

# Native Plants and Their Pollinators: Resources and Literature

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## NORTHERN NECK & REGIONAL NATIVE PLANTS RESOURCES:

**NN VNPS Website:** <https://nnnps.squarespace.com/>

Check our website which includes a pdf of our 48-page **Guide to Native Plants of the Northern Neck**

**Wildflowers & Grasses of Virginia's Coastal Plain**, Helen Hamilton & Gustavus Hall, 2013.

**Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora**, <http://www.vaplantatlas.org>

**Flora of Virginia**, [www.Floraofvirginia.org](http://www.Floraofvirginia.org)

## POLLINATORS & WILDLIFE BOOKS & AUTHOR WEBSITES

**Bringing Nature Home** How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens. Douglas Tallamy. 2007.

**Nature's Best Hope**, Douglas Tallamy. 2019.

**The Humane Gardener** Nurturing your Backyard Habitat for Wildlife. Nancy Lawson. 2017.

Also see Nancy's website Humane Gardener Blog - <http://www.humanegardener.com>

**Attracting Native Pollinators**. 2011. Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies.

**Bees an Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide**. Heather Holm. 2017.

Also see heather's website at [www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com](http://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com)

**The Bees in Your Backyard**. A Guide to North America's Bees. 2016. Joseph Wilson & Olivia Carril.

**Bumble Bees of North America**, An Identification Guide. 2014. Paul Williams, et al.

**Gardening for Butterflies**. 2016. The Xerces Society.

**100 Plants to Feed the Bees**. 2016. Xerces Society.

**Pollinators of Native Plants**: 2014. Heather Holm.

## VARIOUS WEBSITES FOR POLLINATOR & NATIVE PLANT INFORMATION

<https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder> - a guide to native plants & pollinators

<https://pollinator.org/> -- lots of pollinator information

<https://www.Xerces.org> -- Loads of resources on pollinator conservation

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/plantsanimals/pollinate/help>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/plantsanimals/pollinate/farmers>

## INSECT INFORMATION

[www.bugguide.com](http://www.bugguide.com) - Iowa State Univ. Online Identification Help and other great sections.

<https://www.discoverlife.org/mp/20q?search=Apoidea> – Bee Guides & Information.

**Pollen Specialist Bees of the Eastern United States**. [https://jarrodflower.com/specialist\\_bees.html](https://jarrodflower.com/specialist_bees.html)

## Apps:

**Seek** App. This is a free application for Smartphones that helps to identify many plants and animals including pollinators by taking your photo and comparing it with millions of photos on i-Naturalist, the major database of plant and animal citizen science data. Highly effective and easy enough for your grandchildren!

**FLORA OF VIRGINIA** App. This is a \$20 app but contains all the native plants in Virginia, each with some ecological information and a few photos. It contains identification keys to the plants. While developed for the dedicated plant enthusiast and botanist, it is an encyclopedia of information on Virginia's native plants.