

## **BOOKS FOR PLANTS, COMBINATIONS, DESIGN, BIRDS & BENEFICIAL INSECT RESEARCH**

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1. ***“Wildflowers of Michigan Field Guide (Wildflower Identification Guides)”***  
Stan Tekiela
2. ***“Wildflowers of the Midwest: A Field Guide to Over 600 Wildflowers in the Region”***  
Don Kurz
3. ***“The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change”***;  
Ken Druse
4. ***“Illinois Wildflowers”***; Don Kurz (Revised & Updated in 2021)
5. ***“The Know Maintenance\* Perennial Garden: \*Knowing your plants means less work”***;  
Roy Diblik
6. ***“Planting: A New Perspective”***; Piet Oudolf & Noel Kingsbury
7. ***“Planting the Natural Garden”***; Piet Oudolf & Henk Gerritsen (Edited by Noel Kingsbury)
8. ***“The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants”***;  
Charlotte Adelman & Bernard L. Schwartz
9. ***“Perennial Combinations: Stunning Combinations That Make Your Garden Look Fantastic Right from the Start”***; C. Colston Burrell
10. ***“Native Plant Gardening for Birds, Bees & Butterflies (Upper Midwest Edition)”***; Jaret C. Daniels
11. ***“Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and other Backyard Wildlife”***; David Mizejewski,  
Naturalist, National Wildlife Federation®
12. ***“Birdscaping in the Midwest: A Guide to Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds”***;  
Marianne Nowak
13. ***“Attracting Beneficial Bugs to your Garden: A Natural Approach to Pest Control”***;  
Jessica Walliser (this fantastic resource has an updated 2022 edition)
14. ***“Pollinators of Native Plants”***; Heather Holm (she has a book about Wasps, too)

15. ***“Great Natives for Tough Places”***; Brooklyn Botanic Garden Publication,  
Niall Dunne, Editor
  
16. ***“Bringing Nature Home”***; ***“Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard”***; & ***“The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees”*** All by Dr. Douglas Tallamy
  
17. ***“Where Do Camels Belong: The Story & Science of Invasive Species”*** Ken Thompson  
This book is a provocative & scientific look at “native” & “alien” species of fauna & flora, & their movement around the world, & provides a very different view of native versus alien species. It is an interesting counter-argument & perspective to Dr. Tallamy’s revolutionary books that lay out the tantamount importance of native species in preserving & building Biodiversity.