

My Yard, Our Sound: Helping the birds and the bees and the fish!

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Resource List

Purchasing appropriately sourced plant material:

- LINPI.org Long Island Native Plant Initiative, Non-profit specializing in Long Island Ecotypic plants, all local seed sources. Perennials, grasses, some woodies. Plant sales in late Spring/early Summer and by appointment. Located in Riverhead. 631-560-9945 INFO@LINPI.ORG
- LongIslandNatives.com
Specializing in plants native to the North East with a focus on the Long Island EcoRegion. They use local seed sources whenever possible. A wide variety of perennials, grasses, ferns, shrubs and trees. Plants sales in Spring/Summer and online orders for pick up or delivery. Located in Eastport. (631) 801-2855 INFO@LINATIVES.COM

Need inspiration? Visit some native plant gardens on Long Island:

Long Island Explorium, 101 East Broadway, Port Jefferson.

Native plant garden located on the Northeast side of the building.

Avalon Park and Preserve, 200 Harbor Road, Stony Brook.

Farmland converted to "prairie," woodlands.

Cornell Cooperative Building, rear parking lot, 423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead.

Rain garden in rear of building.

The Rotary Memorial Garden, Sand Street, Stony Brook.

Located near Stony Brook Yacht Club.

High and Spring Street, Port Jefferson

New native garden installed in weedy pocket park – planted in 2016.

Seatuck Gardens at the Scully Estate, 550 S Bay Ave. Islip

All gardens use native plants, examples of formal plantings around a beautiful building as well as natural woodlands.

Butterfly Garden at the South Shore Nature Center, East Islip.

Mostly natives.

Fire Island National Seashore Headquarters, Patchogue.

A Monarch way station.

Cherry Avenue Elementary School, Patchogue.

New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NYC.

Within the grounds you will find a more structured native plant garden.

Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Brooklyn, NYC.

Within the grounds you will find a naturalistic native plant garden.

Professional help:

- Rusty Schmidt
Landscape ecologist/architect/designer, rain garden expert. Native plant expert.

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- Sue Avery
Landscape designer. Specializes in native plants.
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Selected websites and books to support your sustainable gardening practices:

- Cornell cooperative Extension Suffolk County, soil testing and diagnostic lab for pest id: <http://ccesuffolk.org/agriculture/horticulture-diagnostic-labs>. They also offer master gardener programs, fact sheets and more.
- USDA data base with fact sheets. <https://plants.usda.gov/java/factSheet>
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: <http://www.wildflower.org/plants/>
- Sustainable Sites Landscape For Life: <http://landscapeforlife.org/>
- **The Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens - Design And Installation For Homeowners In The Upper Midwest**
By Rusty Schmidt, Dan Shaw, and David Dods
A great resource if you are thinking about installing a raingarden and also has useful plant lists – many of the plants that are native to the upper midwest are also native to Long Island.
- **Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants, Updated and Expanded**
By Douglas W. Tallamy
Here's the powerful story of the relationship between birds, insects and plants and why native plants are the centerpiece of a healthy ecosystem, whether in the wild or in our yards. There are also plant lists to help guide you.
- **Great Natives for Tough Places (Brooklyn Botanic Garden All-Region Guide)**
Edited by Niall Dunne
Helpful when you have that tough spot and need to find a suitable native alternative. Many of the plants described are native to Long Island.
- **A Guide to Native Plants of the New York City Region**
By Margaret B. Gargiullo
This is for those of you who are really plant nerds/botonists! A comprehensive list of plants native to the region, no color photos only some descriptions have a line drawing.

- **The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden**

By Rick Darke & Douglas W. Tallamy

A great resource for native plant landscaping ideas. Lots of photos showing different styles, ideas and helpful tips on how to make a beautiful garden with natives. Also provides lists of plants with information about appropriate habitats and the ecological services those plants provide. Geared towards our Northeast habitat so many of the plants listed would be appropriate to Long Island.

- **Long Island (New York) Native Plants for Landscaping: A Source Book**

By Karen Blumer

A list of plants specifically native to Long Island, no color photos, few drawings and the resource list is out of date but a rare book with a list specific to Long Island.

- **Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants (Brooklyn Botanic Garden All-Region Guide)**

By C. Colston Burrell

This is a helpful guide if you have a particular non-native that you would like to replace with a native and want to keep the “look.” However, it is not specific to the north east so many of the plants listed would not be appropriate to Long Island.