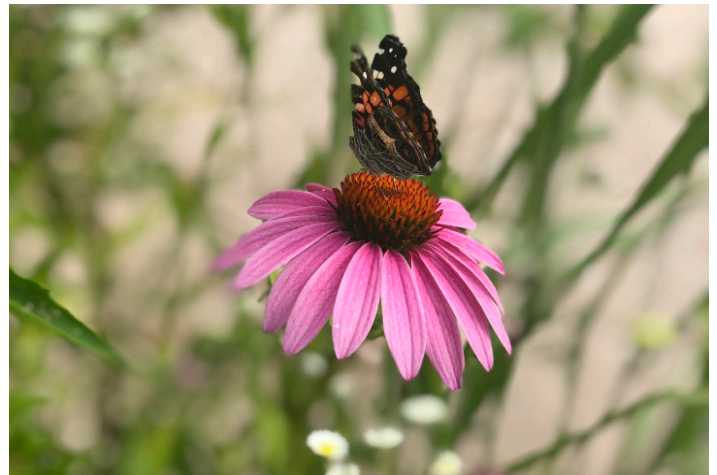




NATIVE PLANTS

Native plants are the foundation of healthy and biodiverse ecosystems. Native plants occur naturally in a habitat, have co-evolved with other species, and have adapted to physical conditions over time. Learn more about native and invasive plants in Maryland at a local Native Plant program!



Why Include Native Plants in Your Landscape?

1. Enjoy a beautiful, natural landscape.
2. They create a haven for native bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.
3. Native plants provide the seeds, berries, and habitat required by native birds.
4. Native plants thrive with lower levels of fossil fuels, fertilizers, pesticides, and water compared to lawns and non-native plants.
5. Native plants preserve Maryland's biodiversity by cross-pollinating with wild plants and dispersing seeds or berries into natural areas.

To learn more about a Native Plant program near you, search your local program's website at go.umd.edu/mglocalprograms.

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