



Why Choose Native Plants?

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What is a native plant?

Native plants are plants that have been present in the ecosystem for thousands of years prior to European settlement of North America. These plants have established complex relationships with other native plants, insects, and animals. They have evolved to survive in our environmental conditions.

Benefits to using native plants:

- Plants have evolved to thrive in our soils
- Supports native pollinators and animals
- Usually need less maintenance when planted in the right area

Support your local ecosystem by replacing invasive exotic plants with native alternatives.

Resources for native plant information:

Jersey-Friendly Yards- <https://www.jerseyyards.org/>

JFY Resources for Homeowners: <https://www.jerseyyards.org/resources/resources-for-homeowners/>

Native Plant Society of New Jersey- <https://npsnj.org/>

Xerces Society- <https://xerces.org/>

Rutgers Factsheets:

FS1140: Incorporating Native Plants in Your Residential Landscape- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1140/>

FS1329: Native Plant Seed Propagation- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1329/>

FS1369: Why Leave the Leaves and How to Do It- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/FS1369/>

FS1353: Invasive Plants and Native Alternatives for Landscapes- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1353/>

FS1280: Supporting Bees in Your Garden and on Your Farm- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1280/>

FS1222: Blooms for Bees: How to Provide Pollen and Nectar Sources- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1222/>

Plant Lists:

<https://www.jerseyyards.org/plant/>

<https://npsnj.org/native-plants/plant-lists/>

Invasive Plant Species

Department of Environmental Protection- <https://dep.nj.gov/invasive-species/>

FoHIVOS Strike Team: <https://www.fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/>

Sources for Native plants and seeds:

<https://www.jerseyyards.org/jersey-friendly-plants/where-to-buy-native-plants/>

<https://npsnj.org/native-plants/where-to-buy-natives>

<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/native-plant-nursery-and-seed-directory>