

# 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](mailto: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 \(myravenswoodneighbors.org\)](http://myravenswoodneighbors.org)

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## RESOURCES

### Plant Sources

Native Plant Nurseries  <a href="#">Prairie Moon nursery</a>  <a href="#">Possibility Place</a>	Local Plant Sales (usually begin in March)  <a href="#">Chicago Audubon Society</a>  <a href="#">West Cook Wild Ones</a>  <a href="#">Openlands</a>  <a href="#">Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum</a> - Check website for announcement in late winter/early spring
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### 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](http://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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