



7th Annual Prince William Native Plant Symposium

February 8, 2025

George Mason University - Science and Technology Campus
Manassas, VA

Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:45 A.M Registration
- 9:45 - 10:00 A.M Welcome
- 10:00 - 11:00 A.M Keynote Speaker:
Douglas Tallamy
- 11:00 - 11:30 A.M Break/Networking
- 11:30 - 12:30 P.M Breakout Session 1
- 12:30 - 1:45 P.M Lunch
- 1:45 - 2:45 P.M Breakout Session 2
- 3:00 - 4:00 P.M Breakout Session 3

Breakout Session 1

- Auditorium** Entice Pollinators/Insects Into Your Garden: Include Herbaceous Native Plants
Laura Beaty, VNPS Horticulture Chair
- Room 110A** Container Gardening with Native Plants
Nancy Berlin, Gentle Landscaping Design, LLC
- Room 110H** Successful Outdoor Winter Seed Sowing
Sue Puleo, Faire Meddow
- Room 110L** Native Cultivars vs. Straight Species - Does It Matter?
Connie Schmotzer, Penn State Extension Master Gardeners
- Room 203** Restoring Suburban/Urban Soil Health
Dan Schwartz, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District

Breakout Session 2

- Auditorium** Creating a Native Food Forest
Clay Morris, PWC Environmental Management
- Room 110A** Who Are the Pollinators?
Judy Gallagher, Northern Virginia Bird Alliance
- Room 110H** Small Space Garden Design
Adam Bucher, Green Spring Gardens
- Room 110L** Native Tree Selection
Julie Flanagan, Arborist
- Room 203** What's Bugging You? An Intro to Landscape Integrated Pest Management
Paige Thacker, Virginia Cooperative Extension

Breakout session 3

- Auditorium** Attracting Birds to Your Yard with Native Plants
Nancy Vehrs, Virginia Native Plant Society, Prince William Wildflower Society
- Room 110A** Native Plant Know-How: Avoiding Common Pitfalls for Beginners
Stephanie Johnson, Green Steeze Conservation Landscaping
- Room 110H** Too Hot! Too Cold! Climate Change Impact on Native Plants
Janene Cullen, Ph.D, Prince William Master Gardeners
- Room 110L** Meadows
Nancy Berlin, Gentle Landscaping Design, LLC
- Room 203** Urban Forestry
Melina Cienski, Virginia Department of Forestry