



# YARDS ALIVE

## Living Landscape Learning Series

# Resource Handout

Visit [www.PricklyEds.com](http://www.PricklyEds.com) to download a digital version of this handout and to explore resources including articles, videos, plant lists, planting guides, upcoming events and background on ways to connect with others. While there, be sure to read our blog & explore past editions of our newsletter.



**Prickly Ed's  
Cactus Patch**

**Native Plant Emporium**

## Organizations and Initiatives to Know:

**Pollinator Pathways** [www.pollinator-pathway.org](http://www.pollinator-pathway.org)

**Pollinator Pathways (Barrington)**

<https://www.blct.org/more-about-us/pollinator-pathways/>

**Homegrown National Park** [www.homegrownnationalpark.org](http://www.homegrownnationalpark.org)

**Certified Wildlife Habitats** [www.certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org](http://www.certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org)

**Perfect Earth Project** [www.PerfectEarthProject.org](http://www.PerfectEarthProject.org)

**The Native Plant Trust** <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org>

**Rhode Island Wild Plant Society** [www.RIWPS.org](http://www.RIWPS.org)

**Bee Lab at URI** <https://web.uri.edu/beelab/>

**Grow Native Massachusetts** [www.grownativemass.org](http://www.grownativemass.org)

**Rhode Island Plant Insect Community Network** <https://picn.rinhs.org/>

**The Pollinator Alliance at the Audubon Society of RI**

<https://asri.org/pollinators/alliance.html>

## Research & Learn More About Native Plants

**Rhode Island Native Plant Guide** <https://web.uri.edu/rinativeplants/>

**Audubon Plants for Birds Program** <https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>

**Xerces Society Plant List** <https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/native-plants-for-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects-northeast>

**Gegear Lab Plants for Pollinators at Risk** <https://gegearlab.weebly.com/plant-list.html>

**National Wildlife Foundation Native Plant Finder** <https://nativeplantfinder.nwf.org/>

**Selecting Plants for Pollinators**

<http://pollinator.beefriendlyfarmer.org/PDFs/EasternBroadleaf.Oceanic.rx18.pdf>

**Go Botany at the Native Plant Trust** <https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/>

**Phone Apps for Plant & Nature ID**

iNaturalist, smart phone app

Plantsnap, smart phone app

PictureThis smart phone app

Merlin Bird ID smart phone app for bird sound identification



# Thought Provoking Articles

**“Is Your Yard Undergrown?” Nancy Lawson**

<https://www.humanegardener.com/is-your-yard-undergrown-not-overgrown/>

**“Biodiversity Day” Doug Tallamy**

<https://hgnp.wpengine.com/biodiversity-day/>

**“Not In Our Yard” Doug Tallamy**

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/not-in-our-yard-doug-tallamy/>

**Let Your Garden Grow Wild Ted Talk, Rebecca McMackin**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca\\_mcmackin\\_let\\_your\\_garden\\_grow\\_wild](https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_mcmackin_let_your_garden_grow_wild)

**Why Clover Lawn Isn’t Helping All That Much, Benjamin Vogt**

<https://www.monarchgard.com/thedeepmiddle/why-a-clover-lawn-isnt-helping-all-that-much>

**“Invasive Plants Have RI’s Native Life in a Stranglehold” EcoRI**

<https://ecori.org/2022-1-20-invasive-species-tighten-grip-on-ocean-states-native-plants/>

**“Leave the Leaves Alone” EcoRI**

<https://ecori.org/leave-the-leaves-alone/>

**Radicle Thinking: What Does Your Landscape Say About You? Edwina vonGal**

<https://perfectearthproject.org/what-does-your-landscape-say-about-you/>



## Good Books

[Bringing Nature Home](#) by Doug Tallamy

[Nature’s Best Hope](#) by Doug Tallamy

[Tiny and Wild](#) by Graham Laird Gardener

[New Naturalism](#) by Kelly Norris

[Your Natural Garden: A Practical Guide](#) by Kelly Norris

[The Living Landscape](#) by Doug Tallamy & Rick Darke

[Native Plants for New England Gardens](#) by Mark Richardson & Dan Jaffe

[Principles of Ecological Design](#) by Travis Beck

[Planting in a Post Wild World](#) by Claudia West and Thomas Ranier

[From Wasteland to Wonder](#) by Basil Camu (available online only)

[Garden Revolution, How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change](#)

by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher

[The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden](#) by Roy Diblik

[A New Garden Ethic](#) by Benjamin Vogt

[Prairie Up](#) by Benjamin Vogt

[The Northeast Native Plant Primer](#) by Uli Lorimer

[We Are the Ark](#) by Mary Reynolds

[Natural Habitat Garden](#) by Ken Druse

[Energy Wise Landscape Design](#) by Sue Reed

# A Few Favorite Blogs & Websites

**The Humane Gardener**, Nancy Lawson - [www.humanegardener.com](http://www.humanegardener.com)

**The Deep Middle**, Benjamin Vogt - [www.monarchgard.com/thedeepmiddle](http://www.monarchgard.com/thedeepmiddle)

**Jersey Friendly Yards** (great tools & resources, all relevant for RI too) [www.jerseyyards.org](http://www.jerseyyards.org)

**Bee & Pollinator Books**, Heather Holm - [www.pollinatorsnativeplants.org](http://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.org)

**A Way to Garden**, Margaret Roach <https://awaytogarden.com/>

**Landscape Interactions** - [www.landscapeinteractions.com](http://www.landscapeinteractions.com)

**Beecology Project** - <https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/learn#section3>

**Rebecca McMackin** - <https://www.rebeccamcmackin.com/>

**Design Your Wild - Heather and Zoe Evans** <https://www.designyourwild.com/>

**Life in the Garden** - <https://www.eastbayri.com/life-in-garden/>

**Cultivating Place - Jennifer Jewel** <https://www.cultivatingplace.org/>

**Growing Greener - Thomas Christopher**

<https://www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcast>

## Educational Opportunities

**The Ecological Landscape Alliance** <https://www.ecolandscaping.org/ela-events/>

**New Directions in the American Landscape** <https://www.ndal.org>

**Monarch Gardens - Benjamin Vogt** <https://www.monarchgard.com>

**The Native Plant Trust** - <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/education/>

## Where to purchase plants

Review the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture

Native Plant Nursery and Garden Center Listing:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/garden-centers-and-nurseries-that-sell-native-plants>

Visit the Resource Directory at [www.GrowNativeMass.org](http://www.GrowNativeMass.org)

Visit the Resource Map at Homegrown National Park [www.homegrownnationalpark.org](http://www.homegrownnationalpark.org)

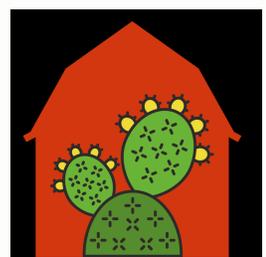
Visit the Resource Directory at [www.Pollinator-Pathway.org](http://www.Pollinator-Pathway.org)

For Seeds - The Wild Seed Project

<https://wildseedproject.net/> (great resources and programs available too!)

And of course be sure to visit us at the Native Plant Emporium where you will find hundreds of varieties of native perennials, grasses, ferns, shrubs, and trees!

Find hours and other information at [www.PricklyEds.com](http://www.PricklyEds.com)



**IMPORTANT!** Before shopping be sure to learn the importance of finding and selecting “Bee Safe” Plants! Learn more <https://xerces.org/pesticides/bee-safe-nursery-plants>



# Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium



## Not Just Another Pretty Flower

Eight steps to planting more resiliency in your yard and community. Recruit a neighbor and double the impact!  
For how-to tips and resources visit [www.pricklyeds.com](http://www.pricklyeds.com).

**Build healthy soil**  
Reconnect to your roots and grow some of your own food - organically.



**Shrink your lawn!**  
Cut & water less frequently & only use (minimal) slow release organic fertilizers.



**Plant native plants & remove invasives.**  
Plant densely in groupings & in layers and focus on right plant - right place!



**Turn off unneeded lights and protect the night by following [www.DarkSky.org](http://www.DarkSky.org) guidance**



**Plant a native tree!**  
Trees sequester carbon, clean air, provide cooling, absorb stormwater and provide food & shelter for many creatures



**Build winter habitat, keep your leaves, save the stems, build brush piles and preserve snags**



**Ditch the pesticides!**  
This includes herbicides & fungicides and "weed & feed" lawn treatments



**Make your yard a sponge with deep rooted native plants, rain gardens, permeable surfaces, rain barrels & downspout diverters**

