

RAVENSWOOD NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

NATIVE GARDENING INITIATIVE



Links, Community Connections and Resources

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Get involved with stewardship of local natural areas, meet new friends, learn about our native ecosystems:

[Waters Elementary Garden](#) Wednesday evenings @ 5 pm

[Riverbank Neighbors](#) Sundays at 12 pm

[Montrose Metra Community Gardens](#) Garden workdays:

April – November:

Weekdays: 6 pm – Sunset

Weekends: 10 am – 12 pm

Montrose to Berteau (vegetable beds + native orchard)
15th of the month

Sunnyside to Wilson (Sunnyside savanna)
1st of the month

River Park Restoration

[Chicago Audubon Society](#) River Park Restoration as announced—next workday October 28 10 am at River Park, 5100 N Francisco Ave, Chicago, IL 60625. Email cas@chicagoaudubon.org or [River Park Advisory Council](#) for more information.



HELPFUL LINKS

Info on species and growing needs and conditions:

[Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

[Illinois Native plants](#)

[Illinois Native Plant Society](#)

[Minnesota Wildflowers](#)

[Missouri Botanic Garden](#)

App for plant ID

[iNaturalist](#)

Signage and certification

Monarch Watch -
[Monarch Waystation](#)

University of Illinois Extension Service
[Conservation at Home](#)

For more information on Ravenswood Neighbors Association, go to:

[WHO WE ARE – RAVENSWOOD NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION \(myravenswoodneighbors.org\)](#)

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RESOURCES

Plant Sources

Native Plant Nurseries	Local Plant Sales (usually begin in March)
Prairie Moon nursery	Chicago Audubon Society
Possibility Place	West Cook Wild Ones
	Openlands
	Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum - Check website for announcement in late winter/early spring

Information

Xerxes Society:

[Pollinator Conservation Resources for the Great Lakes Region](#)

Monarch Joint Venture: [Gardening for Monarchs](#)

[Illinois Department of Natural Resources Pollinator Resources](#)

Flora of the Chicago Region by Gerould Wilhelm and Laura Rericha

The Flora of the Chicago Region documents and details nearly 3,200 plant species and their associated organisms found in the 22-county Chicago region, including parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

available for purchase at [indianaacademyofscience.org](#)

Additional Reading

Doug Tallamy

Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants

Nature's Best Hope

Joel Greenberg

A Natural History of the Chicago Region

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