



Clemenson Farms Native Nursery presents...

PULL IN THE POLLINATORS!

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

Today's truly beautiful gardens welcome the wildlife that provide free and necessary ecosystem services. Take your garden to the next level by using strategies that attract beneficial birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.



- 1. Location, Location, Location!** Butterflies use the warmth of the sun to get moving each day. They avoid cool shade. Native bees like to live near forage sites, so provide appropriate nesting sites. See #10 below.
- 2. Give Me Shelter!** Flowering shrubs and larger perennials provide a safe, wind-free area for pollinators to forage for pollen and nectar.
- 3. 'Tis the Season...** Bees and butterflies need nectar in the spring, summer, and fall. Provide a wide variety of flower shapes and colors to attract of pollinators including long and short tongued native bees. Provide season long blooms by interspersing perennials with nectar rich annuals.
- 4. More is...well, MORE!** Butterflies are drawn to large masses of color. Plant flowers in groups of five or more if space allows.
- 5. We Were Made For Each Other!** Select plants that are native to your region. The pollinators of your area depend on the plants they recognize. See the USDA Plant Database for ideas.
- 6. The Host with the Most.** Adult butterflies select specific plants on which to lay their eggs. As caterpillars eat these host plants, they gain special nutrient and protective benefits. Include a variety of regionally specific host plants to attract a wide variety of butterflies.
- 7. Puddle Jumpers.** Create a shallow water source for butterflies to drink. Place a water-filled sponge in a bowl, or place some pebbles in your birdbath so that bees and butterflies can drink without drowning. Heated birdbaths provide much needed water for birds during cold winter months.
- 8. Tootie Fruitie!** Birds relish fruit from shrubs and trees. Many butterflies adore sipping nutrients from a plate of rotting fruit.
- 9. The Grass is Greener.** Include native grasses in your landscape to attract skippers and to provide food and shelter for birds.
- 10. The Dirt on Bees.** Protect and provide nesting areas for beneficial solitary bees. Some seek shelter in brush piles and old logs. Others nest in holes made in undisturbed open soil.
- 11. Spring Cleaning.** Leave flower stalks and grasses in the garden till spring. Springtime clean-up allows beneficial insects to overwinter and reemerge in YOUR garden instead of in the landfill. Seed heads and pods provide much needed winter food for birds who also use the sheltering stalks to hide from predatory hawks.
- 12. Just Say "No" to Pesticides.** Omit or greatly reduce your use of pesticides. Remember that when you kill "bad" bugs you also kill the "good". A garden that attracts many beneficial insects also attracts the birds that feed on them. These birds keep your bug population under control for FREE!

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Adapted from The Wildlife Gardener's Guide by Brooklyn Botanic Garden

How can I learn more about native plants and how to use them in my landscape?



The Native Plant Society of New Jersey is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation, protection, and study of the native flora of New Jersey.

www.npsnj.org Two chapters meet monthly in South Jersey.

Southeast Chapter: southeast@npsnj.org ; **Delaware Bayshores:** debayshores@npsni.org

Patricia and Clay Sutton are educators, authors, naturalists, photographers, lecturers, and tour leaders. Pat has taught extensively about gardening for wildlife for over 30 years and loves to share her passion. She offers numerous classes on gardening and wildlife. Check her out at

www.patandclaysutton.com

Pat will be conducting a tour of the gardens at Clemenson Farms Native Nursery at the June 6 Retail sale!

NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation

Service An agency of the USDA that provides technical assistance to farmers and land managers. Check the website for resources and programs that are available.

www.nrcs.usda.gov

Mt. Cuba Center This botanical garden inspires an appreciation for the beauty and value of native plants and a commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them. Many programs available for individuals and families.

www.mtcubacenter.org

Longwood Gardens consists of over 1,077 acres of gardens, woodlands, and a brand new native plant meadow in Kennett Square, PA www.longwoodgardens.org

Where can I buy native plants?



Clemenson Farms Native Nursery

Retail Sale Days:

Saturday, May 2, 2015, 10am-2pm

Saturday, June 6 2015, 10am-2pm:

Garden Tour with Patricia Sutton

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Check Website for updates and plant listings.

www.clemensonfarmsnativenursery.com

Nature Center of Cape May

Annual Wildlife Plant Sale & Swap

Preorder plants in April for pickup in May.

Pickup and swap dates: May 9 & 10, 2015

For more info:

www.njaudubon.org/centers/nccm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore

Native Plant Swap & Sale

Saturday, May 9, 2015: 9am-2pm

For more info: www.uucsjs.org

Atlantic County Master Gardeners

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 16, 2015; 10am-3pm

Atlantic County Library/Galloway

300 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd, Galloway

www.rutgers-atlantic.org/garden/

ACE Hardware Stores

NEW! Now offering native plants for pollinators.

Galloway, Brigantine, Vineland locations.

See www.acehardware.com for more info.



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FREE native plants?

DO NOT pull native plants from the wild. But be on the lookout for any road construction or housing development that may be wiping out a native area. Then ask permission to "rescue" plants.