

# Resources for the Native Plant Enthusiast

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## BOOKS

### Plant ID - Trees and Shrubs

Forest Trees of Illinois University of Illinois Extension - 2009	Description of: tree, bark, twigs, buds, leaves, flowers, fruit, wood, uses habitat, range by county, distinguishing features. B&W photo of bark; drawings of leaves with fruit and twigs with buds.
Identifying Trees - Michael D Williams Stackpole Books - 2007	Leaf ID key; Color photo of tree, leaves, bark, fruit (some flowers and leaf scars) for each tree.
Native Trees of the Midwest – Sally S Weeks, Harmon P Weeks, Jr, George R Parker Purdue University Press - 2005	Identification, characteristics, wildlife value, and landscaping use for each tree.
Shrubs and Woody Vines of Indiana and the Midwest – Sally S Weeks, Harmon P Weeks, Jr Purdue University Press -2012	Identification, characteristics, wildlife value, and landscaping use for each plant discussed.

### Plant ID - Non-woody Plants

Ferns – Boughton Cobb, Cheryl Lowe, Elizabeth Farnsworth Peterson Field Guides Houghton Mifflin Co - 2005	Fern habitat, ecology, range, frond, spore-producing bodies, other identifying characteristics. Line drawings showing distinguishing features. "Pocket" sized.
Illinois Wildflowers – Don Kurz Cloudland.net Publishing - 2004	Color photos, plant descriptions, bloom time, habitat/range, remarks (including pioneer and Native American medicinal uses of plants).
Wildflowers – Northeast and Northcentral North America – Roger Torrey Peterson and Margaret McKenny; Peterson Field Guides Houghton Mifflin Co - 1996	Some color plates, but mostly black and white drawings. Highlights the identifying characteristics. "Pocket" sized.

### Plant Propagation

Growing and Propagating Wildflowers – Harry R Phillips University of North Carolina Press - 1985	Plant description, fruit and seed description, seed collection and storage, propagation techniques, cultivation, landscape uses.
Native Fern Moss and Grasses – William Cullina Houghton Mifflin Co - 2008	Ferns - description, landscape uses, how/where to grow, propagation. Mosses – description, where/how to grow. Grasses, Sedges, Rushes - characteristics, landscape uses, how/where to grow, propagation.
Native Trees, Shrubs, & Vines – William Cullina Houghton Mifflin Co - 2002	Description, landscape uses, how/where to grow, wildlife benefits, propagation.
Wildflowers – William Cullina Houghton Mifflin Co - 2000	Description, landscape uses, how/where to grow, wildlife benefits, propagation.
Seedling ID Guide for Native Prairie Plants – Central Region USDA-NRCS 2007 (ISBN: 1-887247-53-X)	Color photos, distinguishing characteristics, and description of the adult plant. Seedling and juvenile photos, and comments for seedlings.

### Landscaping with Native Plants

*Design Your Natural Midwest Garden – Patricia Hill Trails Books, 2007	Garden designs for various home landscapes (e.g., entryway, hillside, woodland) using Midwest native plants.
*Gardening w/ Native Plants in the Upper Midwest – Judy Nauseef University of Iowa Press - 2016	How to incorporate native plants into your yard.
*Go Native – Carolyn Harstad Indiana University Press - 1999	How to plan and execute landscaping with native plants (trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover, ferns, prairie plants). How to landscape for wet areas, prairies, woodlands, and for wildlife habitat.
*Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People – Dave Tylka Missouri Dept. of Conservation - 2002	Separate chapters for different habitats (shade, sunny, bird and butterfly gardens, wet areas). Includes tips for attracting wildlife.
Native Plants in the Home Landscape for the Upper Midwest – Keith Gerard Nowakowski University of Illinois - 2004	Getting to know your landscape; 50 pages of plants of the tallgrass region; 5 landscape designs for different habitats; installing and maintaining.
Native Plants of the Midwest – Alan Branham Timber Press 2016	General growing information, landscape uses, and ornamental attributes of 500 species of native plants.
* Native Trees for North American Landscapes - Guy Sternburg Timber Press - 2004	Hundreds of trees are covered in this book. Includes information about the range, how to grow, known problems, cultivars, related species, and comments on each tree.

### Restoration of Natural Areas

Common Sense Forestry – Hans Morbach Chelsea Green Publishing Company - 2002	Practical advice from a small woodland owner.
Restoring Ecological Health to Your Land – Steven A. Apfelbaum and Alan Haney Island Press - 2010	Covers the principles of ecological restoration and how to apply these principles to different types of ecosystems.
Restoring Ecological Health to Your Land Workbook – Steven A. Apfelbaum and Alan Haney Island Press - 2010	A how-to companion to the above book.
The Tallgrass Restoration Handbook for Prairies, Savannas, and Woodlands Edited by Stephen Packard and Cornelia F Mutel Island Press 1997	Essays by restoration experts on various restoration topics.

### Attracting Wildlife

Attracting Native Pollinators – The Xerces Society Storey Publishing - 2011	Discusses the pollinators, how to attract them, and how to preserve their environment. Contains sample gardens and regional plant lists.
Birdscaping in the Midwest – Mariette Nowak Itchy Cat Press – 2007	Garden design; site preparation; bird-specific gardens; lists of trees, shrubs, and forbs to attract birds.
*Pollinators of Native Plants – Heather Holm Pollination Press - 2014	General pollinator information. Thorough descriptions of native plants and their pollinators listed by habitat.

**General**

*Bringing Nature Home – Douglas Tallamy Timber Press 2007	A discussion of why you should plant native plants. Includes information about trees that support insects that are food for birds. A chapter on important insects in the landscape.
*Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest an Illustrated Guide to Their Identification and Control - Elizabeth J. Czarapata University of Wisconsin Press - 2005	A discussion of control techniques for invasive plants. Each invasive plant contains information for identification and effective control methods. The book also contains a section on native plants that sometimes need control and how to best control them. Lots of color photos.

\*Books in the chapter library. These books can be checked out to members for one month.

**Smart Phone Apps**

Illinois Wildflowers – free	iOS and Android	Identify Illinois wildflowers by color, leaf arrangement, habitat, time of year, etc.
iNaturalist - free	iOS and Android	Keep track of native plants (insects, birds, mammals) that you've photographed, and get help with ID.
Bee Smart Pollinator Gardener - free	iOS and Android	Create a customized list of native pollinator plants for your area and specific needs.
Leafsnap - free	iOS only	Helps ID trees from photos of the leaf.
PlantSnap - \$3.99	iOS only	Identify flowers and trees, succulents, mushrooms, and more.
Florafolio - \$3.99	iOS only	Variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns, vines, and grasses indigenous to Eastern Canada and the Northeastern region of the US.

**Websites****General**

Illinois Prairie Chapter of Wild Ones <a href="http://illinoisprairie.wildones.org/">http://illinoisprairie.wildones.org/</a>	LEARN TAB – Mentor – Handouts and Guides – Purchase Native Plants – Plant Information – Similar Organizations – Lending Library
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## Websites cont.

### Plant ID, Natural History and Distribution

Illinois Wildflowers <a href="http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/">http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/</a>	Plants organized by habitat and scientific name Plant descriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Including how to distinguish from similar species</li> <li>– Cultivation</li> <li>– Range and Habitat</li> <li>– Faunal Associations</li> </ul>
Missouri Botanical Gardens Plant Finder <a href="http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx">http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx</a>	General information Landscaping advice
USDA Plants Database <a href="https://plants.usda.gov/java/">https://plants.usda.gov/java/</a>	Plant distribution maps
Chicago Field Museum <a href="http://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/">http://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/</a>	Various downloadable field guides for Illinois <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Spring Flora of Southern Illinois</li> <li>– Seed Heads</li> <li>– Mosses and Liverworts</li> <li>– And more</li> </ul>
Morton Arboretum <a href="http://www.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-and-plant-advice/tree-selector">http://www.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-and-plant-advice/tree-selector</a>	Tree Selector Feature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Height</li> <li>– Sun Exposure</li> <li>– Soil</li> <li>– Ornamental Feature</li> <li>– Shape</li> </ul>
Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center <a href="https://www.wildflower.org/">https://www.wildflower.org/</a>	Native plant lists for pollinators
Prairie Moon Nursery <a href="https://www.prairiemoon.com/catalog-request.html">https://www.prairiemoon.com/catalog-request.html</a>	Catalog contains useful information on plants. Can request paper catalog or download a PDF of catalog.
Prairie Nursery <a href="http://www.prairienursery.com/customer-care/catalog-request/">http://www.prairienursery.com/customer-care/catalog-request/</a>	Website provides various resources and guides. Can also request paper catalog or download PDF of catalog.

### Landscaping/Planting Guides

The Xerces Society <a href="https://xerces.org/">https://xerces.org/</a>	ID and Monitoring Guides Fact Sheets Plant Lists Conservation Guidelines
Pollinator Partnership <a href="http://www.pollinator.org/">http://www.pollinator.org/</a>	Regional Planting Guides
Audubon Society <a href="http://www.audubon.org/">http://www.audubon.org/</a>	Plants for Birds

Habitat Network <a href="http://content.yardmap.org/">http://content.yardmap.org/</a>	Citizen science project that collects data from individuals through mapping of their backyards, parks, farms, favorite birding locations, schools, and gardens.
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### Attracting Wildlife/Wildlife ID

Pollinators of Native Plants <a href="https://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/">https://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/</a>	Downloadable bee ID guides and other guides.
Chicago Field Museum <a href="http://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/">http://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/</a>	Wildlife ID Guides
Bug Guide <a href="https://bugguide.net/">https://bugguide.net/</a>	Help identify “bugs” from submitted photographs. Online database of photographs.

## Facebook Pages and Groups

### General Information

Illinois Prairie Wild Ones Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ILPrairieWildOnes">https://www.facebook.com/ILPrairieWildOnes</a>	Chapter Facebook page where information about native plants is shared as well as chapter- related events such as programs.
Wild Ones Native Plants Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildonesnativeplants/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildonesnativeplants/</a>	Closed group for current members of Wild Ones only. Forum where members can discuss native plant landscaping and exchange ideas and information about interrelated subjects. All discussions will be in keeping with the Wild Ones mission.
Garden for Wildlife- Certified Wildlife Habitat Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wildlifehabitat/">https://www.facebook.com/wildlifehabitat/</a>	Public page devoted to helping wildlife in any space we have. All you must do is provide essential habitat components!
Illinois Native Plant Society Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisPlants/">https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisPlants/</a>	Help to promote the preservation, understanding, and appreciation of the native flora and natural communities of Illinois.
Pages of your favorite natural areas.	
Other Wild Ones Chapter Pages	

### Plant ID/Learning about Native Plants Characteristics

Illinois Botany-Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/illinoisbotany/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/illinoisbotany/</a>	This closed group is for discussing all things botanical in Illinois. Please feel free to ask questions about plants, post photos for identification by members, and share interesting insights about plants and wildflowers in Illinois.
Midwest Graminoids – Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes, Oh my! – Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1973307052956196/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1973307052956196/</a>	The purpose of this closed group is to foster greater awareness of these very important plant families. Post interesting finds you have made, ask about unknown specimens, or initiate a discussion on identification, ecology, ornamental value, etc.

Illinois Botanizer – Public Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/illinoisbotanizer/">https://www.facebook.com/illinoisbotanizer/</a>	This page features the natural history of flora and fauna in Illinois. Emphasis is on remnant natural communities. Photography by Christopher David Benda.
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### **Native Plant Gardens/Restoration**

Native Plant Gardens in the Upper Midwest – Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/466260610200990/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/466260610200990/</a>	A closed group to share photos and useful information about the practice of using native plants in gardens and landscapes in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Region. Group is moderated by members of the Twin Cities Chapter of Wild Ones (MN).
Restoring the Landscape with Native Plants Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RestoringTheLandscape/">https://www.facebook.com/RestoringTheLandscape/</a>	Facebook page associated with blog by Heather Holm on “Restoring The Landscape With Native Plants”. Heather is also the author of two books on pollinators of native plants
LEARN! Landowner Ecology and Restoration Network- Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1928559444026512/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1928559444026512/</a>	A closed group for landowners helping landowners to restore their property. Post any questions or comments about removing nonnative species and growing native ecosystems in northern Illinois or surrounding areas.
Grand Prairie Friends Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/grandprairiefriends/">https://www.facebook.com/grandprairiefriends/</a>	Our mission is to preserve and restore natural communities in east-central Illinois and to promote an understanding and appreciation of natural resources.

### **Attracting and Identifying Wildlife**

Pollinators of Native Plants Discussion - Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1354218384668677/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1354218384668677/</a>	A group to discuss articles, papers, and policies related to pollinators, their habitat, native plants, and native plant communities.
Pollinators of Native Plants: A Group for Sharing Observations and Photos - Closed Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/PollinatorsNativePlants/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/PollinatorsNativePlants/</a>	Group purpose is to post observations, photos, or videos of pollinators /insects visiting native plants or illustrating their life cycle/nests. Please include the date and location if available.
JWP Audubon – Public Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/JWPaudubon/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/JWPaudubon/</a>	You are welcome to post questions, comments, photos related to appreciation and understanding of the natural world.