



Native Plants for Northeastern Rain Gardens

More resources @ MassWildOnes.org

Why native plants?

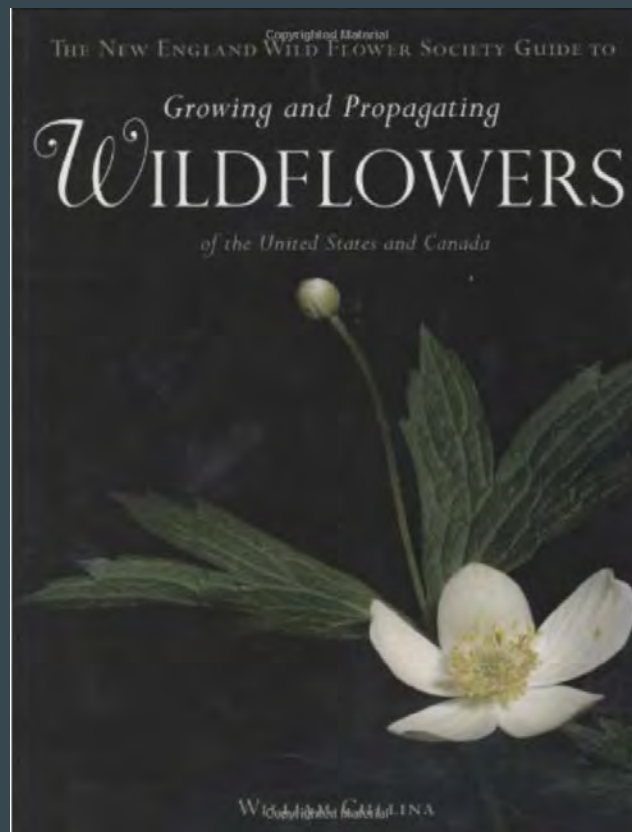
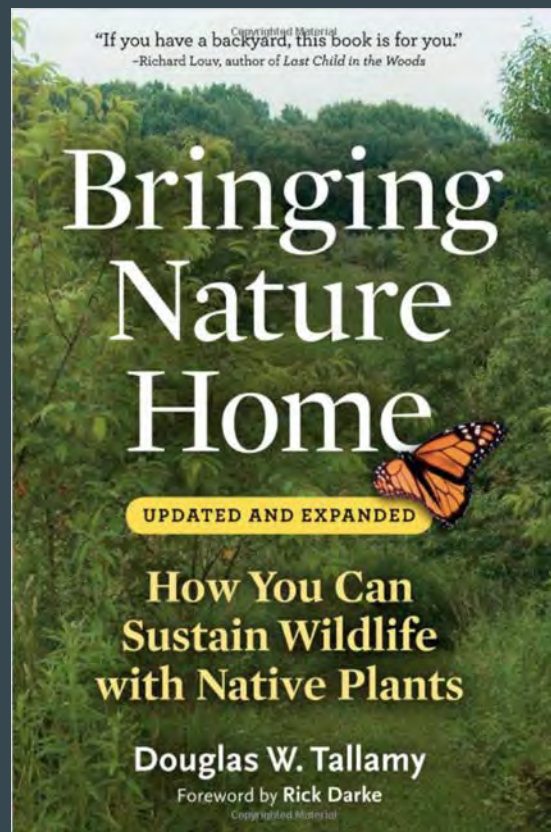
From Wildflower.org:

"...North American native plants, defined as those that existed here without human introduction, are disappearing at an alarming rate due to human activities, such as urban development, agribusiness and the introduction of invasive species. The loss of native plant communities has reduced wildlife habitat and the genetic diversity necessary for balanced ecosystems.

Unlike many non-native plants, native plants introduced into landscape plantings are hardy, less susceptible to pests and diseases and unlikely to escape and become invasive."







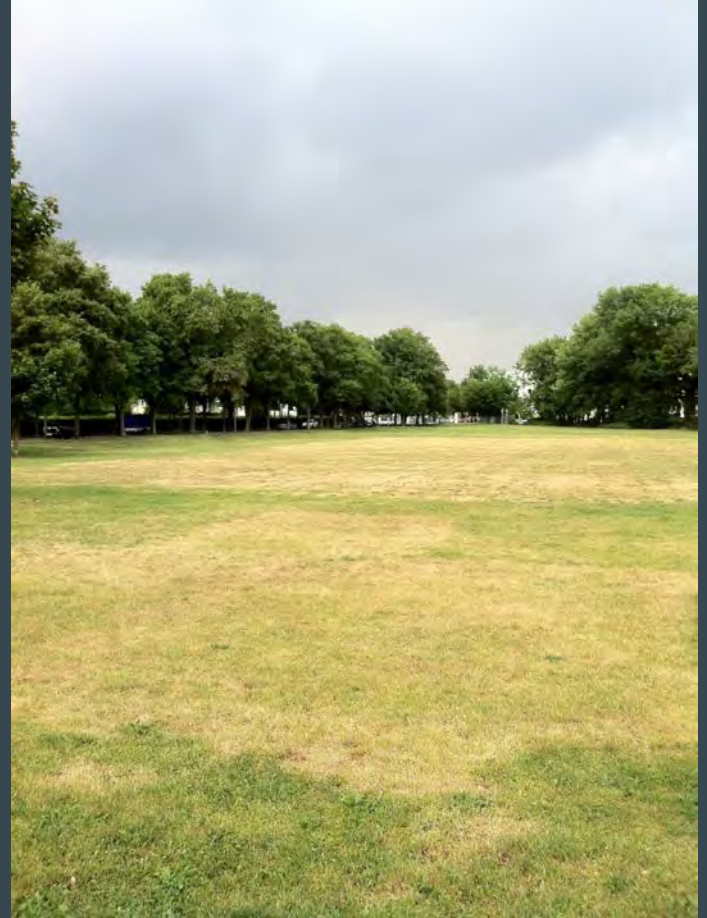
Using native plants and trees instead of non-native plants:

- Saves water
- Reduces the time, energy, and pollution of mowing
- Provides food, nectar, and habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife
- Helps reduce soil run off and erosion
- Gives us a sense of place

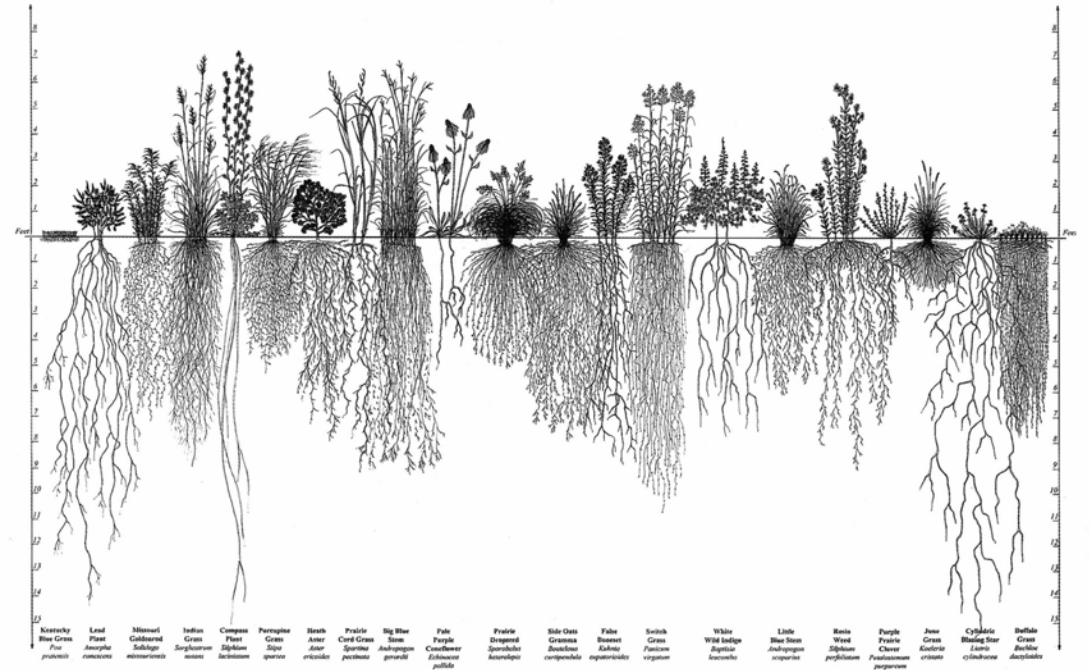
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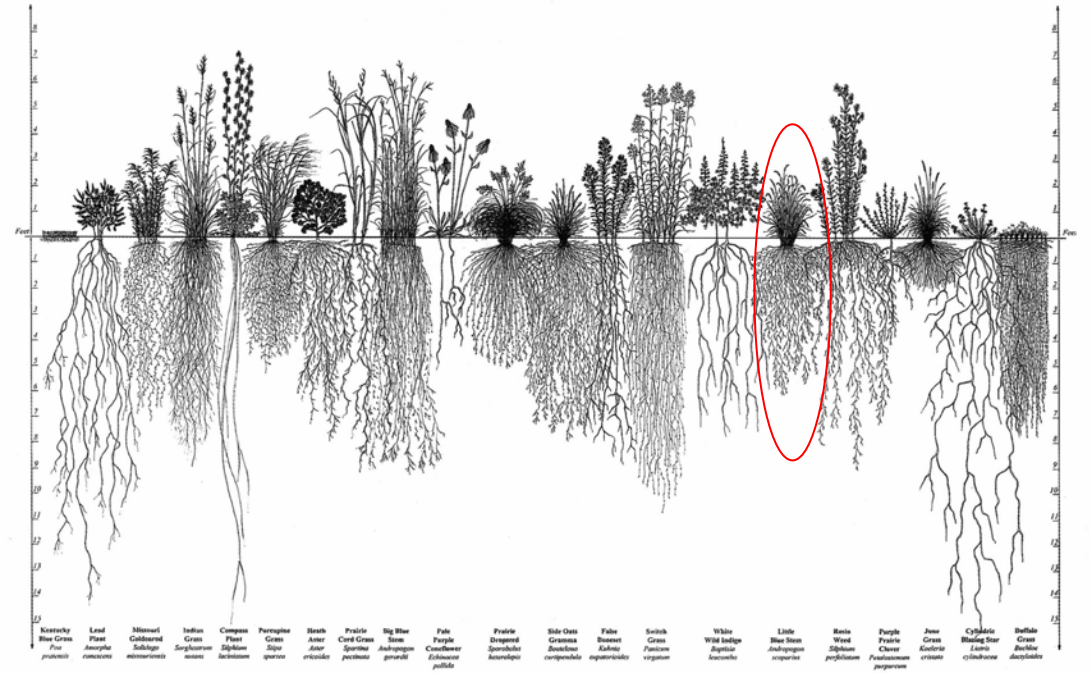


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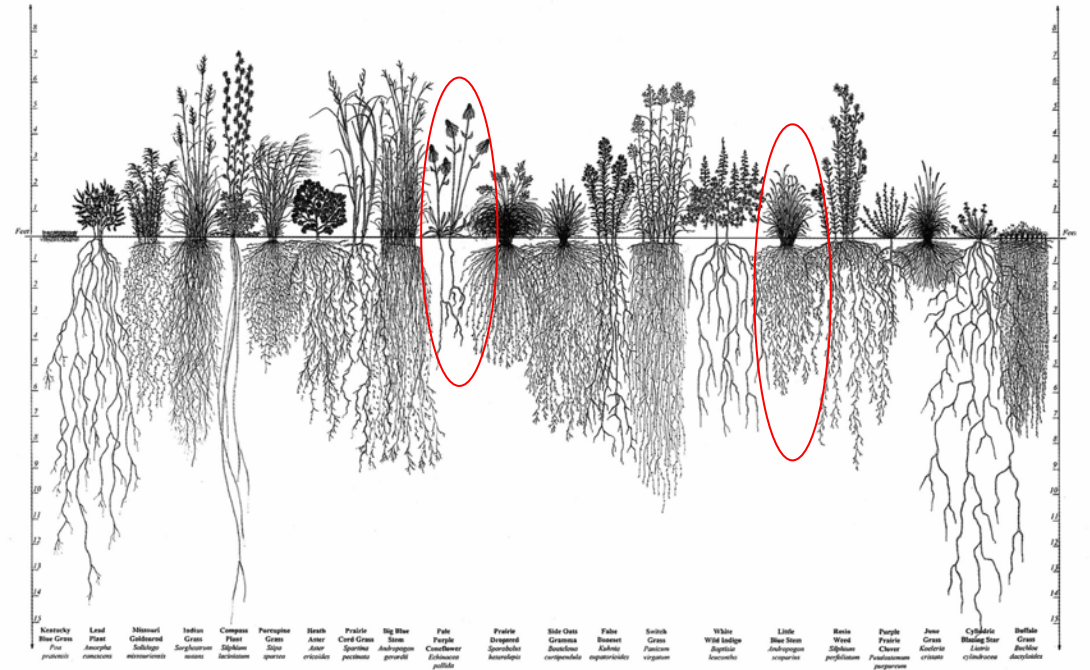


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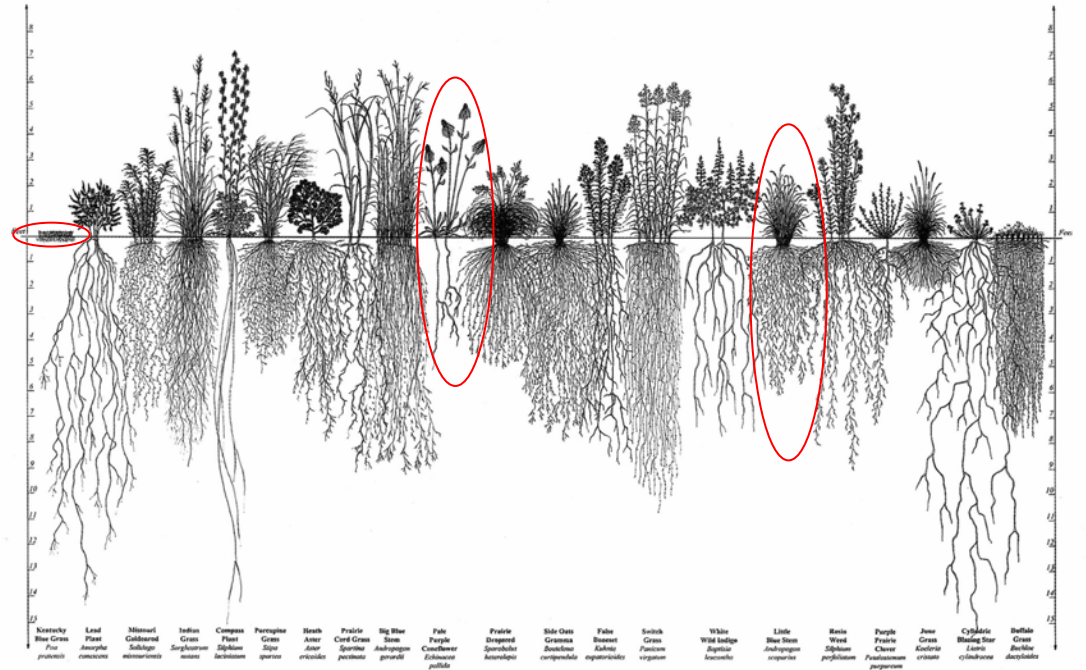
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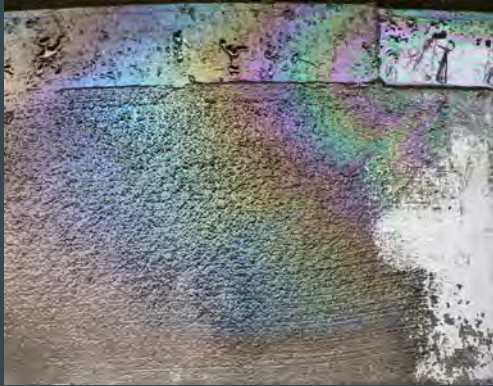


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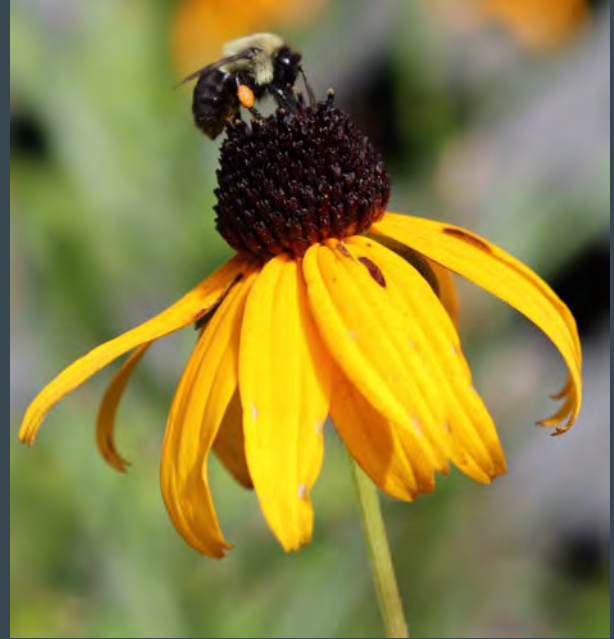
Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*)



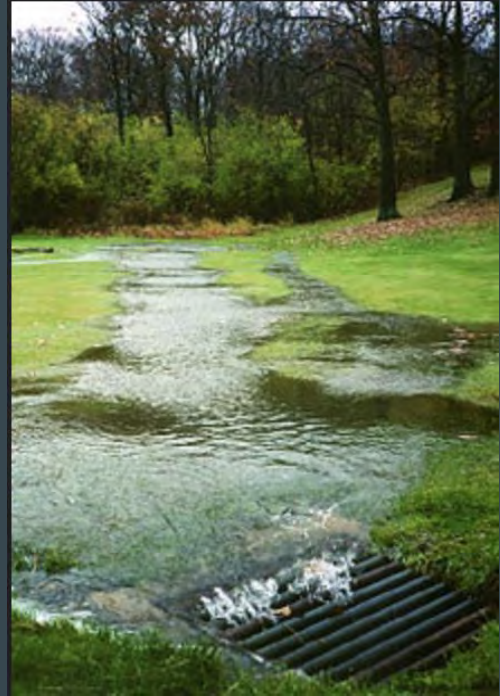
Using native plants ... provides for wildlife



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Using native plants ... reduces soil run-off and erosion



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Using native plants ... gives us a sense of place

Southwest



Northwest



Massachusetts



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Using native plants... gives us a sense of place

southwest



Using native plants.... gives us a sense of place

northwest



Non-native vs native

Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)



Blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.)



Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)



Vaccinium

Highbush blueberry
Vaccinium corymbosum

Lowbush blueberry
Vaccinium angustifolium

Three types of Cranberry bushes

Several lesser known blueberry bushes
and Deerberry



Blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.)

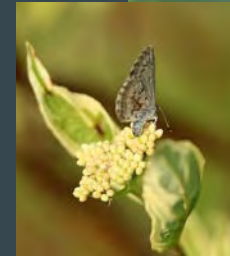
Striped
hairstreak
butterfly



Spring
azure
butterfly



Brown Elfin
butterfly



NON-NATIVE
Boxwood (*Buxus* spp.)



NATIVE
Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)



A few native plants for your **FULL SUN** rain gardens:

cardinal flower
Lobelia cardinalis



Canada anemone
Anemone canadensis



Joe pye weed
Eutrochium maculatum



false blue indigo
Baptisia australis



Bee Balm
Monarda fistulosa



nodding onion
Allium cernuum



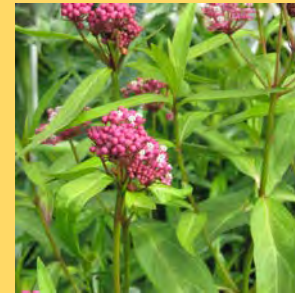
New England aster
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae



culvers root
Veronicastrum virginicum



swamp (AKA rose) milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



blue vervain
Verbena hastata



A few native plants for your **PART SUN** rain gardens:

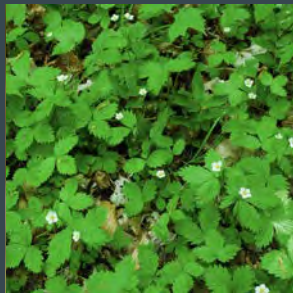
sensitive fern



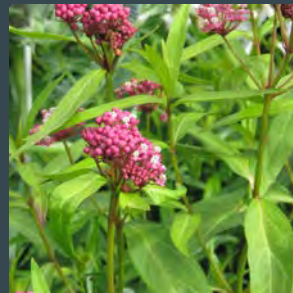
Northern blue flag iris
Iris versicolor



wild strawberry
Fragaria virginiana



rose milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



ostrich fern
Matteuccia struthiopteris



steplebush
Spiraea tomentosa



small yellow wild indigo
Baptisia tinctoria



great blue lobelia
Lobelia siphilitica



marsh blazing star
Liatis spicata

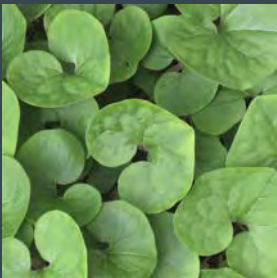


purple coneflower
Echinacea purpurea

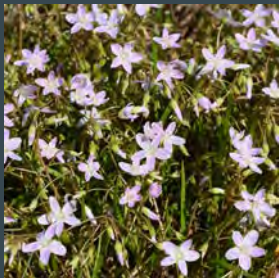


A few native plants for your **SHADE** rain gardens:

wild ginger
Asarum canadense



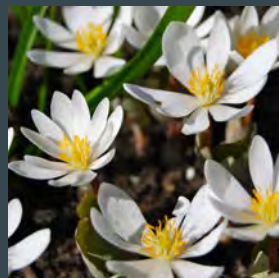
spring beauty
Claytonia virginica



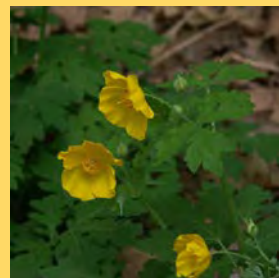
sweet Joe pye weed
Eutrochium purpureum



bloodroot
Sanguinaria canadensis



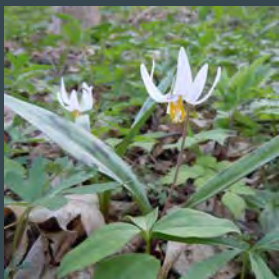
celandine poppy
Stylophorum diphyllum



Jack-in-the-pulpit
Arisaema triphyllum



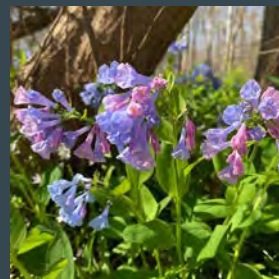
white trout lily
Erythronium albidum



spicebush
Lindera benzoin



Virginia bluebells
Mertensia virginica



wild blue phlox
Phlox divaricata



Where to buy

native seeds

native plants

annual native plant
sales

local garden centers
that carry native
plants in addition to
non-native

Where to buy

native seeds

- Wild Seed Project • seeds
Portland, Maine
- Helia Native Nursery
West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
- Prairie Moon Nursery • seeds, plugs, and bare root plants
Winona, Minnesota (but they carry plants native to New England)
- Prairie Nursery • seeds and plugs
Westfield, Wisconsin (but they carry plants native to New England)

Where to buy

native plants

- Garden in the Woods • plants
Framingham and Whately, Massachusetts
- The Monarch Gardener • annual sale and ongoing
Ipswich, Massachusetts
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- Northeast Pollinator Plants • plants
Fairfax, Vermont
- Wood Thrush Natives • plants
Floyd, Virginia (farther away but very knowledgeable)
- Izel Plants • native plant marketplace

Where to buy

annual native plant sales

- Wild Ones chapter annual sale - 2020 date TBD
South Shore, Massachusetts
- South Shore Natural Science Center - 2020 TBD
Norwell, Massachusetts
- Grow Native Massachusetts - June, 2020
Waltham, Massachusetts
- Mass Audubon - 2020 TBD
Marshfield, Massachusetts

Where to buy

local garden centers that carry native plants in addition to non-native

Local nurseries that carry BOTH non-native and native plants. You will have to do your own research to determine which is which.

- Cochato Nursery
Holbrook, MA
- Thayer Nursery
Milton, MA
- Weston Nurseries
Hopkinton, Chelmsford, and Hingham, Massachusetts
- Kennedy's Country Gardens
Scituate, Massachusetts
- Seoane's Garden Center
Abington, Massachusetts

Quick note about 'cultivars'(generally clones)

Common Ninebark
Physocarpus opulifolius



Common Ninebark
Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo'



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea
'Pink Double Delight'



