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## Native Plant Trust Opens Registration for 120 Programs for Spring/Summer 2020, Offers Expanded Programs throughout New England

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(Framingham, MA) Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, announces 120 programs, including more than 60 never offered before, for the spring/summer 2020 season. Program registration is open effective immediately at [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

From field studies and botany labs to landscape design tours and horticulture workshops, this season's programs offer opportunities for people at every level of experience and interest. "We've expanded our offerings in two important ways. Half of this season's programs are being offered for the first time, and there are more in Cape Cod, Connecticut, and Vermont," says Courtney Allen, Native Plant Trust's Director of Public Programs. Locations stretch from New Canaan, CT, to Burlington, VT, to Vassalboro, ME, in addition to Native Plant Trust's own Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA.

Partners for this season's programs include Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Blithewold, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Ecological Landscape Alliance, Historic New England, Maine Audubon, Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, The Nature Conservancy, New Canaan Nature Center, New Hampshire Audubon, Norcross Wildlife Foundation, North Branch Nature Center, Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, Perfect Earth Project, South Shore Natural Science Center, Wild Seed Project, and Woods Hole Research Center.

Program highlights include a plant diversity symposium, which will take place on June 12 in Cambridge, MA, to address new conservation analysis and strategies, and a book talk and signing with Doug Tallamy on April 14 for his newest publication. The season also features a series of field studies at Native Plant Trust's six native plant sanctuaries in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, as well as historic and contemporary landscape design tours with landscape architecture studio STIMSON. The annual Arbor Day on April 25 and Trillium Week May 3-9 will celebrate Garden in the Woods. Also featured for the spring is the updated Native

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Plant Studies Certificate curriculum, the first certificate of its kind offering deep and comprehensive learning about New England's native plants, and three new online courses that fulfill core requirements for the certificate. Programs are eligible for continuing education credits for professionals in conservation, horticulture, landscape, and arboriculture.

For more information and to register for programs, visit [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

## ABOUT NATIVE PLANT TRUST

Native Plant Trust is the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants. We save native plants in the wild, grow them for gardens and restorations, and educate others on their value and use. We are based at Garden in the Woods, a renowned native plant botanic garden that attracts visitors from all over the world. From this flagship property in Framingham, Massachusetts, 25 staff and many of our 1,500 trained volunteers work throughout New England each year to monitor and protect rare and endangered plants, collect and preserve seeds to ensure biological diversity, detect and control invasive species, conduct research, and offer a range of educational programs. Native Plant Trust also operates a nursery at Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts and manages six sanctuaries in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont that are open to the public. Native Plant Trust is among the first organizations worldwide to receive Advanced Conservation Practitioner accreditation by London-based Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), which included an endorsement by an International Advisory Council representing six continents. Please visit [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

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