

# Alternative Plant Resources

## WEB RESOURCES:

### The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)

[www.cipwg.uconn.edu](http://www.cipwg.uconn.edu)

A clearinghouse of information relating to Connecticut's invasive plants, which also includes news and events, fact sheets and other publications and resources for planting native alternatives to invasive plants. Contact Donna Ellis (860-486-6448; [donna.ellis@uconn.edu](mailto:donna.ellis@uconn.edu)) for more information or to join the list serve.



### Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin

[www.wildflower.org/collections](http://www.wildflower.org/collections) (select "Connecticut")

Recommended species database gives names, photos and descriptions of hundreds of native plant species that can be used for gardens and landscapes in Connecticut. Also lists Connecticut suppliers of native plants and related organizations. *Note:* Some plants listed are native to US but may not specifically be native to Connecticut.

### United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) PLANTS Database

[www.plants.usda.gov](http://www.plants.usda.gov)

Database of both non-native and native plants provides standardized nomenclature across species.

### Go Botany! - New England Wildflower Society (NEWFS)

<http://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/>

Go Botany is a four-year project to build a web-based, comprehensive, scientific reference for the flora of New England. Pick from their "simple key" or "advanced key" tools to identify plants and learn more about their habitats, characteristics, and uses, and view photos and maps.

### USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/plantmaterials/technical/publications/?cid=stelprdb1042978>

USDA-NRCS webpage with links to a number of publications about invasive plants, including publications with information on alternative plantings for some invasive plants.

### Rhode Island Native Plant Guide

<http://web.uri.edu/rinativeplants/>

The Rhode Island Native Plant guide is a useful reference for native plant propagation and cultivation, design and management of habitat restoration projects, and landscape design and management of many types of landscapes.

The plants in the guide are native to Rhode Island.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS:

### Connecticut Botanical Society (CBS)

[www.ct-botanical-society.org](http://www.ct-botanical-society.org)

Group that promotes conservation and public awareness of Connecticut's natural heritage. CBS holds a number of field trips throughout the year, holds twice-annual meetings, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Website is a great resource with photographs and descriptions of plants found in Connecticut, with a special emphasis on native species.

### New England Wildflower Society (NEWFS)

[www.newfs.org](http://www.newfs.org)

Oldest plant conservation organization in United States. Promotes conservation of native plants through various programs and operates a native plant nursery. Also organizes volunteer eradication efforts for invasive plants and holds public education events. Call 508-877-7630 to volunteer.

# ALTERNATIVE PLANT BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Alternatives for Invasive Ornamental Plant Species. Timothy Abbey. 2004. 16 pp. New Haven, CT: The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Available as a PDF online at <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/external-publications-and-links/>

Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens. Allan Armitage. 2006. Portland, OR, Timber Press, Inc.

Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens. Douglas Tallamy 2007. 288 pp. Portland, OR, Timber Press, Inc.

Connecticut Native Shrub List and Connecticut Native Tree List. Jessica Lubell. 2013. Available as a PDF online at <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/external-publications-and-links/>

Landscape Use for Northeast United States Native Shrubs. Jessica Lubell. 2013. Available as a PDF online at <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/external-publications-and-links/>

Mistaken Identity? Invasive Plants and their Native Look-Alikes: An identification guide for the Mid-Atlantic. Sarver, M.J., A. Treher, L. Wilson, R. Naczi, and F.B. Kuehn. 2008. 68 pp. Delaware Dept. of Agriculture and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/external-publications-and-links/>

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants. Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2006. Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York, NY. 240 pp.

Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening & Conservation. Donald Leopold. 2005. Timber Press, Inc., Portland, OR.

Native Trees, Shrubs & Vines: A guide to using, growing and propagating North American woody plants. William Cullina, New England Wildflower Society. 2002. Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, New York.

Roadside Use of Native Plants. US DOT Federal Highway Administration. 1999. Federal Highway Administration, Washington, DC. Accessible online at [http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/ecosystems/vegmgmt\\_rdsduse.asp](http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/ecosystems/vegmgmt_rdsduse.asp)

## SOURCES FOR ALTERNATIVE PLANTS:

### Connecticut Native Tree and Shrub Availability List.

Peter Picone, CT DEEP - Wildlife Division. 2005. 12 pp. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/external-publications-and-links/>

### Project Native

[www.projectnative.org](http://www.projectnative.org)

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Massachusetts, which provides basic information on the benefits of native plants. The group also manages a nursery specializing in native plants in Housatonic, MA.