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## What are Native Plants?

Native plants are plants that existed in an area prior to European settlement.

## What are the Benefits of Planting Natives?

Native plants:

- flourish without fertilizers or synthetic pesticides and rarely need watering.
- provide food and a habitat for wildlife.
- contribute to biodiversity.
- connect us to our home places and help us celebrate the things that make our regions unique.
- teach us about the world of nature.

## Consider...

- creating a butterfly-attracting garden.
- making a rain garden.
- building a small pond for prevention of run-off and for wildlife.
- planting native trees and shrubs for birds.
- incorporating native plants into an existing flowerbed.
- replacing a lawn with low-maintenance native groundcovers.
- planting a portion of your yard with native plants.
- joining your local Wild Ones chapter.



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