

Recommended Books for Conservation Landscaping

100 Plants to Feed the Bees A short, visually stunning guide to great plants for bees. One of many books from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies by The Xerces Society. This beautiful book contains the latest understanding about creating and managing pollinator habitat as well as a great introduction to insect pollinators. Illustrated with hundreds of color photographs and dozens of specially created illustrations.

The Audubon Backyard Birdwatcher by Robert Burton and Stephen Kress. An informative and comprehensive guide to the world of birds in your yard—brought vividly to life by more than 1000 spectacular color photographs. Includes many excellent tips for planting for birds.

Bringing Nature Home, by Douglas Tallamy. If you really want to understand how your eco landscape works and why it's important, this is your book. This very readable book has become the bible of ecological landscaping.

Farming for Beneficial Insects Another Xerces guide, with many illustrations. If you farm or garden, this guide can help you create larger scale plantings such as pollinator belts, shrub hedges, and meadowcapes.

The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting and Maintaining an Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden, by Ellen Sousa. A lovely, visual guide, and perhaps the best easy to read introduction to eco-landscaping in New England.

Maine Native Plants for Roadside Restoration This can also be your go-to book for planting herbaceous and woody plants that will spread, tolerate mowing, and be good for tough, tough sites. A Wild Seed Project guide, it's available as a download from their website.

Native Groundcovers for Northeast Landscapes Also from Wild Seed Project

Native Plants for your Maine Garden, by Maureen Heffernan. A good photographic guide to top plants for native landscaping.

Native Trees for Northeast Landscapes: A Wild Seed Project Guide The best short guide to planting interesting valuable native and nearby native trees in our area. From Wild Seed Project.

Natural Landscapes of Maine: A Guide to Natural Communities and Ecosystems by Susan Gawler and Andrew Cutko. Find the natural communities of plants that live in your area to help guide you in nurturing the ecosystem on your property.

Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy. An excellent starting point for understanding why and how to create an ecological landscape.

Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyards by Sara Stein This lovely memoir chronicles one woman's journey to creating an eco-landscape while teaching the basics of how to do it.

Urban and Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadows to Big and Small Spaces, by Catherine Zimmerman