

"I want to support wildlife but I don't know how!"

The RWPZ horticultural team have some tips:

Start small!

You can always add more plants later on.

Be informal!

A garden allowed to grow wild will be easier to maintain.

Keep it simple!

A small mix of plants will look neater than a wide variety.

Every plant counts!

Adding just one native plant to your garden makes a big difference.

Once it's planted...

Leave the leaves!

Allowing leaves to naturally decompose provides your garden with fertile soil and natural mulch. Leaf litter also shelters small critters like moths and frogs.



Spread the word!

Show us your wildlife gardens with **#rwpzoo** and we'll share the inspiration!

Don't deadhead!

Old flowers make an appetizing feast for songbirds, especially during the fall.



Avoid pesticides!

The use and runoff of pesticides can harm birds, insects, fish, and much more.



Enjoy the plants, birds, pollinators, and more!

Things to Think About:

Consider your current space and conditions. Does the space get a lot of sun, or is it mostly shaded by trees?



Garden design: are you building a new garden bed, or starting small with a container garden?



Choose plants that will thrive. With the above notes in mind, choose native plants to build your new healthy habitat.

Local resources for info on native plants:

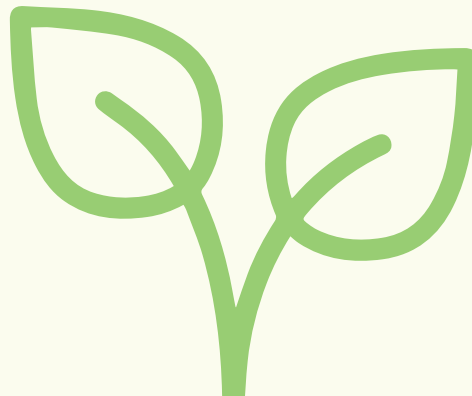
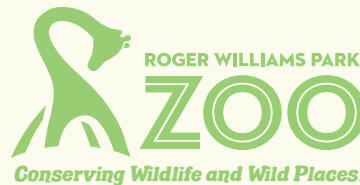
Rhode Island Wild Plant Society
www.riwps.org

URI Master Gardeners
www.web.uri.edu/coopext

Native Plant Trust
www.plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org

Roger Williams Park Botanical Center
www.providenceri.gov/botanical-center

For more information on building healthy habitats, visit our website:



Gardening with WILDLIFE in Mind



Co-exist with wildlife by building healthy habitats at home!



Tips and considerations from the Roger Williams Park Zoo horticulture and conservation teams