

Tips for buying and planting natives!

- Buy smaller plants if possible. Studies have shown that smaller plants actually do better than big ones! They are also less expensive and you can buy multiples of them and group together for bigger impact
- Group natives together as it make it easier for pollinators. They do not have to use energy to travel .
- *Right plant, right place.* Make sure to select plants for growing conditions- soil type, sun vs. shade or part sun shade, native to where? Choose native to NH or New England, size- how big will it get, does it like dry or wet soil?
- Separate roots with your fingers when you take out of the pot- Be rough with pot bound roots- it helps the plant!
- Never plant too low- top of plant as it sits in pot should be equal to soil level.
- Water frequently and deeply until it establishes.
- Do not fertilize when you plant it and do not give it great compost or soil- It is a native and not in need of this!
- Design first- what colors do you like? When will it bloom- spring, summer, fall- vary collection to include all three. How tall will it be?

Where to buy natives in NH

Bagley Pond Perennials- Warner NH
Foundwell Farm- Pembroke
Native Plant Trust- Garden in the Woods- Framingham
NH State Forest
NH Native Perennials Madison
Local Garden Centers
House by the Side of Road- Wilton
Bedford Fields- Bedford
Rolling Green- Greenland
Depot Farm Stand- Merrimack
Sunny Valley- Amherst
Mason Hollow- Mason
Most garden centers have some natives and will order for you!

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Great Books on Natives

The Pollinator Victory Garden- Kim Eierman

Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy New book- Nature’s Best Hope

Wildflowers of New England- Ted Elliman and NE Wildflower Society

Native Plants of the Northeast Donald Leopold

Integrated Landscape- Following Nature’s Lead- Lauren Chase Rowel , Mary Tebo et.al

How to Raise a Wild Child- Scott Sampson- wonderful book on kids and nature appreciation!

National Wildlife Federation: Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Backyard Wildlife by David Mizejewski

Native Plants for New England Gardens by Mark Richardson and Dan Jaffe

The Green Garden by Ellen Sousa

The Best Plants For New Hampshire Gardens And Landscapes by NH Plant Growers Assn. in partnership with UNHCE

Attracting Native Pollinators by the Xerces Society

Great Natives for Tough Places by Niall Dunne

Pollinators of Native Plants by Heather Holm

Essential Native Trees and Shrubs for the Eastern United States: The Guide to Creating a Sustainable Landscape by Tony Dove and Ginger Woolridge

Organizations to join or research- great information!

National Wildlife Federation- certifying agency for wildlife habitats

WildOnes!

NDAL- New Directions for American Landscapes

Native Plant Trust

UNH Cooperative Extension

Keystone Natives for New Hampshire- support the largest number of moths and butterflies!

Resource- National Wildlife Federation [www. Nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/plants](http://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/plants)

Plants:

1. Goldenrod - 114
2. Wild Strawberry-79
3. Sunflowers -33
4. Violets- 31
5. Joe Pye Weed- 29
6. Native geranium- 26
7. Lupine- 26

Trees:

1. Willows- 412
 2. Birch-408
 3. Chokecherry, cherry-407
 4. Oak- 407
- Poplar-355
- Blueberry- 286
- Maple- 275