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## Native Plant Trust and The Nature Conservancy Offer Plant Diversity Virtual Symposium

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Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, announces a Plant Diversity Symposium in partnership with The Nature Conservancy. The Plant Diversity Symposium takes place online on Thursday, October 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register for the event, please visit [www.NativePlantTrust.org](http://www.NativePlantTrust.org).

The symposium delves into goals and strategies for conserving plant diversity in New England and for creating a landscape resilient to climate change. Speakers will address what new, in-depth data analysis reveals about the current status of plant diversity in the region, how it guides priorities for habitat conservation, and what approaches will meet conservation goals based on two modified international frameworks--the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, which is part of the United Nations' Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Global Deal for Nature, which focuses on saving biodiversity and averting climate catastrophe. The event also serves as a preview of a forthcoming landmark publication, "Conserving Plant Diversity in New England," which is a collaboration between Native Plant Trust and The Nature Conservancy.

The Plant Diversity Symposium will feature the three authors of the report: Michael Piantedosi, Director of Conservation at Native Plant Trust, Bill Brumback, Director of Conservation Emeritus at Native Plant Trust, and Mark Anderson, Director of Conservation Science at The Nature Conservancy, Eastern Region. They will share their analysis of plant diversity, the factors that make landscapes resilient, the specific habitat types and geographic areas that are in greatest need of protection, and tools and strategies for meeting conservation goals. The symposium will shed new light on the intersection between plant conservation, land management, and land protection.

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## 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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