

MLGC Resource Library  
Conservation & Environmental Awareness Committee

These books may be checked out by MLGC members for a 2 week period by contacting Linda Harris or at the monthly meetings.

DVD of Doug Tallamy "Saving Biodiversity through Native Plants", Doug Tallamy does cutting-edge research in the Mid-Atlantic on the ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine biodiversity. In the presentation Tallamy provides compelling arguments as to why the choices we make in our gardens and backyards profoundly impact biodiversity. With humor and beautiful images of birds, insects and plants of the mid-Atlantic, Tallamy will capture your attention and inspire you to go native.

Newcomb's Wildflower Guide by Lawrence Newcomb, Newcomb's system of identification on wild flowers is based on natural structural features that are easily visible to the untrained eye and enables amateurs and experts to identify almost any wildflower quickly and accurately.

A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers: An Organic Guide to Choosing and Growing over 150 Beautiful Wildflowers, by C. Colston Burrell, makes wildflower gardening as easy as mowing the lawn by teaching even beginners how to successfully prepare woodland, meadow and prairie gardens and to add wildflowers to their standard garden beds. 250 color photos.

The Natural Habitat Garden, by Ken Druse, This classic book shows American gardeners how they can create beautiful native-plant gardens. Through 500 color photographs of 35 gardens across the country, Ken Druse introduces nature's original communities-grasslands, drylands, wetlands, and woodlands. Listing of plant sources, places to visit, societies and organizations have been updated for this edition.

A Naturalist's Guide to Wetland Plants: Ecology for Eastern North America, by Donald D. Cox, A comprehensive, significant study of wetlands flora, which encompasses all members of the plant and fungi kingdoms. Conservation and habitat preservation are emphasized.

100 Easy to Grow Native Plants: For American Gardens, by Lorraine Johnson, by "easy to grow" she means plants that require very little maintenance, such as watering, fertilizing, weeding, pruning, etc. The common and botanical name, height, and blooming period of each plant is given along with its soil, sun, shade and moisture requirements. Other data includes each plant's native habitat and range (Northeast, prairies or Northwest) description, propagation, good companions and related species. There are also 12 plant charts in color organized by region, habitat, and conditions, replete with useful ideas and information.

Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, this is an introduction to invasive plants and the impacts they are having on natural habitats and ecosystems.

Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping, US Fish and Wildlife Service, includes pictures as well as user-friendly information on native species appropriate for planting in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and adjacent coastal regions; includes characteristics, conditions, habitat and specific area native to.

Checklist and Atlas of the Vascular Flora of West Virginia, Provides nomenclature and county distribution of native and naturalized plants found growing in the state, many of which are also native to Garrett County.

The Whole Herb, by Barbara Pleasant, This book is an easy-to-follow guide to the many uses of these wonderfully aromatic plants. The book begins by looking at the history and benefits of herbs, while subsequent chapters focus on their many uses, including herbs and health, herbs in the kitchen, herbs around the house, and herbs in the garden. What comes next is an A to Z reference profiling over fifty common herb varieties. Each entry provides growing information on the herb's background, benefits, and uses along with helpful buying guides, growing instructions, preservation methods, and safety information. Throughout, insets highlight important facts and techniques, helping you fully enjoy the herbal experience.

The Queen's Garden, DVD, PBS documentary reveals a year in Buckingham Palace Gardens.