



TOWN OF TAGHKANIC

Pollinator Resources and Fact Sheet

Key Takeaways from Doug Tallamy Video

- Less than 5 percent of the United States is close to its original ecological state
- North America lost 3 Billion birds in the last 50 years
- Some say we are experiencing an insect apocalypse
- Insects play a crucial role in the ecosystem and are essential to human life
- Caterpillars transform more energy from plants to animals than any other group of insects
- Seventy-eight percent of U.S. land is privately owned
- Whether you have many acres or a small plot of land, you can make a difference with your choice of plants
- Incorporate native plant species into your garden to support caterpillars and other insects
- Four keys to success include:
 - Shrink your lawn, replacing it with native plants
 - Include Keystone Plants in your landscape
 - Reduce outdoor lighting
 - Stop using pesticides and make a hospitable environment for caterpillar survival

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<https://map.homegrownnationalpark.org>

Pollinator Resources

Websites:

Homegrown National Park <https://map.homegrownnationalpark.org>

Hudson Valley Farmscape Ecology <https://hvfarmscape.org>

Plant Native <https://plantnative.org>

NWF Native Plant Finder: <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/>

Butterflies and Moths of NA <https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org>

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center <https://www.wildflower.org>

Mount Cuba Center <https://mtcubacenter.org>

Chickadee Study <https://desireelnarango.weebly.com>

Books by Douglas Tallamy:

- *Bringing Nature Home -- How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*, by Douglas W. Tallamy
- *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*, by Douglas W. Tallamy
- *The Nature of Oaks*, by Douglas W. Tallamy

Other Print Resources:

- *Native Plants of the Northeast*, by Donald J. Leopold
- *Essential Native Trees and Shrubs for the Eastern United States*, by Tony Dove and Ginger Woolridge
- *Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens*, by Alan M. Armitage
- *Native Trees, Shrubs and Vines*, by William Cullina
- *Deer Resistant Native Plants*, by Ruth Rogers Clausen
- *Attracting Native Pollinators*, by The Xerces Society
- *Designing Gardens and Flora of the American East*, by Carolyn Summers
- *Gardening for the Birds*, by George Adams
- *The Bird Garden*, by Stephen W. Kress
- *The Audubon Guide to Attracting Birds*, by Stephen W. Kress
- *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants*, by Christopher Kline
- *The Art of Butterfly Gardening*, by Mathew Tekulsky
- *Butterflies of the East Coast*, by Rick Cech and Guy Tudor
- *Caterpillars of Eastern North America*, by David L. Wagner
- *Half Earth: Our Plant's Fight for Life*, by Edward O. Wilson

Future Taghkanic Climate Smart Communities Task Force Programs

- Saturday, March 18. Talk on Keeping Deer, Rabbits and Other Critters Out of the Garden 10AM, Taghkanic Firehouse, Rte. 82
- Saturday, May 13. Talk on Getting Started with a Native Planting (After the presentation volunteers will plant native perennials behind the Town Hall) – 10AM Taghkanic Firehouse, Rte 82

Have a gardening question? Ask Our resident Master Gardener, Tim Kennelty. tjkennelty@gmail.com