

Dos and Don'ts

- ✓ Do plant native species
- ✓ Do plant pollinator gardens
- ✓ Do plant stream buffers
- ✓ Do compost yard waste
- ✓ Do plant drought-resistant species
- ✗ Don't plant invasive plants

Did you know that invasive species cost the US an estimated \$120 billion per year in economic and environmental damages?

RESOURCES

- The Native Plant Society of New Jersey is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the appreciation, protection, and study of the native flora of New Jersey. Find the best native plants for your yard at: <https://npsnj.org/>
- Jersey Friendly Yards provides details and resources for creating a beautiful landscape including a plant database and an interactive design tool: <https://www.jerseyyards.org/>
- New Jersey Audubon provides a native plant database as well as tips for providing habitat for birds and other pollinators: <https://njudubon.org/>
- The National Wildlife Federation provides resources on native plants and offers a Certified Wildlife Habitat program: <https://tinyurl.com/44snyr3d>

STATE LAWS

- NJ regulates native plant protection and promotes conservation primarily through the Endangered Plant Species List and the Invasive Species Management Act.
- The New Jersey Invasive Species Management Act (<https://tinyurl.com/rprstr4c>) is a landmark law signed into effect as of January 2026 to protect native ecosystems by regulating and prohibiting the sale, import, export, and propagation of destructive non-native plant species. It also establishes a permanent, 19-member New Jersey Invasive Species Council to oversee science-based management.

NATIVE PLANTS



TRANSFORM YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE USING NATIVE PLANTS



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WHY NATIVE PLANTS?

Native plants have adapted to grow well in the areas where they are naturally found. Over 90 percent of plants rely on pollinators for help. By using and maintaining native plant gardens, NJ residents can entice pollinators of fruit, vegetables and other farmed crops. Since the decline of the honey bee population, providing pollinator habitat is more important than ever. Activities, expert advice and opportunities to participate in the growing national native plant movement are available – right here in the Garden State.

Native Plants for Your Yard

Additional Native Plant Lists can be found here:



Grow plants that are *native* to New Jersey

There are many native plants to choose from and a variety of online sources to help you learn about native alternatives to invasive plants. To help you get started, here is a list of commonly available native plants:

Trees



Birch (*Betula*)



Flowering Dogwood
(*Cornus florida*)



Redbud
(*Cercis canadensis*)



Serviceberry
(*Amelanchier*)

Shrubs



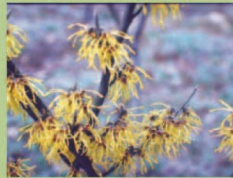
Arrowwood
(*Viburnum dentatum*)



Winterberry Holly
(*Ilex verticillata*)

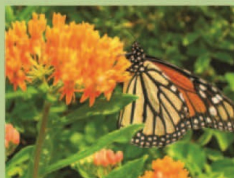


Blueberry
(*Vaccinium corymbosum*)



Witchhazel
(*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Flowers & Ferns



Butterfly Milkweed
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)



Beebalm
(*Monarda fistulosa*)



Beardtongue
(*Penstemon hirsutus*)



Christmas Fern
(*Polystichum acrostichoides*)

Some exotic plants have the same common names as native plants. When shopping, check the scientific names of the plants to ensure that they are the native variety before you make your purchase!

NJ Prohibited Invasive Species

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