



ALTERNATIVE PLANT RESOURCES

WEB RESOURCES:

The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)

cipwg.uconn.edu

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 Vickie Wallace at victoria.wallace@uconn.edu, Rose Hiskes at rose.hiskes@ct.gov, or info@cipwg.org for more information. Join the listserv at cipwg.uconn.edu.

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

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

plants.usda.gov

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

Go Botany! – Native Plant Trust

gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org

Go Botany is a web-based, comprehensive, scientific reference for the flora of New England. Pick from their "simple key" or "advanced key" tools to identify plants and learn more about their habitats, characteristics, and uses, and view photos and maps.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

nrcs.usda.gov

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

Rhode Island Native Plant Guide

web.uri.edu/rinativeplants/

The Rhode Island Native Plant guide is a useful reference for native plant propagation and cultivation, design and management of habitat restoration projects, and landscape design and management of many types of landscapes. The plants in the guide are native to Rhode Island.

ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS:

Connecticut Botanical Society (CBS)

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.

Native Plant Trust

nativeplanttrust.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. Contact 508-877-7630 or hello@NativePlantTrust.org for more information.



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ALTERNATIVE PLANT BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- Alternatives for Invasive Ornamental Plant Species.** Timothy Abbey. 2004. 16 pp. New Haven, CT: The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Available as a PDF online at cipwg.uconn.edu
- Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens.** Allan Armitage. 2006. Portland, OR. Timber Press.
- Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens.** Douglas Tallamy 2007. Portland, OR, Timber Press, Inc. Smithsonianmag.com
- Connecticut Native Plant and Sustainable Landscaping Guide.** Victoria Wallace and Alyssa Siegel-Miles. 2020. UConn Extension. Available as a PDF online at cipwg.uconn.edu
- Connecticut [Native Shrub List](#) and [Native Tree List](#).** Jessica Lubell. 2013. Available at cipwg.uconn.edu
- Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change.** 2016. Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher. Timber Press
- Landscape Use for Northeast United States Native Shrubs.** Jessica Lubell. 2013. cipwg.uconn.edu
- The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden.** 2014. Rick Darke and Douglas W. Tallamy. rickdarke.com
- Mistaken Identity? Invasive Plants and their Native Look-Alikes:** An identification guide for the Mid-Atlantic. Sarver, M.J., A. Treher, L. Wilson, R. Naczi, and F.B. Kuehn. 2008. Delaware Dept. of Agriculture and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. cipwg.uconn.edu
- Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants.** Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2006. Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York, NY. 240 pp. bbg.org
- Native Plant Trust Guidebooks.** Native Plants for New England Gardens; Wildflowers of New England and more. nativeplanttrust.org
- Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening & Conservation.** Donald Leopold. 2005. Timber Press, Inc., Portland, OR.
- Native Shrubs: Guide to Landscape Uses.** Jessica Lubell. 2013. Available as a PDF online at cipwg.uconn.edu
- Native Trees, Shrubs & Vines:** A guide to using, growing and propagating North American woody plants. William Cullina, New England Wildflower Society. 2002. Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, New York.
- Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes.** 2015. Thomas Rainer and Claudia West. Timber Press
- Roadside Use of Native Plants.** US DOT Federal Highway Administration. 1999. Federal Highway Administration, Washington, DC. Accessible online at environment.fhwa.dot.gov

SOURCES FOR ALTERNATIVE PLANTS:

- Connecticut Native Tree and Shrub Availability List.** Peter Picone, CT DEEP - Wildlife Division. 2005. 12 pp. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. cipwg.uconn.edu
- Nurseries Selling New England Native Plant Species.** CT Agricultural Experiment Station. portal.CT.gov

For additional resources please visit www.cipwg.uconn.edu (Click "Meet the Plants")