

The Learning Center

Books, websites, podcasts and more! All of the best sources for learning about r/nolawn topics. If you know of a good source not listed on this page, please message the mods (here) and be sure to explain why you believe it fits here.

Resources

Books

- *The Living Landscape* by Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy (2014)
- *Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy (2020)
- *The Nature of Oaks* by Doug Tallamy (2021)
- *Prairie Up!* by Benjamin Vogt (2023)
- *Native Plants of the Midwest* by Allan Branhagen (2016)
- *Native Plants of the Southeast* by Larry Mellichamp (2014)
- *Gaia's Garden* by Toby Hemenway (2009)
- *Eco-Yards: Simple Steps to Earth-Friendly Landscapes* by Laureen Rama (2011)
- *The Humane Gardener: Nurturing a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife* by Nancy Lawson
- *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold (1949)
- *The Reference Manual of Woody Plant Propagation* by Michael A. Dirr and Charles W. Heuser Jr.
- *Tapestry Lawns: Freed from Grass and Full of Flowers* by Lionel Smith (2019)
- *Perennials for the Southwest: Plants That Flourish in Arid Gardens* by Mary Irish (2006)

Online Resources

- [USDA Plant Database](#)
- [Native Habitat Project](#)
- [Wild Ones Find a Chapter near you](#) to continue your No Lawns journey
- [Doug Tallamy The Nature of Oaks Interview](#) - All about Oak Trees
- [A Home Grown National Park](#)
- [The Humane Gardener](#)
- [Native Plant Finder \(U.S.\)](#)
- [Wild Ones Garden Designs](#) (Includes most US regions)
- [Keystone Plants by Eco Region](#) National Wildlife Foundation

Social Media

TikTok

- [Grass Lands Guy](#)
- [Native Plant Tok](#)

Instagram

- [Native Habitat Project](#)
- [Adam Black](#)

YouTube

- [Growit Buildit](#) for native plant propagation and gardening.
- [Crime Pays But Botany Doesn't](#) for botany education.
- [In Defense of Plants](#) for botany education.
- [A Soil Science Masterclass](#) with Dr. Elaine InghamPt 1/4

Local Resources

Groups

- Conservation district/society
- Native Plant Society
 - [US List](#)
- Master Gardener
- Heritage Gardening Groups
- [Wild Ones Chapter](#)
- Planting Groups

Other

- Seed Banks or Seed Library
- Plant Exchanges
- Gardening Meet Ups
- Tool Library

Native Plant Resources by Country

Please message the mods here if you have any good resources and links for your country

- [Australia - Plant Hardiness Zones](#)
- [Australia - Native Plants](#)
- [Australia - Botanical Garden Database](#)
- [Africa - Native Plant Database](#)
- [Europe - Euro+Med Plantbase Project](#)
- [New Zealand - Department of Conservation Native Plants List](#)
- [New Zealand - Flora's Native Plant Database](#)

UK Resources

- [Plant Hardiness Zones](#)
- [Royal Horticultural Society's Native Plant Database](#)
- [Royal Horticultural Society - planting a wildflower meadow guide](#)
- [RSPB - Planting a wildflower meadow guide](#)
- [Landlife Wildflowers - Native Plant Supplier](#)

- [Natural History Museum - How to grow a better lawn for wildlife](#)
- [The Woodland Trust - Native trees for wildlife](#)
- [Real Seeds - Natural and heirloom fruit and vegetable seeds](#)

United States Native Plant Resources

- United States - Broken up by State w/Additional US Resources and Zone Maps
- USDA Plants Database
- United States & Canada - Pollinator Conservation Resource
- BONAP Native Plants Atlas
- GrowNative for the Lower Midwest
- BP Plant Database Plant Ecology and Identification (for North America)

Canada Resources

- Canada - Interactive Plant Hardiness Zones
- Canada - Plant Hardiness Zones
- Canada's Plant Hardiness Site
- Tree Planting GuideTree Canada
- Eco Regional Planting Guide
- Canadian Council on Invasive Species

Other Online Guides and Beginner Information

- Prepping for wildflowers via r/gardenwild
- Mulches: The Good, The Bad, and The Really, Really Ugly
- Sheet Mulching, Grass to Garden Video
- Intro to Permaculture Book
- How to Make a Bee Friendly Garden
- Native Turf: A New Lawn Guide from the City of Ames, Iowa
- The Ultimate Winter Sowing Guide
- California -Cal Scape Video
- How to: Clover Lawn
- Rewilding your lawn or garden? First, get to know it - Rewilding Mag

How to Begin

Please note: We're overhauling this section and creating a beginners guide, it just takes a lot of time and research. Please message the mods if you have anything you'd love to add!

1. **Research!** - Learn everything you can, use the resources below and ask questions.
2. **Plan it** - What is your goal, what do you want to see?
 - Talk to your local conservation/native plants society/master gardener etc. to get more information.
 - Check out Wild Ones Garden Designs or any other garden designer to help you plan
 - Do more research on plants for your yard, pick natives avoid invasive, make sure they'll work in

your space

1. **Start small** - You don't have to do the entire yard, start with one garden bed and learn from your mistakes.
2. **Remove what you don't need** - Remove anything that isn't staying, grass, weeds, invasive species etc.
3. **Get to planting!** - Talk to your local conservation/native plants society/master gardener or nursery to figure out the best time to plant, and the best way to plant each type of plant in your space
4. **Maintenance** - Follow the advice for your plants to maintain them through their first year. If they're native, you'll generally have less maintenance over time.
5. **Enjoy!** - Seriously, you did it, it's beautiful, enjoy it before you decide to take on another project.
6. **Share your experience** - Help others learn from you, did you make a mistake? Share it so other people can avoid it. Did you learn something really cool? Let us know, make a post. Share some before and afters and let us know how long it took and what steps you took.

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