



Choosing native plants for your property

1. **Get to know your site conditions so you can choose “right plant, right place.”**
 - Light: Sun, part sun, or shade?
 - Soil moisture: Dry, average, moist, or wet?
 - Advanced: Soil composition and pH
 - Conditions may vary throughout your property, so choose plants accordingly
2. **Explore the wildflower.org/plants and jerseyyards.org/plant plant databases** to find plants that are native to New Jersey and match your site conditions as well as the preferred plant type and traits (size, bloom period, bloom color) you are looking for.
3. **Learn more about individual plants:**
 - Visit toadshade.com and wildridgeplants.com/shop for excellent plant profiles.
 - Look them up in the books *Essential Native Trees and Shrubs for the Eastern United States* (Dove and Woolridge), *A Northern Gardener’s Guide to Native Plants and Pollinators* (Johnson and Colla), and the *Wild Seed Project Guides to Native Trees, Native Shrubs, and Native Ground Covers for Northeast Landscapes* (3 different books).
4. **Get advice and answers to questions** by joining the Facebook groups [Madison - NJ Plant Sharing and Gardening](#) and [Native Plant Gardening in North Jersey](#).
5. **Find a list of our favorite resources about native plants and pollinators** at greenmadisonnj.org/supporting-pollinators.html, including free how-to guides, where to buy native plants, and where to see native plants growing in and near Madison.

