

# Resources for Native Plants of the Northern Neck

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## About Native Plants: Identification

### Print:

**Flora of Virginia**, Alan S. Weakley, J. Christopher Ludwig, & Johnny Townsend, 2012.

**Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States** by Alan Weakley ( an excellent resource for native plants of the Southeast.

**Ferns and Mosses of Virginia's Coastal Plain**, Helen Hamilton and Gustavus Hall, 2013.

**Wildflowers and Grasses o Virginia's Coastal Plain**, Helen Hamilton and Gustavus Hall, 2013 (out of print)

### Apps:

**Flora of Virginia – wonderful smart phone app** with dichotomous and graphic keys, information on plant families, genera and species, photos, location maps by County, detailed botanical description of all plants in Virginia, and ability to save favorite plant lists by locality.

**Seek by iNaturalist**, draws on millions of observations on i-naturalist to allow you to photograph and use image recognition to identify a wide diversity of flora and fauna with a relatively high level of accuracy (for i-phones, i-pads and more)

**Native Plant Finder**, National Wildlife Foundation & Doug Tallamy - a wonderful resource to create a list of native plants by zip code and find their wildlife value: <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/>

**Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora** – a website similar to the smart phone app but accessible on the net.  
<http://vaplantatlas.org/index.php?do=start>

## About Landscaping with Natives

### Print:

**Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees**, Beatriz Moisset and Stephen Buchmann, A USDA Forest Service and Pollinator Partnership Publication, 2011

**Garden Revolution: How our Landscapes can be a Source of Environmental Change.** Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher. 2016. Timber Press, OR.

**Native Plants for Habitat and Conservation Landscaping: Chesapeake Bay Watershed. 2003 (2020)**  
[www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/resources/native-plants.html](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/resources/native-plants.html)

**Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Begins in Your Backyard.** Douglas Tallamy. 2019. Timber Press, Portland, OR.

**The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden. 2014.** Roick Darke and Doug Tallamy. Timber Press, Portland, OR.

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## Online:

**Better Backyard- A Citizen's Resource Guide to Beneficial Landscaping and Habitat Restoration in the –Chesapeake Bay Watershed.** Chesapeake Bay Program (61 page downloadable book) -

[www.chesapeakebay.net/content/publications/cbp\\_12259.pdf](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/content/publications/cbp_12259.pdf)

**Bringing Nature Home:** How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants, Douglas W. Tallamy, 2009 –

<http://bringingnaturehome.net/nativegardening/gardening-for-life>

**Conservation Landscaping Guidelines-The Eight Essential Elements,** Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (33 pg .downloadable booklet) – [www.chesapeakelandscapes.org](http://www.chesapeakelandscapes.org)

[Gardening for Wildlife: 10 Ideas for a Wildlife Garden | Garden Design](#)

Habitat at Home (basic overview), Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries –[www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/habitat-at-home.pdf](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/habitat-at-home.pdf)

Habitat Gardening for Wildlife (34 pg guide), Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries-

[www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/habitat-gardening.pdf](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/habitat-gardening.pdf)

[Habitat-Gardening-Stand-Alone-Final.compressed-1.pdf \(cblpro.org\)](#)

**How to Naturescape,** [www.plantnative.org/how\\_tointro.html](http://www.plantnative.org/how_tointro.html)

**Native Gardening with Wildflowers,** U. S. Forest Service –

[www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/NativePlant\\_materials/Native\\_Gardening/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/NativePlant_materials/Native_Gardening/index.shtml)

[Virginia's Native Plant Finder – www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/native-plants-finder](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/native-plants-finder)

**What to Plant** to Support the most Wildlife Diversity, from **Bringing Nature Home** by Doug Tallamy.

<http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/what-to-plant.html>

## Invasive Plants:

Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas: Field Guide by Jil Swearingen and Judith Fulton. 2022. Passiflora Press.