



STRATFORD CLIMATE CONVERSATION POLLINATOR RESOURCES

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Gray, R. and Booth, S. (2024). *The Gardener's Guide to Native Plants of the Southern Great Lakes Region*. Firefly Books, Richmond Hill, ON
- Holm, H. (2014). *Pollinators of Native Plants: Attract, Observe and Identify Pollinators and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants*. Pollination Press LLC, Minnetonka, MN
- Holm, H. (2022). *Wasps: Their Biology, Diversity, and Role as Beneficial Insects and Pollinators of Native Plants*. Pollination Press, Minnetonka, MN
- Johnson, L. (1999). *100 Easy to Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardens*. Whitecap Books, Toronto, ON
- Johnson, L. (2001). *The New Ontario Naturalized Garden*. Whitecap Books, Toronto, ON
- Johnson, L. and Colla, S. (2022). *A Garden for the Rusty-Patched Bumblebee: Creating Habitat for Native Pollinators*. Douglas & McIntyre, Madeira Park, BC
- Kimmerer, R.W. (2013). *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*. Milkweed Editions, Minneapolis, MN
- Tallamy, D.W. (2016). *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. Timber Press, Portland, OR
- Tallamy, D.W. (2020). *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Timber Press, Portland, OR
- Tallamy, D.W. (2001). *The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees*. Timber Press, Portland, OR
- Tallamy, D.W. and Darke, R. (2014). *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden*. Timber Press, Portland, OR
- Vogt, B. (2017). *A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future*. New Society Publishers, Gabriola Island, BC
- Vogt, B. (2023). *Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design*. 3 Fields Books, University of Illinois Press

ONLINE RESOURCES

- A Beginners Guide: How to Create a Pollinator Garden, North American Native Plant Society <https://nanps.org/wp-content/uploads/NANPS-How-to-Create-a-Pollinator-Garden.pdf>
- Bee and Pollinator Plant Lists and Fact Sheets, Heather Holm <https://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/resources.html>
- BumbleBee Watch: Help track sightings <https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/> (or free APP)
- Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation <https://ccipr.ca/>
- Grow Me Instead (GMI) Guide for replacing invasive plants with suitable native plants <https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/resources/grow-me-instead/>
- iNaturalist: Observe and share wild organism sightings <https://www.inaturalist.org/> (free APP)
- Keystone Native Plants for our Ecoregion <https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Keystone-Plants/NWF-GFW-keystone-plant-list-ecoregion-8-eastern-temperate-forests.pdf>
- Plant Finder Tool <https://plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org/Plant-Search>
- Pollinator Garden Design, In Our Nature <https://www.inournature.ca/pollinator-garden-design>

- Why Bee’s Matter, how we can save them <https://www.rewildingmag.com/how-to-save-wild-bees/>
- Sample Design Plans: City of Guelph <https://guelph.ca/living/house-and-home/lawn-and-garden/sample-garden-designs/creating-a-pollinator-garden/>, Halton Master Gardeners https://haltonmastergardeners.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/garden_plans-1.pdf
- Selecting Plants for Pollinators: A Guide for Gardeners, Farmers and Land Managers in the Manitoulin-Lake Simcoe Eco Region <https://pollinatorpartnership.ca/assets/generalFiles/Manitoulin.LakeSimcoe.2017.pdf>
- David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Project [The Butterflyway Project - David Suzuki Foundation](#)
- Starter Guide to Creating a Butterfly Pathway [butterflyway-starter-guide.pdf](#)
- Guide for Enhancing, Managing and Restoring Pollinator Habitat Along Ontario’s Utility Lands [LandManagerGuide.Ontario.Corridor.FINAL.PDF](#)

DEFINITIONS

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| Biodiversity | A contraction of ‘biological diversity’. Refers to the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and microorganisms that make up our natural world. Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life. |
| Coevolution | This happens when 2 or more species affect each other’s evolution. It can involve plants, animals, viruses, the environment. Species whose lives connect evolve together. Coevolution is one the major forces shaping the diversity of life on Earth. |
| Ecosystem | A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. |
| Habitat | The natural home or environment of a plant, animal or other organism |
| Invasive species | Plants, animals, insects and pathogens that are introduced (accidentally or deliberately) to an area and cause harm to the environment, economy or society. Also called alien species. |
| Keystone species | An organism that defines an entire ecosystem and is critical to the survival of other species in the system. Without this species the entire system would change dramatically or disappear. |
| Native species | Plants, animals, or any living organism that occurs naturally in the place they evolved |
| Pollination | The process by which plant pollen is transferred from the male reproductive organs to the female reproductive organs to form fruit and seeds. Pollination can be done by wind, but most pollination is carried out by pollinating animals such as birds, bees, bats, butterflies, moths, called POLLINATORS. |

Save the Date! June 14, 2025

Native Plant Sale

Tri-County Master Gardeners

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Avondale Church, 194 Avondale Avenue, Stratford, Ontario

See www.tricountymastergardeners.ca for more information