

Nurseries Selling New England Native Plant Species

Notes:

- Many non-native plants provide resources to pollinators, including nectar, pollen, and, in some cases, honeydew from insects feeding on the plants. Many generalist pollinators, including native generalist bees as well as non-native honey bees, get substantial resources from non-native plants. This handout focuses on native plants because natives are necessary to provide for the greatest diversity of pollinators, including specialist bees and larval (caterpillar) hosts of native moths and butterflies.
- Different nurseries and different customers will have different standards for what is “native.” Many plants are marketed as “native” that belong to species native to somewhere in the eastern US, but not necessarily to Connecticut. For species that are native to Connecticut, the plants you buy here may not come from local seed or vegetative material, or may not have been grown here. Some native plant species are available as named cultivated varieties that may look, grow and interact differently in the environment than local native populations. In some cases, these cultivated varieties do not provide the same resources or have the same attraction to pollinators.
- Many nurseries treat plants with pesticides in order to achieve the perfect appearance required in the marketplace or to remove all regulated pests that would prevent the plants from being shipped across state lines. Some of these pesticides are systemic, which means they travel in the plant. In some woody plants, these pesticides can persist for years. This could be a problem if you want the plants to support insect life – caterpillars feeding on the leaves, for example, or bees feeding on pollen and nectar.
- This list is based on recommendations from the Native Plants for Pollinators and Wildlife Working Group and a few colleagues – it is not intended to be comprehensive.
- Also check out local native plant sales by conservation groups (Audubon chapters, conservation districts, land trusts, etc.) in your area.

Retail Nurseries: Exclusively or Primarily Native Plants

Connecticut

Earthtones (Woodbury, CT) <http://www.earthtonesnatives.com/>

Eden’s Natives (Tolland, CT) <https://www.facebook.com/EdensNativePlantNursery/>

Native (Fairfield, CT) <https://anativeplantnursery.com/>

Retail Nurseries: Include a Good Selection of Native Plants

Connecticut

Ballek's Garden Center (East Haddam, CT) <https://balleksgardencenter.org/>

Bell Nurseries (North Haven, CT) <http://bellnurseriesct.com>

Broken Arrow Nursery (Hamden, CT) <https://www.brokenarrownursery.com/>

Monrovia (Granby, CT) <http://www.monrovia.com/>

Natureworks (Northford, CT) <https://naturework.com/>

Perennial Harmony (East Lyme, CT) <http://www.perennialharmony.com/index.html>

Sam Bridge Nursery and Greenhouses (Greenwich, CT) <http://sambridge.com/>

Sprucedale Gardens (Woodstock, CT) www.sprucedalegardens.com

Warner's Nursery and Garden Center (Simsbury, CT) <http://warnernursery.com/>

Winterberry Gardens (Southington, CT) <https://winterberrygardens.com/>

Nurseries Outside CT of Interest (Retail and Mail Order):

Blue Moon Farm Perennials (Wakefield, RI) <http://bluemoonfarmperennials.com/>

Eastern Plant (Georgetown, ME) <https://easternplant.blog/>

FedCo Trees (Clinton, ME) Seasonal Ordering only <https://www.fedcoseeds.com/trees/>

Found Well Farm (Pembroke, NH) <http://www.foundwellfarm.com/index.htm>

Native Haunts (Alfred, ME) <http://nativehaunts.com/>

New England Wild Flower Society (Garden in the Woods in Framingham and Nasami Farm in Whately, MA) extensive list of native plants, many grown from seed. <http://www.newenglandwild.org/store/buy-native-plants/buy-native-plants.html>

Northeast Pollinator Plants (Fairfax, VT) <https://www.northeastpollinator.com/>

Prairie Nursery (Westfield, WI) <http://www.prairienursery.com/>

Prairie Moon Nursery (Winona, MN) <https://www.prairiemoon.com/>

Toadshade Wildflower Farm (Frenchtown, NJ) <http://www.toadshade.com/>

Tripple Brook Farm (Southampton, MA) <http://www.tripplebrookfarm.com>

Vermont Willow Nursery (Fairfield, VT) www.willowsvermont.com

Wholesale Nurseries or Minimum Orders Required

(Some of these wholesale nurseries list retailers to whom they distribute on their websites.)

Connecticut – Include a Good Selection of Native Plants:

Colonial Seed Company (Windsor, CT) <http://colonialseed.com/seed-products.html> Plugs in minimum quantities – some from locally collected sources, all regional ecotypes

Monrovia (Granby, CT) <http://www.monrovia.com/>

Prides Corner Farms (Lebanon, CT) www.pridescorner.com

Summer Hill Nursery (Madison, CT) <http://www.summerhillnursery.com/>

Nurseries Outside CT of Interest (Wholesale):

American Native Plants (Quakertown, PA) <https://www.americannativeplants.com/>

ArcheWild Native Nurseries (Quakertown, PA) <https://archewild.com/nursery/>

Burnt Meadow Nursery (Brownfield, ME) <http://burntmeadow.com/>

Ernst Conservation Seeds (Meadville, PA) <https://www.ernstseed.com/>

New England Wetland Plants (Amherst, MA) <http://newp.com/>

New Moon Nursery (Bridgeton, NJ) www.newmoonnursery.com

NRCS Plant Materials Program (Cape May, NJ, serves CT as well as many other Northeast states) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/plantmaterials/pmc/northeast/njpmc/>

North Creek Nurseries (PA) <http://www.northcreeknurseries.com/>

Pierson Nurseries (Biddeford, ME) <http://www.piersonnurseries.com/>

Pinelands Nursery and Supply (Columbus, NJ) <http://www.pinelandsnursery.com/p/home-page.html>

Rhody Native™ (Kingston, RI) <http://rinhs.org/who-we-are-what-we-do/programs-projects/rhody-native-home/>

Vermont Wetland Plant Supply (Orwell, VT) <http://www.vermontwetlandplants.com/>