

# Pollinator PATHWAYS New Hampshire

## Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time

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Hello Everyone,

My last news letter talked about the frosts we were having and that I didn't think I'd have any garden left. Wow.... The recent crazy warm temperatures have given me extra time to tuck in my garden and fix up what needs doing. I saw a butterfly yesterday! Poor little guy probably thought it was Spring.

It's Fall. Pretend you are a pollinator or other small creature. "Neat for a pollinator" would mean everything about survival. "Neat" would mean having plant stalks and leaves, water and mulch and areas that will provide food and over wintering shelter. Leave the Leaves! They are great mulch and part of that over-wintering shelter.

<https://xerces.org/blog/leave-leaves-to-benefit-wildlife>

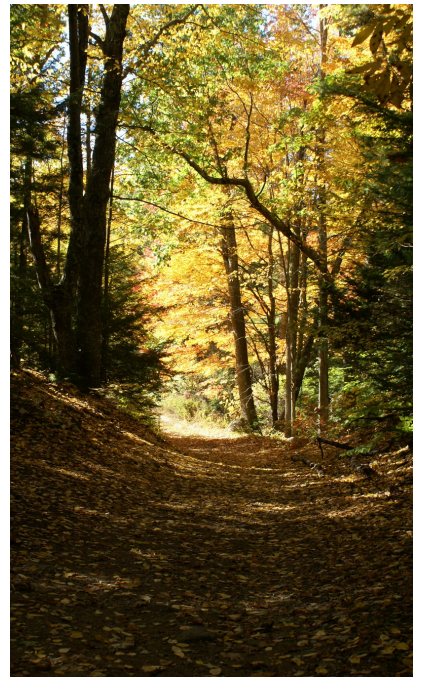
Brush piles are a necessary winter shelter and home for pollinators and all sorts of wildlife. This is a great article.

[https://northernwoodlands.org/outside\\_story/article/life-brush-pile](https://northernwoodlands.org/outside_story/article/life-brush-pile)

National Wildlife Federation – Fall and Winter ideas

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife>.

Native Plant Finder is an indispensable tool that is in this website. It connects your address with native plants of your area.



Fall can be a great time to plant wildflowers. Most of them need the cold of winter to make them viable for spring growing. If you are happier planting in the spring keep your wildflower seeds cold for the winter. They can over winter in a refrigerator if there is space

If you live on a pond or lake I read the greatest idea. To keep an area separate from the water they planted a 'hedge' of Black-Eyed Susans. Apparently the ducks and geese don't like them and it made a great natural barrier. Perhaps it's worth a try.

Worst case you end up with beautiful Black Eyed Susans for the pollinators.

UNH Cooperative Extension is a wonderful resource

NH Outside with Emma Erler is one of many UNH Blogs. There's always some interesting information <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwKjKkDmdJdLZdnmnDZzWqKSGbV>

One of the November tidbits:

Wait to prune trees and shrubs until spring. In the fall, plants are in the process of going dormant and do not produce very much new growth until the spring. Plants that are pruned in the fall are at greater risk of winter injury, because new wounds are more susceptible to extreme cold. Avoid dieback at pruning sites by waiting to prune until late winter or early spring, just before plants enter a rapid growth phase.

Winter is Planning Time. If you love to start planning when it's cold outside you have lots of company. I have attached some sites that consistently give good ideas for pollinators, wildlife and general fun in the garden/outdoors.

AUDUBON has a wonderful website. The following is for suet treats. Explore on this website and you will find all sorts of interesting things

[https://www.audubon.org/news/make-your-own-suet?ms=digital-eng-email-ea-x-engagement-20191107-diy-suet&utm\\_content=%5baudience%5d&emci=c573463d-ab1f-eb11-96f5-00155d03bda0&emdi=a3ec87d6-6523-eb11-9fb4-eb11-96f5-00155d03bda0&emdi=a3ec87d6-6523-eb11-9fb4-00155d03affc&ceid=1439700](https://www.audubon.org/news/make-your-own-suet?ms=digital-eng-email-ea-x-engagement-20191107-diy-suet&utm_content=%5baudience%5d&emci=c573463d-ab1f-eb11-96f5-00155d03bda0&emdi=a3ec87d6-6523-eb11-9fb4-eb11-96f5-00155d03bda0&emdi=a3ec87d6-6523-eb11-9fb4-00155d03affc&ceid=1439700)

SEEDS: Botanical Interests is a Colorado company but has many of the seeds that are native to the Northeast. All of them aren't so you need to check each one that you want. Botanical Interests is not on the Pollinator Pathways NH seed resource list yet so I thought I'd add it here.

<https://www.botanicalinterests.com/category/Native-Wildflower-Flowers>

Wild Seed Project is site that is good for lots of enjoyable planning time

<https://wildseedproject.net/2016/11/ideal-time-for-sowing-native-seeds/>

Between the pandemic and the advent of winter things are quiet at Pollinator Pathways NH.





Remember that the PPNH yard sign would make a great Christmas present. They are \$14 each from FAST SIGNS - 603-894-7446. They can be picked up or shipped.

There is one partner event on our Calendar and that's in Atkinson. On April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> they will host a Milkweed seed event. More details to follow.

If anyone has a pollinator event that they would like to have in my newsletter just email me the details. Our mailing list has over 600 names!

Have a good Fall and enjoy whatever weather is headed our way.

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