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Native Plant Trust Offers Extraordinary Range of Online Educational Programming, Available Now

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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, offers a wide range of online learning opportunities to support native plant education.

"Life changed drastically in New England and the world over the last month, and while the Coronavirus threat prevents us from gathering in person for the time being, it cannot stop us from connecting with the plants in our own backyards," notes Courtney Allen, Director of Public Programs. "Learning unites us with nature and with each other. Native Plant Trust is proud to offer a range of online programs for different interests and levels, including some programs transitioned from in-person classes to an online format." For more information and to register, please visit www.NativePlantTrust.org. Programs include:

Webinars:

Tips and Tricks for Healthy Seedling Starts (April 18)
Navigating Public Design, Part 2 (April 24)
Bird Monitoring and Habitat Assemblages (April 28)
Building the Green Industry (April 30)
Environmental Justice for Botanists (May 1)

Online courses:

Plants 101 (access begins April 20)
Plants 102 (access begins April 20)
Designing with Native Plants (access begins April 20)
Gardening with Pollinators (access begins April 20)
Plant Form and Function (access begins this spring/summer)
Plant Ecology (access begins this spring/summer)
Plant Families (access begins this spring/summer)

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.

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