

As natives are included in your design, you will see an increase in pollinators (and caterpillars!) of all types showing up. This week I had several visitors at Fernwood Botanical Garden getting excited to see the Hummingbird Moth feeding. The pollinators and caterpillars will fascinate your children, grandchildren and even you.

Fall Planting:

Fall is a wonderful time to add native plants, shrubs and trees to your garden. The nurseries (both mail order and local) have plants available plus seed.

Some native plant seeds need cold stratification, I tried out the milk jug approach last winter and have several native plants that I am growing this summer into larger specimens before planting into my beds.

Native Plant Sources & Help

Prairie Nursery www.prairienursery.com

Prairie Moon Nursery www.prairiemoon.com

Prairie Moon Nursery – Seed Germination

www.prairiemoon.com/PDF/Germination-Codes-and-Seed-Starting-Basics-22-Dec.pdf

Wild Ones – Winter Seed Planting in Milk Jugs

<https://stlwildones.org/milk-jug-winter-sowing/>

Prairie Up www.prairieup.com

Remember to add your garden to Homegrown National Park!

Adding your native plantings to Homegrown National Park’s “Get on the Map” is important to track our ecosystem health. Remember to click on the big “?” for a video on how to add your plantings to the HNP Map!

Current Homegrown National Park “Get on the Map” Michigan Statistics (as of 7/31/24)

- 1,726 Users
- 2,806.8 Acres Planted
- 15th place ranking by state

For ZOOM talks, information, MGC Homegrown National Park bookmarks, or help, please contact Nancy Smith (4th VP) for Sue Bailey’s contact information.