

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY: Gardening for Wildlife**

Much of this book list is provided courtesy of Pat Thomas, DAS member and wildlife gardening specialist.

### **ATTRACTING POLLINATORS**

Mader, E., Shephard, M., Vaughn, M., Hoffman Black, S., and Le Buhn G., The Xerces Society Guide to Attracting Native Pollinators. North Adams, MN: Storey Publishing, 2011.

Excellent guide for attracting, providing for and protecting our native bees and butterflies. Useful for home gardens, golf courses, schools, parks and other areas.

Shephard, M., S.Buchmann, M.Vaughan & S.H.Black. Pollinator Conservation Handbook. Portland, OR: The Xerces Society, 2003.

This informative, easy to read and practical book explains the importance of pollinators and the urgency of preserving their habitat. It will inspire you to create pollinator gardens.

### **INSECTS AND GARDENS**

Buchmann, Stephen L. and Gary Paul Nabhan. The Forgotten Pollinators. Washington, DC: Island Press, 1996.

Wonderful introduction to the importance of insects in our lives and world

Grissell, Eric. Bees, Wasps, and Ants. The Indispensable Role of Hymenoptera in Gardens. Portland, OR: Timber Press, 2010

Learn why these insects are needed in our gardens and how to attract them.

Grissell, Eric. Insects and Gardens: In Pursuit of a Garden Ecology. Portland, Oregon: Timber press, 2001

Introduces the interactions of insects with plants and each other to balance a garden

Massingham Hart, Rhonda. Using Beneficial Insects. Pownal, VT: Storey Communications, 1991

Tallamy, Douglas W., Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens. Portland, OR: Timber Press, 2007. Updated and expanded edition, 2009.

This book and author are popular voices for insects in the garden community. Read to understand why we need insects and native plants in our gardens now! Provides information on bringing beneficial insects onto your land.

### **WILDFLOWER FIELD GUIDES**

Ladd, D. North Woods Wildflowers. Helena, MT: Falcon Publishing, 2001

Ladd, D. and F. Oberle. Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers. Guilford, CT: The Globe Pequot Press, 2005

Moyl, J.B. and E.W. Moyle. Northland Wildflowers. The Comprehensive Guide to the Minnesota Region. revised edition. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2001

Newcomb, L. Newcomb's Wildflower Guide. NY: Little, Brown and Company, 1997

Peterson, R.T. and M. McKenny. A Field Guide to Wildflowers. NY: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1968

### **INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL**

**CAUTION:** Some of these books recommend ways to eliminate insects. Pesticides/ insecticides, even the "natural" ones, kill all insects including the beneficial ones for your garden. Please resist killing these creatures. Insects, both "good" and "bad", are necessary to balance a garden.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Natural Insect Control: The Ecological Gardener's Guide to Foiling Pests. Handbook #139. New York: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Inc., 1994.

The sections “How to Entice Beneficials to your garden” and “Cultural and Physical Controls” are very helpful. It is also a good source for information on the life cycles of ‘pests’. However, this booklet will have you killing insects that are food for the “good” bugs, so beware.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Natural Disease Control: A Common-sense Approach to Plant First Aid. Handbook #164. New York: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Inc., 2000.

Some advice (like fall clearing of the garden) will kill beneficial insects in the garden. Otherwise it is a good reference for plant diseases, symptoms and causes of disease and ways to prevent problems.

Michalak, Patricia S. and Linda A. Gilkeson. Rodale’s Successful Organic Gardening Controlling Pests and Diseases. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1994.

Good advice for preventing insect damage, diagnosing disease problems. Section on providing for beneficial insects and animals and a guide for insect and disease identification.

Olkowski, W., S.Daar and H. Olkowski. Common-Sense pest Control: Newtown, CT: The Taunton Press, 1994

## **GARDENING**

Adams, George. Birdscaping your Garden. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1994

Most of this book is a ‘bird directory,’ describing the most common birds, their habitat, migration, winter and breeding ranges, behavior, nesting and feeding habits, as well as plants for food and shelter. There is also a ‘plant directory’ that describes the best plants, many of which are native, and how to grow them.

Henderson, Carrol L. Landscaping for Wildlife. St Paul, MN: Department of Natural Resources, 1987 (more recent edition available)

Lists of plants, trees, shrubs and vines to attract birds, butterflies, bees, moths and other creatures in our area . This was the first reference book I used in Minnesota

Kress, Stephen W. The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds. Second edition. Ithaca, NY: Cornell

University Press, 2006. Comprehensive guide to providing for birds. Regional sections describe the most common birds, plantings to attract them and many other elements of the bird garden.

Lanza Patricia. Lasagna Gardening. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1998

Don’t till that soil or dig another bed. Read this book and enjoy an easier way to garden

Nowak, Mariette. Birdscaping in the Midwest. Blue Mounds, WI: Itchy Cat Press, 2007

Excellent guide for creating bird habitat with native plants.

Perrin, Sandra, Organic Gardening in Cold Climates. Missoula, MT: Mountain Publishing Company, 2002.

Very good beginner’s book for healthy gardening.

Reich, Lee. Weedless Gardening. NY: Workman Publishing, 2001

Plant flower beds quickly without double digging or removing the clay from your garden.

Smith, Welby R., Trees and Shrubs of Minnesota. Minneapolis: University of MN Press, 2008

Beautiful, complete and excellent for identification and natural history.

Snyder, Leon. Trees and Shrubs for Northern Gardens. Chanhassen, MN: MN Landscape Arboretum, 2000.

One of the classics for selecting the right plants in the Northland

Steiner, Lynn M., Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota.

Stillwater, MN: Voyageur Press, 2005

Excellent resource to add native plants into your yard and garden. Many beautiful color photographs of plant types as well as landscapes.

Wasowski, Sally. Gardening with Prairie Plants. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota press, 2002

Learn how to design, install and maintain a prairie garden. Also plant profiles

**ORGANIZATIONS**

See Grisell's Bees, Wasps, and Ants for many useful websites

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