Native Plants & Wildflowers

Woodlands & Wildflowers: Enter the secret world of our ephemeral woodland beauties as we explore the myriad ways that wildflowers and wildlife interact, whether for food, pollination, or seed dispersal.

Successful Native Plants for the Average Yard: Native plants get a reputation for making a yard look 'wild'. Find out which trees, shrubs and flowers are easiest to grow with minimal maintenance, will 'fit in' and thrive in any yard but will make your yard bird and pollinator friendly.

Creating a Pollinator Patch: Discover the easiest way to create a native flower garden to attract butterflies and bees. Find out how to support both adult pollinators and their young; with recommendations on plants that can thrive even in yards with an abundance of deer and/or heavy clay soil.

Pollinators

Magical Monarchs: Be inspired by the amazing migrations of an animal that weighs only ½ as much as a dollar bill. Learn the conservation issues they face and how we can help monarchs. Includes photos and short videos from a trip to the overwintering areas in Michoacán, Mexico.

Beyond Honeybees: meet our native bees: Did you know that Maryland has over 400 species of native bees? Discover some of their diversity and how their lifecycles are surprisingly different from familiar honeybees. Meet some of our most common species, from fuzzy bumbles to shiny green bees, and explore how unique traits, like hairy legs and abdomens or crash-landing on flowers, make them great pollinators.