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"Gardening for Life"
Professor Doug Tallamy Lectures on Biodiversity
October 25, 2008 at Berkshire Botanical Garden
How to Create Biodiversity in Your Own Back Yard

September 29, 2008--Stockbridge, Massachusetts--Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark, Doug Tallamy will present a two-hour lecture at the Berkshire Botanical Garden focusing on "Gardening for Life," Saturday, October 25 from 10am-noon. Cost for members is \$18 and Non members entrance fee is \$22.

Attendees of the lecture will learn about the critical need for biodiversity, the interdependence between animals and native plants, and how we can support biodiversity in our own back yards. With as many as 33,000 species imperiled in the U.S., it becomes increasingly important for humans to change their approach to landscaping to create balance.

For over 27 years, Professor Tallamy has authored over 68 research articles and has taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology and many other courses. "Chief among our research goals," says Tallamy, "is to reach a better understanding of the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities." This is fully explored in his new book "Bringing Nature Home; How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens" published by Timber Press in 2007.

In addition, "One Drop at A Time" Green Gardening Lecture will be presented by landscape architect Marcus de la fleur Saturday, November 8, at Berkshire Botanical Garden teaching attendees conservation solutions using the natural water cycle.

Save and Attend both lectures. To register for "Gardening for Life" lecture, please contact the Berkshire Botanical Garden 413-298-3926. For information about exhibits, events and other educational opportunities visit www.berkshirebotanical.org.