

Native Plant Resources

WEB RESOURCES:

The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)

www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg

A clearinghouse of information relating to Connecticut's invasive plants, which also includes news and events, fact sheets and other publications and resources for planting native alternatives to invasive plants. Contact Donna Ellis (860-486-6448; donna.ellis@uconn.edu) or Penni Sharp (pensharp10@comcast.net) for more information or to join the listserv.



Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin

www.wildflower.org/collections, select "Connecticut"

Recommended species database gives names, photos and descriptions of hundreds of native plant species that can be used for gardens and landscapes in Connecticut. Also lists Connecticut suppliers of native plants and related organizations. *Note:* Some plants listed are native to US but may not specifically be native to Connecticut.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) PLANTS Database

www.plants.usda.gov

Database of both non-native and native plants provides standardized nomenclature across species.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

www.plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/invasive.html

USDA-NRCS webpage with links to a number of publications about invasive plants, including publications with information on alternative plantings for some invasive plants.

ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS:

New England Wildflower Society (NEWFS)

www.newfs.org

Oldest plant conservation organization in United States. Promotes conservation of native plants through various programs and operates a native plant nursery. Also organizes volunteer eradication efforts for invasive plants and holds public education events. Call 508-877-7630 to volunteer.

Connecticut Botanical Society (CBS)

www.ct-botanical-society.org

Group that promotes conservation and public awareness of Connecticut's natural heritage. CBS holds a number of field trips throughout the year, holds twice-annual meetings, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Website is a great resource with photographs and descriptions of plants found in Connecticut, with a special emphasis on native species.

Project Native

www.projectnative.org

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Massachusetts, which provides basic information on the benefits of native plants. The group also manages a nursery specializing in native plants in Housatonic, MA.

NATIVE PLANT BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Alternatives for Invasive Ornamental Plant Species. Timothy Abbey. 2004. 16 pp., New Haven, CT: The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens. Allan Armitage. 2006. Portland, OR: Timber Press, Inc.

Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens. Douglas Tallamy 2007. 288 pp. Portland, OR: Timber Press, Inc.

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants. Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2006. 240 pp., New York, NY: Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening & Conservation. Donald Leopold. 2005. Portland, OR: Timber Press, Inc.

Native Trees, Shrubs & Vines: A guide to using, growing and propagating North American woody plants. William Cullina, New England Wildflower Society. 2002. New York, New York: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Roadside Use of Native Plants. US DOT Federal Highway Administration. 1999. Washington, DC: Federal Highway Administration. Accessible online at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rdsduse/index.htm>

INVASIVE PLANT GUIDES:

Invasive Plants in Your Backyard! A Guide to Their Identification and Control. Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, Inc. 2009. 16 pp. Available as a PDF online at www.conservect.org/ctrivercoast/ (Click "What's New").

Invasive Plants. Guide to Identification and Impacts and Control of Common North American Species. S.R. Kaufman and W. Kaufman. 2007. 458 pp. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books.

A Guide to Invasive Plants in Massachusetts, 2nd Edition. Paul Somers, Rachel Kramer, Karen Lombard and Bill Brumback. 2008. 79 pp. Available from Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife; contact Kim Ausmus, Administrative Specialist (kim.ausmus@state.ma.us). Cost: \$5.00 (includes shipping).

A Guide to Selected Non-native Aquatic Plants in Massachusetts. Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. 2007. 20 pp. Available online at www.mass.gov/dcr/watersupply/lakepond/publications.htm or contact Michelle Robinson, DCR Lakes and Ponds Program (508-792-7423 ext. 304; michelle.robinson@state.ma.us).