

Native Plants and Pollinators

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Outline

- Introduction/What are we all doing here?
 - The importance of scale
 - What can we do?
- Chemicals in the landscape
 - Right plant right place
- Lawns
 - Lawn chemicals
 - *Carex pensylvanica*
- What are the right plants?
 - **List: Top native plants for ecological gardening**
 - Perennials for the sun
 - Perennials for the shade
 - Shrubs
 - The best burning bush?
 - Trees
 - **List: Pollinators supported by the “Big Five”**
- Don't waste the good stuff
- Talk to your neighbors and municipalities
- Winter maintenance
- **List: Top 25 plants for supporting wildlife and pollinators**
- Conclusion and questions

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the "Golden Rule" by choosing the right plant for the right place.
2. Learn the what, when, and where of native plants
3. Learn the most important part of the plant for pollinators
4. Discuss the pros and cons of native cultivars and how they relate to pollinators
5. Learn about the ecological issues associated with lawns
6. Be introduced to the concept of ecological gardening, its benefits and the role it has in a garden.
7. What simple steps can we take to create healthy, biologically diverse landscapes?
8. Why should we worry about invasive species?
9. Which plants have the most ecological value on the landscape?

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