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Live Virtual Author Series Features Outstanding New Publications by Plant, Garden, and Landscape Specialists

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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 a live virtual Author Book Talk Series featuring top plant scientists and landscape designers discussing their newest publications. The series will run August through October 2021 and feature renowned experts Darrel Morrison, Jonathan Drori, Ellen Sousa, Lauren Brown and Ted Elliman. Tickets available at www.NativePlantTrust.org.

"This series creates a forum for outstanding leaders in plant-related fields to share new ideas and perspectives with audiences around the world," shares Courtney Allen, Director of Public Programs at Native Plant Trust. "Research, innovation, and publication are organizational priorities for Native Plant Trust, and we look forward to highlighting the work of our local, national and international colleagues." Authors include:

August 6, 2021: Darrel Morrison

Distinguished professor and landscape architect Darrel Morrison will discuss his new book, *Beauty of the Wild: A Life Designing Landscapes Inspired by Nature*, published by the Library of American Landscape History. Morrison is a renowned landscape architect, professor, and leader in promoting ecological diversity and restoration in landscape design. *Beauty of the Wild* highlights Morrison's approaches to native plant communities and natural processes in his landscapes at the New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Storm King Art Center. Morrison is co-founder of *Landscape Journal* and a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He is one of the most revered educators in landscape architecture today, whose ecology-based approach has influenced a generation of practitioners.

September 10, 2021: Jonathan Drori

Jonathan Drori will discuss his new book, *Around the World in 80 Plants*. Drori is a plant scientist, professor, and science communications expert and author of the acclaimed book *Around the World in 80 Trees*. He has led and served in such roles as BBC Executive Producer and founding Director of Culture Online at the UK Government's Department for Culture and Media. In *Around the World in 80 Plants*, Drori brings plant science to life by revealing how plant worlds are intricately entwined with human history, culture, and folklore. Some plants have a troubling past, while others have ignited human creativity or enabled whole civilizations to flourish. Drori is a former Trustee of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

October 1, 2021: Ellen Sousa

Ellen Sousa will discuss her upcoming book, *Native Green Garden* (an updated edition of her previous publication, *The Green Garden*), and will share how to create ecologically sound New England habitats with horticulture. She is a garden expert, nursery owner, teacher naturalist, and speaker. *Native Green Garden* is an illustrated guide to native plantings for the region's microclimates that will increase ecosystem health and attract native pollinators.

Native Plant Trust's Author Book Talk Series also recently featured Lauren Brown and Ted Elliman discussing their book *Grasses, Sedges and Rushes: An Identification Guide*. The 2020 publication is an updated edition of Brown's definitive guide from the 1970s. Lauren Brown and Ted Elliman are both highly regarded botanists with several landmark publications in the field, including Brown's *Grasses: An Identification Guide*, *Weeds in Winter*, and *Grasslands* and Elliman's *Wildflowers of New England*.

To reserve your spot for virtual author book talks, please visit 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.
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