your Landscape Say About You? Edwina vonGal

<https://perfectearthproject.org/what-does-your-landscape-say-about-you/>



Good Books

Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy

Nature’s Best Hope by Doug Tallamy

Tiny and Wild by Graham Laird Gardener

New Naturalism by Kelly Norris

Your Natural Garden: A Practical Guide by Kelly Norris

The Living Landscape by Doug Tallamy & Rick Darke

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

Principles of Ecological Design by Travis Beck

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

From Wasteland to Wonder by Basil Camu (available online only)

Garden Revolution, How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change

by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher

The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden by Roy Diblik

A New Garden Ethic by Benjamin Vogt

Prairie Up by Benjamin Vogt

The Northeast Native Plant Primer by Uli Lorimer

We Are the Ark by Mary Reynolds

Natural Habitat Garden by Ken Druse

Energy Wise Landscape Design by Sue Reed

A Few Favorite Blogs & Websites

The Humane Gardener, Nancy Lawson - www.humanegardener.com

The Deep Middle, Benjamin Vogt - www.monarchgard.com/thedeepmiddle

Jersey Friendly Yards (great tools & resources, all relevant for RI too) www.jerseyyards.org

Bee & Pollinator Books, Heather Holm - www.pollinatorsnativeplants.org

A Way to Garden, Margaret Roach <https://awaytogarden.com/>

Landscape Interactions - www.landscapeinteractions.com

Beecology Project - <https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/learn#section3>

Rebecca McMackin - <https://www.rebeccamcmackin.com/>

Design Your Wild - Heather and Zoe Evans <https://www.designyourwild.com/>

Life in the Garden - <https://www.eastbayri.com/life-in-garden/>

Cultivating Place - Jennifer Jewel <https://www.cultivatingplace.org/>

Growing Greener - Thomas Christopher

<https://www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcast>

Educational Opportunities

The Ecological Landscape Alliance <https://www.ecolandscaping.org/ela-events/>

New Directions in the American Landscape <https://www.ndal.org>

Monarch Gardens - Benjamin Vogt <https://www.monarchgard.com>

The Native Plant Trust - <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/education/>

Where to purchase plants

Review the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture

Native Plant Nursery and Garden Center Listing:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/garden-centers-and-nurseries-that-sell-native-plants>

Visit the Resource Directory at www.GrowNativeMass.org

Visit the Resource Map at Homegrown National Park www.homegrownnationalpark.org

Visit the Resource Directory at www.Pollinator-Pathway.org

For Seeds - The Wild Seed Project

<https://wildseedproject.net/> (great resources and programs available too!)

And of course be sure to visit us at the Native Plant Emporium where you will find hundreds of varieties of native perennials, grasses, ferns, shrubs, and trees! Find hours and other information at www.PricklyEds.com



IMPORTANT! Before shopping be sure to learn the importance of finding and selecting “Bee Safe” Plants! Learn more<https://xerces.org/pesticides/bee-safe-nursery-plants>



Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium

Not Just Another Pretty Flower



Eight steps to planting more resiliency in your yard and community. Recruit a neighbor and double the impact!
For how-to tips and resources visit www.pricklyeds.com.

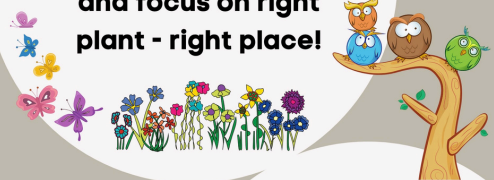
Build healthy soil
Reconnect to your roots and grow some of your own food - organically.



Shrink your lawn!
Cut & water less frequently & only use (minimal) slow release organic fertilizers.



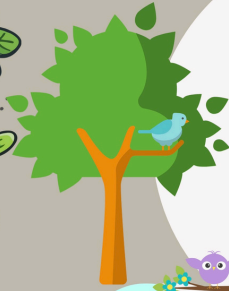
Plant native plants & remove invasives.
Plant densely in groupings & in layers and focus on right plant - right place!



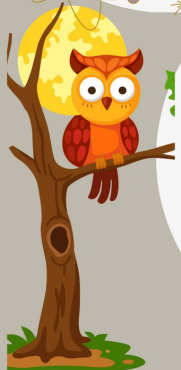
Turn off unneeded lights and protect the night by following www.DarkSky.org guidance



Plant a native tree!
Trees sequester carbon, clean air, provide cooling, absorb stormwater and provide food & shelter for many creatures



Build winter habitat, keep your leaves, save the stems, build brush piles and preserve snags



Ditch the pesticides!
This includes herbicides & fungicides and "weed & feed" lawn treatments



Make your yard a sponge with deep rooted native plants, rain gardens, permeable surfaces, rain barrels & downspout diverters

