

INTERESTING READS

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS & ARTICLES

“Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America’s Bees and Butterflies”

The Xerces Society, published by Storey Publishing

As mentioned earlier, the Xerces Society is a nonprofit organization that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitat. The recent decline of pollinators such as the honey bee and monarch butterfly poses a serious ecological challenge since pollinators are essential to the reproduction of most flowering plants and serve as a key food source for birds, fish, and other animals. This 380 page book, loaded with color photographs and illustrations, reflects the latest understanding about creating and managing pollinator habitat. Support the Xerces Society by purchasing this book directly from its website (www.xerces.org).

“Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard”

Doug Tallamy, published by Timber Press

Douglas W. Tallamy’s first book, *Bringing Nature Home*, awakened thousands of readers to an urgent situation: wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives. In this new book, Tallamy takes the next step and outlines his vision for a grassroots approach to conservation. *Nature’s Best Hope* shows how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats. Because this approach relies on the initiatives of private individuals, it is immune from the whims of government policy. Even more important, it’s practical, effective, and easy—you will walk away with specific suggestions you can incorporate into your own yard.

“Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard” Lecture and Book Signing with Author Doug Tallamy

Thursday, September 22 | 6 -7 pm
Rushton Conservation Center

For more information and tickets visit wctrust.org/calendar.

“The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden”

Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy, published by Timber Press

The Living Landscape shows you how to balance both ethical and functional design in your own home garden by creating spaces that support wildlife without sacrificing aesthetics and providing spaces for play, entertaining, and privacy. The authors examine the layers found in healthy ecosystems such as canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and the ground layer and provide examples of how these layers can be applied in your home garden. The book features outstanding photography as well as an extensive list of Mid-Atlantic plants which includes information on their landscape value and ecological function.

“Urban and Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadows to Big and Small Spaces”

Catherine Zimmerman, published by Matrix Media Press

Author and photographer Catherine Zimmerman combines her expertise in photography, storytelling, environmental issues, horticulture and organic practices to offer meadowscaping as an alternative to reduce monoculture lawns. Zimmerman crafts a guide that provides step-by-step instructions on organically creating and maintaining beautiful meadow gardens. Four experts in meadow establishment lend their knowledge for site preparation, design, native plants, planting and maintenance. The book provides plant lists and resource sections for nine regions across the United States along with local sources to assist the meadow creator in bringing diversity back to urban and suburban landscapes. Meadows can be big or small, short or tall. However large, the benefits are great. Meadows sequester carbon, retain water, filter pollutants, eliminate the need for fertilizers or pesticides, and provide habitat for wildlife. Reduce your carbon footprint. Improve your neighborhood.