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RESOURCE LIST for "5 Pollinator Plants" Webinar presented by Carol A. Heiser, VDGIF on April 29, 2010

NATIVE PLANT RESOURCES

USFWS "Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping" booklet, available as searchable database at www.nativeplantcenter.net

REGIONAL Native Plant Guides for VIRGINIA available at www.PlantVirginiaNatives.org

Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora - to search for range maps of plant species www.vaplantatlas.org

POLLINATOR RESOURCES

Xerces - MANY resources at Xerces.org such as:

Pollinator Friendly Native Plant Lists (<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/pollinator-friendly-plant-lists>), and Bring Back the Pollinators initiative <https://www.xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators>

Pollinator Partnership - "Eco Region" planting guides and other materials www.pollinator.org [NOTE: The Partnership will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) on October 20-22, 2020, virtually or in-person (TBD) - go to www.napcc.org for more details.]

Pollinator Syndromes (Traits)- physical characteristics of plants to attract different kinds of pollinators - see U.S. Forest Service https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/What_is_Pollination/syndromes.shtml

SOME RESEARCH EXAMPLES

Center for Pollinator Research at Penn State (<https://ento.psu.edu/pollinators>) - Dr. Constance (Connie) Schmotzer's Pollinator Trials project, started in 2011, to evaluate natives vs cultivars: <https://www.gardenrant.com/2017/06/testing-pollinator-plants-at-penn-state.html>

University of Vermont - 2016 research by Annie White: "From Nursery to Nature: Evaluating Native Herbaceous Flowering Plants vs Cultivars for Pollinator Habitat Restoration" - <https://scholarworks.uvm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1625&context=graddis>

University of California-Riverside: "Flower Faithful Native Bee Makes a Reliable Pollinator" - Research on native sweat bees and their use of native plants <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/03/200305002838.htm>

Virginia Tech- Research by Assistant Professor Margaret Couvillon (Couvillon Lab at Virginia Tech <https://www.freelyflyingbees.com/research.html>) - most recently planting test plots in Blacksburg to look at plant preferences by bees: <https://www.wvtf.org/post/food-security-look-pollinators#stream/0>

GENERAL HABITAT and WILDLIFE INFORMATION:

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries:

The *Habitat at Home* booklet and "Habitat Gardening for Wildlife" article are available at www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/habitat [The Habitat at Home DVD is at www.shopdgif.com]

Our blog article "Earth Day Starts at Home: Plant Layers for Habitat Structure" - www.dgif.virginia.gov/blog/earth-day-starts-at-home/

National Wildlife Federation: Garden for Wildlife - <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife> (they also have a Native Plants Finder online tool at <https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/>)

Designing Pollinator Gardens:

Annie White (who did the research at Vermont University, listed above) has an overview about how to plan a pollinator garden, at <https://pollinategardens.org/2016/01/12/design-ideas-for-gardeners/>

Xerces published an article in Gardening Magazine called "Designing a Pollinator Habitat: Four Things to Consider" - <https://www.storey.com/article/designing-pollinator-habitat/>



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