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Putting Science to Work for Society Protecting Agriculture, Public Health, and the Environment

Information Resources – Pollinator Habitat Conference - Dr. Kimberly Stoner

Pollinator Information portal at the CT Ag. Experiment Station website:

http://www.ct.gov/caes/pollinators

Includes: Presentations and handouts from all previous Pollinator Habitat conferences, Citizen's Guide to Pollinator Habitat, additional fact sheets and technical publications.

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Many resources on pollinator habitat available here (Factsheets for Farms, Parks, Roadsides, Schools, Natural Areas) http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/

Regional information for the Northeast (includes Plant Lists, Nurseries with Native Plants, Native Bee Nest Management Guides, Bee Identification and Monitoring Resources) http://www.xerces.org/pollinators-northeast-region/

Guidance to Protect Habitat from Pesticide Contamination http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/ProtectingHabitatFromPesticideContamination oct2016-02.pdf

Ecologically Sound Mosquito Management in Wetlands (some studies have found that pyrethroids used in mosquito management are significant contaminants of honey bee pollen and wax) http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/MosManSummary_XercesSociety.pdf

Book: Attracting Native Pollinators

http://www.xerces.org/announcing-the-publication-of-attracting-native-pollinators/

US Department of Agriculture Publications

New England NRCS Pollinator Handbook http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_010204.pdf

Sustaining Native Bee Habitat For Crop Pollination http://plants.usda.gov/pollinators/Agroforestry_Sustaining_Native_Bee_Habitat_for_Crop_Pollination.pdf

Enhancing Nest Sites for Native Bee Crop Pollinators
https://plants.usda.gov/pollinators/Enhancing Nest Sites For Native Bee Crop Pollinators.pdf

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pollinator-Friendly Plants for the Northeast US. (Forbs only) https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/nypmctn11164.pdf

USDA US Forest Service: www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/

Integrated Crop Pollination Project: http://icpbees.org/

Lots of resources for growers about bees, pollination, and pollinator habitat from a cooperative project with many universities and the Xerces Society. Videos on pollinator habitat establishment.

Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) Program

Cover Cropping for Pollinators and Beneficial Insects https://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Bulletins/Cover-Cropping-for-Pollinators-and-Beneficial-Insects

Native Bee Images, Observation, Identification, and Monitoring and Citizen Science

iNaturalist (beyond bees to any living organism): https://www.inaturalist.org/ Bug Guide – Insect images. Hymenoptera (Bees, Wasps, Ants, Sawflies)

http://bugguide.net/node/view/59

Bumble Bee Watch: https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/

Pennsylvania Citizen Science Bee Monitoring Guide and Pocket Guide

http://www.xerces.org/download/pdf/PA_Xerces%20Guide.pdf http://www.xerces.org/download/pdf/PA_Pocket_Guide.pdf

Discover Life: Online interactive key for bee identification: http://www.discoverlife.org/mp/20q?search=Apoidea

Key for bee genera of Eastern Canada http://cjai.biologicalsurvey.ca/pgs_03/pgs_03.html

Butterflies and Moths

Checklist of the Butterflies of Connecticut
https://leplog.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/connecticut-butterfly-checklist.pdf
Native and Non-native Caterpillar Host Plants for Showy Butterfly Species. CT NRCS http://nenativeplants.uconn.edu/pollinators/https://nenativeplants.uconn.edu/pollinators/https://nenativeplan

Connecticut and New England Native Plants

New England Wild Flower Society: http://www.newenglandwild.org/
Go Botany – interactive key and website for plant identification, including information on distribution in New England: https://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/

New England Native Plants Initiatives (includes roadside revegetation manual with profiles of over 100 native plant species, plus links to state organizations and projects): http://nenativeplants.uconn.edu/

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Connecticut Native Shrubs for Beautiful Landscapes
http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/pdfs/CTNativeShrubList_Lubell.pdf
Connecticut Native Trees for Beautiful Landscapes
http://cag.uconn.edu/plsc/plsc/People/Faculty/Lubell_28_1457177207.pdf

Wild Ones http://www.wildones.org/

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

Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides

Guidance to Protect Habitat from Pesticide Contamination http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/ProtectingHabitatFromPesticideContamination_oct2016-02.pdf

How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides. Pacific Northwest Extension Publication. Long document, but gives grower-oriented precautions for protecting honey bees and other native bees, plus ratings for an extensive list of pesticides by active ingredient and trade name. https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/pnw591.pdf

Penn State. Best Practices for Pesticide Use. Part of the state pollinator protection plan. Includes recommendations for urban and suburban areas, roadsides and rights-of-way and natural areas, as well as agricultural areas. http://ento.psu.edu/pollinators/publications/p4-best-practices-for-pesticide-use

University of California IPM Bee precaution ratings. Can search pesticide by active ingredient or trade name and find ratings based on honey bee toxicity and some information on effects on honey bee brood and other bees. http://www2.ipm.ucanr.edu/beeprecaution/

Managing Exposure to Ticks on Your Property http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/publications/fact_sheets/entomology/tick_control_fs.pdf

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Educational Materials for Schools on Pollinators

US Fish and Wildlife Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide: https://www.fws.gov/cno/pdf/HabitatGuideColor.pdf

Great pollinator project - list of resources compiled by American Museum of Natural History http://greatpollinatorproject.org/education

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