A call to action worth embracing

The writer Doug Tallamy, in his 2007 book *Bringing Nature Home*, described biodiversity as using “native species to create simplified vestiges of the ecosystems that once made this land such a rich source of life.”

To that end, we offer *A Garden in Your Arms*, developed in collaboration with noted ecological landscape designer Edwina von Gal, to increase native plantings and to follow Tallamy’s call that gardeners “become important players in the management of our nation’s wildlife.” With the help of our friends Page Dickey, Robert Reimer, and Deborah Munson, we hereby offer you plant lists tailored to a variety of site characteristics and growing conditions.

You can start small, perhaps by planting an alternative patch to the ecological “desert” that is the typical American lawn. Or, consider reclaiming an old meadow and woodlands, as we’re doing here at Berkshire Botanical Garden, in our two-and-a-half-acre meadow restoration project. Whatever you decide, your native garden will only add to our region’s precious biodiversity.

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Natives for a Wet Meadow

Designed by Page Dickey

**TREES**

*Carpinus caroliniana*, American hornbeam  
*Larix laricina*, tamarack

**SHRUBS**

*Ilex verticillata*, winterberry  
*Cornus sericea*, red osier dogwood  
*Cornus racemosa*, gray dogwood

**PERENNIALS**

*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*, New England aster  
*Symphyotrichum lanceolatum*, panicled aster  
*Eupatorium maculatum*, Joe Pye Weed  
*Eupatorium perfoliatum*, White boneset  
*Veronicastrum virginicum*, Culver’s root  
*Lobelia syphilitica*, great blue lobelia  
*Asclepias incarnata*, swamp milkweed  
*Osmunda cinnamomea*, Cinnamon fern

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Native Woodland
Designed by Robert Reimer

TREES

*Cornus florida*, flowering dogwood
*Cercis canadensis*, redbud

SHRUBS

*Hydrangea quercifolia*, oak leaf hydrangea
*Rhododendron maximum*, rosebay rhododendron
*Fothergilla major* ‘Mt. Airy’, mountain witch alder
*Leucothoe axillaris* or *fontanesiana*, drooping leucothoe

PERENNIALS

*Phlox divaricata*, woodland phlox
*Polystichum acrostichoides*, Christmas fern
*Tiarella cordifolia*, and *T. ‘Brandywine’*, foamflower
*Spigelia marilandica*, Indian pink
*Gentiana andrewsii*, bottle gentian
*Solidago caesia*, bluestem goldenrod

Native Plants for a Sunny Dry Site
Designed by Deborah Munson

Monarda fistulosa, Wild Bergamot
*Penstemon digitalis*, Foxglove beardtongue
*Campanula rotundifolia*, Harebell
*Asclepias tuberosa*, Butterfly Weed
*Symphyotrichum laeve*, Smooth Blue Aster
*Schizachyrium scoparium*, Little Bluestem

Monarda fistulosa,
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