

Native Plants for New England Gardens

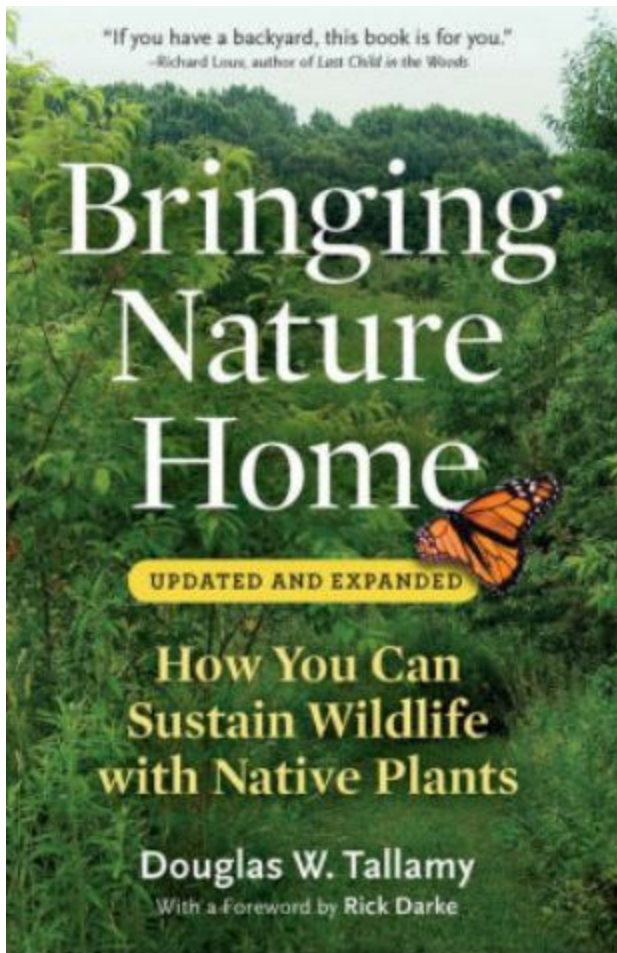
Mark Richardson & Dan Jaffe.

The New England Wild Flower Society.

Globe Pequot Press, 2018.

Native Plants for New England Gardens, by New England Wild Flower Society's resident horticulture gurus, will help even novice gardeners create lovely, hardy gardens that are also good for the environment. Why? Because native plants evolved in New England's growing conditions, they don't need pampering. And native plants bolster biodiversity by supporting native insects, including pollinators, and other wildlife. Beyond the ecological benefits, the 100 native plants selected by the authors are stunning enough to grace any garden.

Handsomely illustrated with co-author Dan Jaffe's photographs, this handy guide includes herbaceous plants—flowers, ground covers, shrubs, ferns, and grasses—as well as shrubs and trees chosen for their year-round beauty. Authors Mark Richardson and Jaffe, who are experts in both the art and science of horticulture, share advice about the best place to plant each species and how to care for it.



Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants

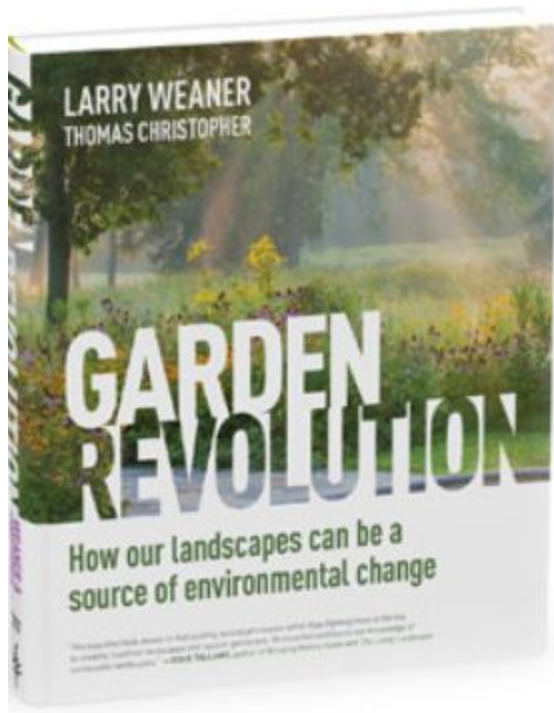
Updated and Expanded by Douglas W. Tallamy

Timber Press, 2009 2nd ed.

"If you cut down the goldenrod, the wild black cherry, the milkweed and other natives, you eliminate the larvae, and starve the birds. This simple revelation about the food web—and it is an intricate web, not a chain—is the driving force in *Bringing Nature Home*." —*The New York Times*

As development and subsequent habitat destruction accelerate, there are increasing pressures on wildlife populations. But there is an important and simple step toward reversing this alarming trend: Everyone with access to a patch of earth can make a significant contribution toward sustaining biodiversity. There is an unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife—native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants. When native plants disappear, the insects disappear, impoverishing the food source for birds and other animals. In many parts of the world, habitat destruction has been so extensive that local wildlife is in crisis and may be headed toward extinction.

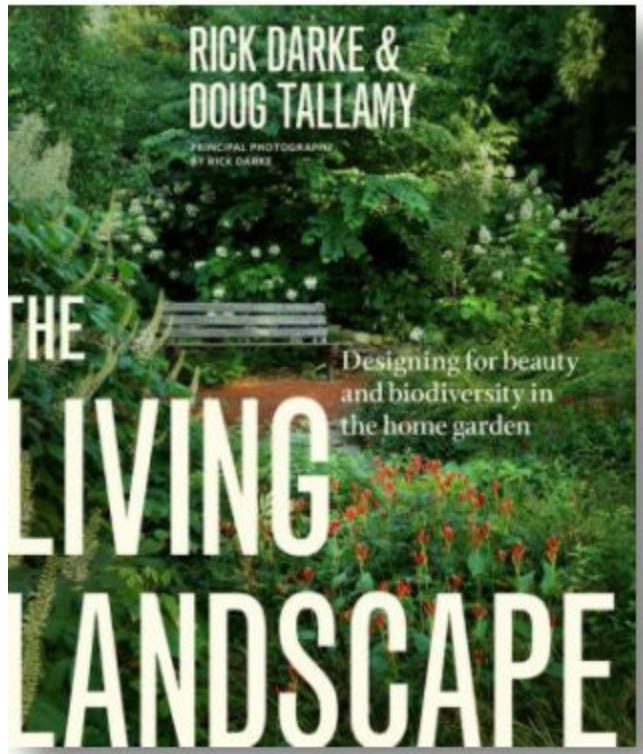
Bringing Nature Home has sparked a national conversation about the link between healthy local ecosystems and human well-being, and the new paperback edition—with an expanded resource section and updated photos—will help broaden the movement. By acting on Douglas Tallamy's practical recommendations, everyone can make a difference.



**Garden Revolution: How Our
Landscapes Can Be a Source
of Environmental Change**

Larry Weaner & Tom Christopher
Timber Press, 2016

This lushly-photographed reference is an important moment in horticulture that will be embraced by anyone looking for a better, smarter way to garden. Larry Weaner is an icon in the world of ecological landscape design, and now his revolutionary approach is available to all gardeners. *Garden Revolution* shows how an ecological approach to planting can lead to beautiful gardens that buck much of conventional gardening's counter-productive, time-consuming practices. Instead of picking the wrong plant and then constantly tilling, weeding, irrigating, and fertilizing, Weaner advocates for choosing plants that are adapted to the soil and climate of a specific site and letting them naturally evolve over time. Allowing the plants to find their own niches, to spread their seed around until they find the microclimate and spot that suits them best, creates a landscape that is vibrant, dynamic, and gorgeous year after year.



**The Living Landscape: Designing
for Beauty and Biodiversity**

Richard Darke & Doug Tallamy

Timber Press, 2014

Many gardeners today want a home landscape that nourishes and fosters wildlife. But they also want beauty, a space for the kids to play, privacy, and maybe even a vegetable patch. Sure, it's a tall order, but *The Living Landscape* shows how to do it. By combining the insights of two outstanding authors, it offers a model that anyone can follow. Inspired by its examples, you'll learn the strategies for making and maintaining a diverse, layered landscape—one that offers beauty on many levels, provides outdoor rooms and turf areas for children and pets, incorporates fragrance and edible plants, and provides cover, shelter, and sustenance for wildlife. Richly illustrated with superb photographs and informed by both a keen eye for design and an understanding of how healthy ecologies work, *The Living Landscape* will enable you to create a garden that is full of life and that fulfills both human needs and the needs of wildlife communities.