

Resource page for “Gardening for Life: Creating a backyard refuge for insects, plants, birds and photographers.” This document provides links to webpages and documents to help you get started on your own personal biodiversity/photography refuge.

General articles for more information

“How Non-Native Plants are Contributing to a Global Insect Decline”
<https://e360.yale.edu/features/how-non-native-plants-are-contributing-to-a-global-insect-decline>

“Non-native Plants in Homeowners’ Yards Endanger Wildlife”
<https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2018/october/non-native-plants-birds-insects-washington-chickadee-desiree-narango-doug-tallamy/>

Doug Tallamy books
<https://www.timberpress.com/authors/douglas-w-tallamy>

Books, videos and articles featuring Doug Tallamy
<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/tallamys-hub-1>

Georgia Native Plant Initiative, UGA/State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Many good handouts — see right navigational pane. Includes native plant nursery list, native plants for bats, propagation of favorite Georgia natives, invasive species, etc.:

<https://botgarden.uga.edu/conservation-science/georgia-native-plant-initiative/>

“The Complete Guide to Native Plants of Georgia” (this is an extensive reference and takes time to open, be patient)

https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/B%20987_11.PDF

“Native Plants of North Georgia, A Photo Guide for Plant Enthusiasts” (58 pages, formatted for cell phone)

https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/B%201339_3.PDF

“Creating Nesting Boxes to Help Native Bees” (8 page bulletin)

https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/C%201125_1.PDF

“The Eco-Friendly Garden” (18 page bulletin)

https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/B%201456_2.PDF

Certificate in Native Plants through UGA/State Botanical Garden

<https://botgarden.uga.edu/education/adult-programs/>

Landscape Certification Programs

Georgia Audubon

<https://www.georgiaaudubon.org>

<https://www.georgiaaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-program.html>

<https://www.georgiaaudubon.org/sanctuary-resources.html>

<https://www.audubon.org>

Homegrown National Park

(no actual certification process but you put your property on the map and enter information)

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org>

<https://map.homegrownnationalpark.org/users/new>

National Wildlife Federation

<https://www.nwf.org/CertifiedWildlifeHabitat/>

Georgia Native Plant Society

<https://gnps.org>

<https://gnps.org/georgias-native-plants/>

<https://gnps.org/georgias-native-plants/sources-native-plants/>

<https://gnps.org/conservation/native-plant-habitat-certification-2/>

Publications from USDA

“Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees”

https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/SC/Bee_Basics_North_American_Bee_ID.pdf

“A Field Guide for the Identification of Invasive Plants in Southern Forests”

https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr_srs119.pdf

Other Sources

“Monarchs Across Georgia” - many articles under “Resources” button
<https://www.eealliance.org/monarchs-across-ga.html>

“Pollinator Plants Southeast Region” (4 page handout)
<https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/pollinator-plants-southeast-region>

“Butterflies and their host plants” (2 pages, chart with photos)
<http://ocinvasives.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Butterflies-Handout.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2UUmjdCfNtXsVzr6JnKdSthtGSFSgX-HfZ1BjfCLkIudMIak3OTxkKC0>

"Attracting Native Pollinators" and many other great books
www.xerces.org/books

“Native Plants for the Georgia Piedmont” (2 page handout)
https://gnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/LandscapingwNativePlantsBro_2019_PlantList_LTR_4C_WEB.pdf

Garden for Wildlife
<https://gardenforwildlife.com>

Chattahoochee Nature Center
<https://www.chattnaturecenter.org>

Pollinator Friendly Landscaping (Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=pollinator%20friendly%20landscaping>

Suggested supplies for supporting backyard birds

SUET FEEDER
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00B280SQU/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

MEAL MORM FEEDER

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B087RT5576/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

HANGING BIRD BATH

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B083LVJ6BB/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

PORCH RAIL FEEDER STAND

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08T8XQZ1N/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

SQUIRREL BAFFEL

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B094FCTVBP/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

BIRD FEEDER

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B016KVKVQU/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

PORCH RAIL SINGLE HANGER

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00CBAT4ZE/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

INGROUND FEEDER STAND

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01N10A4IF/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

SUET

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07VKGRZ58/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1