



Native Landscapers and Native Plant Sources 2023

Landscapers:

DigRightIn: a local landscaping company and partner in our Wildlife Corridor; uses sustainable landscaping practices (specializes in organic lawns) and when requested will use native plants. (Business Member of West Cook Wild Ones)

Red Stem Native Landscapes: Using only native plants in beautiful designs. (Business Member of West Cook Wild Ones)

The Spirited Gardener: Consulting services in rain garden design incorporating pollinator plants. Mostly native plants used but will use all native plants upon request. (Business Member of West Cook Wild Ones)

Twig Landscape Design: Uses majority of native plants in designs but will use only native plants when requested. Judicious use of cultivars if desired by customer. Encourages pollinator-friendly clean-up practices. (Business Member of West Cook Wild Ones)

Good-Natured Landscapes: Long term experience with native plants and masterful use in landscape design. Won the Chicago Wilderness Conservation and Native Landscaping award 2014.

Wild World Gardens: Chicago-area landscape design company using mostly native plants for pollinator gardens, rain gardens, and habitat gardens. Offering design, consultation, installation, and stewardship.

Living Habitats

Wyatt E Coyote Ecological Services: Nature Preserve land manager, Forest Preserve steward, and a village Conservation Commissioner, Wyatt Widmer offers invasive species removal, ecological and botanical consultation, as well as ecological restoration and gardening for Chicagoland residents and businesses who want a healthy ecosystem. Email at wyattecoyote.restoration@gmail.com, or message on Facebook and Instagram @wyattecoyote



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Nurseries/Garden Centers:

Christy Webber Farm and Garden: an independent garden center in Chicago. Their Native Plant section is entirely local-ecotype, straight-species and neonicotinoid-free native plants of the Chicago Region (mostly using material from Possibility Place and Natural Gardens Natives) and can be browsed in-person at the store or on our website here.

Natives Haven in Harvard IL

Natural Communities, Native Plants: in Batavia, IL they have free shipping for orders over \$59.99 and always free local pick up; a variety of sizes available too. They will also come to your green event and sell plants on site.

Isel Native Plants

Possibility Place: Possibility Place Nursery has been specializing in plants native to NE Illinois since 1983. They offer a wide selection of perennials, woody trees, and shrubs. You can buy via their online store or through in-house orders. For in-house retail, wholesale, or contract orders, they ask you contact their office to get started with a quote.

Prairie Nursery: another dependable online source with lots of beautiful plants

Prairie Friends: Prairie Friends exclusively grows and sells native plants so collectively we can help restore a small part of the natural ecosystem that thrived here for thousands of years.

Shady Grove Wildflower Farm: Find them at the Evanston and Skokie Farmer's Markets.



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Important points to consider when shopping for native plants:

- **Ask** that any plants you purchase have not been treated with any insecticides, particularly a [neonicotinoid](#). Avoid adding any plant, native or otherwise, that has been treated with a neonicotinoid. These pesticides are harmful to insects, can spread through the soil where they will be absorbed by nearby plants. Read this article by Xerces Society: [Understanding Neonicotinoids](#)
- **Avoid natives/cultivars** if possible (Example: *Asclepias tuberosa* “Hello Yellow,” a cultivar of *Asclepias tuberosa*). Read Wild Ones’ position: [Nativars: Where Do They Fit In?](#) Read this article from National Wildlife Federation: [Nativars](#)

Online Sources:

[Prairie Friends](#): Located in the Chicago area

[Prairie Moon Nursery](#): a wonderful online source of plants and knowledge

[Natural Communities, Native Plants](#): description above; they also do online sales.