



PLAN IT NATIVE

LANDSCAPES CONFERENCE



SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2020

ONLINE CONFERENCE

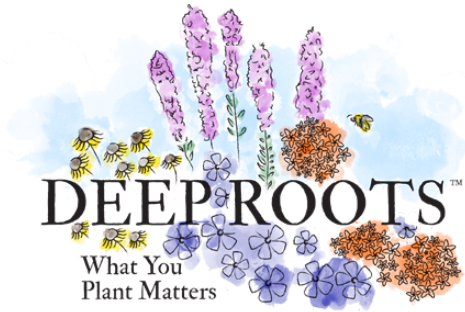
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WELCOME TO PLAN IT NATIVE!



A MESSAGE FROM DEEP ROOTS:

Thank you for joining us to celebrate and learn more about native plants. As you well know, native plants are critical to our natural systems. During this conference, we hope you take away new skills and ideas to help you foster more successful native landscapes!

In this second year for Plan It Native, we're excited to see so many return attendees, and to welcome new people from new places! While some things have changed significantly because of the virtual nature of our conference, many aspects remain the same. We are still offering 18 concurrent sessions across three tracks. We are still featuring general session speakers who will inspire you to take what you learn and make the world a better place. We still hope to create a sense of connection and community, despite our physical distance.

Plan It Native is organized by Deep Roots KC. Deep Roots is a collective impact organization of multi-sector partners. Together with our partners, we work to increase native plant landscapes. Our mission is to encourage the appreciation, conservation, and use of native plants in the heartland through educating, collaborating, and facilitating the planting of regenerative native landscapes that are essential for a healthy planet.

Thank you to the members of our conference committees, and the multitude of volunteers who brought this conference to fruition. The Plan It Native show goes on because of the energy, enthusiasm, and creativity of these volunteers.

Thank you for joining us!

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BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

All you need:



1. The conference access link from your email. Look for **Conference Access Information** in the subject line.



2. **Chrome browser**



3. **Download Zoom**
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■ Download the Plan It Native mobile app



Use the mobile app as a companion to the conference for the best networking experience.

Scan the code with your mobile device's camera to download the app, or search for Plan It Native on the App Store or Google Play.



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GETTING STARTED GUIDE

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
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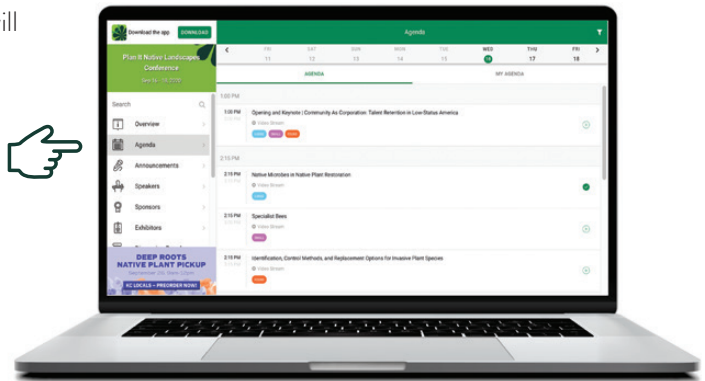
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...Attend a Session?

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- Choose  **Agenda** in the left column. You will see the sessions listed in chronological order. Tracks are color coded: **Small Landscapes**, **Large Landscapes**, **Foundational**.
- Click **the session you would like to attend**.
- Click Join Live Stream
- The Zoom window will display the session once it begins. To hear the presenters, click **Join Computer Audio**.
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Mobile Device:



- From the **Home** screen, choose the  **Agenda** icon.
- Tap the **session you wish to attend**.



...Attend a Roundtable Discussion, Office Hours, or Happy Hour?

First, ensure you have downloaded Zoom.

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- If this is your first interactive event of the day, click **Test Speaker and Microphone**.
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Mobile Device:

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

Majora Carter, Keynote Speaker



Majora Carter is a real estate developer, urban revitalization strategy consultant, MacArthur Fellow, and Peabody Award winning broadcaster. She is responsible for the creation and successful implementation of numerous economic development, technology, green-infrastructure projects, policies, and job training and placement systems. She has firsthand experience pioneering sustainable economic development in one of America's most storied low-status communities: the South Bronx.

Her ability to shepherd projects through difficult socio-economic conflict has garnered a very long list of awards and honorary PhDs, including: 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs by Goldman Sachs, Silicon Alley 100 by Business Insider, Liberty Medal for Lifetime Achievement by Fox News, and other honors from the National Building Museum, International Interior Design Association, Center for American Progress, as well as her TED Talk which was one of six to launch their site in 2006.

Majora is quoted in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture in DC: "Nobody should have to move out of their neighborhood to live in a better one."

Presented by A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.



Margo Farnsworth, Plenary Speaker



Margo Farnsworth works as a writer, biomimicry educator and consultant in strategic sustainability development for organizations. She has served as faculty and visiting faculty at several universities and advises students in North America and abroad as a Fellow for the Biomimicry Institute. For over two decades Margo served the people of the Southeast U.S. working as a naturalist and later for the Cumberland River Compact as Executive Director, then Senior Fellow. While there, Margo brokered a bi-state water agreement between Tennessee and Kentucky, advised two Presidential administrations and facilitated work in watershed associations committed to healthy, plentiful water for which she was awarded the national River Hero Award.

She serves as an advisor to the Missouri Prairie Foundation, is a board member for Deep Roots KC and advisory board member for South Carolina's Experience Green. Her writing can be seen in the anthology *Wildness: Relations of People and Place* in addition to *Earthlines*, *Outdoor Living*, *The New Territory* and others. Her forthcoming book, *Biomimicry and Business: How Companies are Using Nature's Strategies to Succeed* will be released this fall by Routledge Press. It is hailed by biomimicry leaders and tells the engaging stories of business leaders using biomimicry, lessons they learned, and ways readers can deploy biomimicry at their companies.

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Doug Tallamy, Closing Speaker



Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 103 research publications and has taught insect-related courses for 40 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities.

His book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. *The Living Landscape*, co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014. Doug's new book *Nature's Best Hope* released by Timber Press in February 2020, is a *New York Times* Best Seller. Among his awards are the Garden Club of America Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation and the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence, the 2018 AHS B.Y. Morrison Communication Award and the 2019 Cynthia Westcott Scientific Writing Award.

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SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16

12:30 PM

Virtual “Doors” Open

Visit exhibitors and get acquainted with the virtual event venue.

1:00 PM

Opening and Keynote Address Community as Corporation: Talent Retention in Low-Status America

Majora Carter

Urban Revitalization Strategy Consultant; MacArthur Fellow; Peabody Award-winning Broadcaster

Well-intentioned efforts to serve people at the bottom often have the unintended consequence of driving away those who reach the top. In communities, this diminishes economic diversity and concentrates economic monocultures. By looking at how community dollars and residents migrate, we can inform development that addresses aspirations and keeps more talent in place. But how do we do that?



2:15 PM

Invasive Plant Species: Identification, Control Methods, and Replacement Options

Matt Arndt

Consulting Forester and Arborist; Owner, Matt’s Healthy Woods & Wildlife

The focus will be on those invasive species that are most abundant and environmentally destructive in the Midwest. This session will include tips on identifying invasive plant species, methods for controlling them, and native plants that can be planted as replacements. Control options given will range from a broad overview of methods to specific herbicide rate, application, and timing recommendations for each species.

2:15 PM

Native Microbes in Native Plant Restoration

James D. Bever

Senior Scientist, Kansas Biological Survey Foundation; Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas

Susan Magnoli

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Kansas Biological Survey

Liz Koziol

Scientist, Kansas Biological Survey; Owner, MycoBloom LLC

Ecological restoration efforts can increase the diversity and function of degraded areas. However, current restoration practices cannot typically re-establish the full diversity and species composition of remnant plant communities. More and more, we learn that soil microorganisms play a central role in ecosystem function and the maintenance of highly diverse plant communities. This session will explore how soil communities can be harnessed to improve restoration outcomes and to assist in the establishment of challenging plant species. Presenters will share new insights into how soil microbial communities and the functions they provide may shape the composition of restored plant communities.

2:15 PM

Specialist Bees

Heather Holm

Award-winning Author and Pollinator Educator

The monarch butterfly is probably the most famous insect specialist, in the sense that it is unable to survive without its host plant, milkweed. But many native bees are specialists also. Female native bee specialists, or oligoleges, only collect pollen from a narrow range of native plants. This could mean just one plant genus, or many genera that belong to one plant family. Heather will highlight many of these native plant-bee specializations, as well as the overlapping habitat requirements of the bees and plants. The presentation will also include the threats to specialists such as habitat loss and climate change.

3:15 PM

Native Trees and Shrubs: Climate Change Heroes

Linda Hezel

Farm Steward, Prairie Birthday Farm

Molly Gosnell, GISP

Owner, Midwest GeoInfo LLC

Midwestern weather was extreme enough! Now climate change is adding more heat, drought, torrential rains, humidity, crop disease, and pest pressure.

Enter agroforestry, the growing practice of interspersing crops with native trees and shrubs. They offer the potential to increase food production, sequester carbon, benefit ecosystems, and thus soften the impacts of climate change. This session shares findings

from a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)-funded study conducted on Prairie Birthday Farm in Clay County, Missouri. The information will challenge and inspire audiences with interests ranging from agriculture to edible landscaping, climate change to measuring and monetizing ecosystem services.

3:15 PM

Building and Maintaining Resilience in Restored Prairies

Chris Helzer

Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy in Nebraska; “The Prairie Ecologist”

The resilience of prairies stems from habitat size/connectivity and species diversity. As a result of that resilience, prairies can withstand stresses—flexing and adapting while sustaining critical ecological processes. However, the resilience of prairies has limits and crossing thresholds has drastic and long-term impacts. This presentation will discuss prairie resilience and how restoration and management approaches can help build and maintain it.

3:15 PM

Native Plant Propagation: Trials and Tribulations

Pat Mahon

Native Plant Facilities Manager, Pure Air Natives

Native plants are some of the most unpredictable and trickiest plants to propagate—except, of course, in the wild. The processes and time required to produce native plants in nurseries have been little-known—until now. This presentation will cover the process from ecotype seed collection, to processing, germination, and cultivation, through delivery to the end user. Pat shares groundbreaking results that removed anywhere from 60-180+ days from these processes! Propagation of difficult or slow species are discussed, along with points to consider in creating your own approaches to propagation.

4:15 PM

Speaker Office Hours

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Virtual Happy Hour

Grab your favorite beverage and swing by to meet new folks before heading out for the day.

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17

12:30PM

Virtual “Doors” Open

1:00PM

Plenary Address

Nature: Our Newest Business Partner

Margo Farnsworth

Writer; Biomimicry Educator and Consultant

How could a lily or a bee help tame your energy needs? Biomimicry is the practice of observing and then emulating nature’s strategies to solve human challenges. It has already offered numerous solution pathways benefitting people while working in partnership and even reciprocity with the rest of the natural world. This session will reveal what biomimicry is, how and why the journeys companies have taken to embrace it have been successful and why native landscapes are so critical to individuals, businesses, communities, and the planet.



2:15PM

Soil Health Guidelines for Native Plants in Development and Construction

Hilary Noonan

Principal, Syntax Land Design and Mad Hatter Compost Tea

Healthy native soils are fundamental to the native plant landscapes which developers, retail businesses and their clients are increasingly requesting. Yet disturbance of soils during construction can undermine the success of native plantings. This session addresses:

- What constitutes a healthy soil system, and how does it function?
- In what ways is construction a disturbance and how does it make soil unhealthy?
- How can soil health be brought back to a site, and what role can native plants play in this?
- What measurements and methods can be used to help adopt soil health practices and systems?

2:15PM

Designing for Winter Beauty and Wildlife

Benjamin Vogt

Owner of Monarch Gardens LLC, Author

The season doesn’t end in October! In fact, the garden is just beginning to show its deeper,

more reflective, side. We’ll look at native plants that add pizzazz in fall, from herbaceous perennials with fantastic autumn color and ornamental seed heads, to structural perennials, shrubs, and grasses that look outstanding amid blizzards. The benefits of a winter garden for humans, peering wistfully through frost-glazed windows? A pretty vista, more wildlife value and less work than warm-weather gardening.

2:15PM

Floating Wetlands: An Ancient Solution for Modern Times

Ian Fannin-Hughes

Water Quality Specialist,
City of Overland Park, Kansas

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) are growing at an alarming rate in bodies of water across the entire United States, due to increased nutrient levels in water runoff. Conventional solutions to HABs have been prohibitively limited and costly.

Though floating wetlands have been used to manage lakes for thousands of years, only recently has their ability to improve water quality been explored. In 2018, the City of Overland Park, Kansas tackled HABs with a floating wetlands pilot program. We’ll review all levels of projects, from homemade floating wetlands on a private pond, to a manufactured structure on a city lake, to an engineered floating wetland on a stormwater treatment pond.

3:15PM

Long Term Active Maintenance: A Case Study

Jeff Powelson

Private Land Conservationist,
Missouri Department of Conservation

What does it take to plant a prairie at a university? A designated planting area, a professor willing to lead, and the involvement of the athletic department, maintenance staff, university leadership and the Missouri Department of Conservation—and, 4 years.

The Missouri Western State University Prairie Project lies just on the edge of St. Joseph, Missouri, on a 723-acre campus. Several large open fields adjacent hold the promise of future planning and development. This presentation will cover the planning, planting, and ongoing, active management needed for a large-scale prairie planting to succeed. The resulting conservation area is a source of pride and inspiration to other local schools and the residents of St. Joe.

3:15PM

Marketing Native Plants in the Retail Setting

Sue Leahy

Native Plants Manager, Greenscape Gardens

Competing with the conventional garden center trade and telling the complex story of native plants and the lifeforms they support in a retail setting can be a challenge. In this session, we will discuss opportunities to market your retail garden center externally, including collaboration with national and local groups, publications, and social media. We will explain the differences between extrinsic vs. intrinsic marketing. Examples and discussion of internal marketing ideas to educate your customers through literature and signage will be provided. We will present ideas that encourage customers to become more engaged with creating habitat in their gardens which, in turn, leads to more plant purchases.

3:15PM

Creating Roadside Habitat

Kristine Nemec

Iowa Roadside Management Coordinator,
University of Northern Iowa’s Tallgrass Prairie Center

As one of the largest areas of public land in some states, roadsides offer tremendous potential for creating wildlife habitat using native plants—not to mention creating iconic state scenery, and less boring car rides! However, there are political, logistical, and social challenges to consider when planting natives along roadsides, and not every area is appropriate for native plants. This session will discuss the benefits and challenges of planting natives along roadsides and provide resources for learning more.

4:15PM

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Landscape Architects: All presentations are approved for CEUs.

Please be sure to fill out the 10 question quiz for each session you attend.



FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM

Virtual “Doors” Open

8:30 AM

Landscaping for Birdbrains – Native Plants as a Powerful Conservation Tool

Dana Ripper

Executive Director,
Missouri River Bird Observatory

Ethan Duke

Assistant Director,
Missouri River Bird Observatory

The United States has lost more than 30 percent of its native bird populations since 1970. But there’s good news: Native plant gardeners and landscapers are in the best possible position to help bring our birds back! Native plants are crucial to the survival of native birds and other wildlife. Your use of native plants can help birds in every stage of their life cycle – from migration to rearing young to surviving the winter. This session will provide a brief background on the ecological connections between birds and native plants and continue with specific examples of how to plant for the birds.

8:30 AM

Designing with Colorful Native Plants

Ania Wiatr

Senior Horticulturalist,
Philbrook Museum of Art

The Midwest is home to a long list of colorful native plants. During this presentation we will explore ways to incorporate Midwest native plants into designs that achieve a year-round bounty of color and texture in the garden. We will also look at design techniques that help achieve succession of colors in the garden and allow one to visualize the colorful dynamics occurring in the garden throughout the seasons.

8:30 AM

How to Expand Ecological Restoration and Management in Your Park System

Douglas Mensing

Senior Ecologist, Applied Ecological Services

Matthew Garrett

Field Biologist, Johnson County Park & Recreation District

Natural resource managers share a basic challenge: How to improve the quality of natural resources with limited budget and staff? Our presenters will share how they created a systemwide natural resource plan by:

1. setting realistic goals, using inventory and assessment data,
2. identifying the finances needed to elevate ecological health and resilience,
3. identifying the shortfall in current capacity, and
4. scheduling annual expenditures that are achievable with current and potential funding.

9:30 AM

Native Trees for the Midwest

Robert Whitman

Landscape Architect and Planner, Gould Evans

Every landscape project has variables that influence tree selection decisions, and native trees are no exception. For example, a tulip tree native to southern Missouri may be great for our warming region and for pollinators but requires careful siting with its massive size. In this session, we’ll review tree species native to the Midwest, their fascinating aesthetic attributes, and the role they play in local ecosystems. Many common non-native trees have a good native alternative that will be discussed as well.

9:30 AM

Makin’ Whoopee in the Garden: Understanding Native Plant Reproductive Strategies

Erin E. Goss

Designer, Garden Curator, Plant Procurement Officer at wallflowerdesign

Native plants reproduce in various ways and many are reliant upon the world around them to spread their seed. By using wind, water, and critter, or even their own vegetative bodies, plants have adapted and perfected specific strategies over thousands of years. These strategies have allowed some of our most pernicious weeds to proliferate and our most beautiful native species to endure. How can we encourage the spread of certain native plants

and discourage the spread of others? This session will focus on utilizing select reproductive strategies in order to build and sustain more dynamic, diverse native gardens.

9:30 AM

Seeding Tallgrass Prairie in Large Urban Spaces: Two Case Studies

Scott Woodbury

Manager, Whitmire Wildflower Garden,
Shaw Nature Reserve

Reconstructing a tallgrass prairie from seed on damaged urban soil is a practice poorly understood by most landscape and facility managers. A seeding specification can lay out a blueprint for planning, site preparation, installation, and maintenance, but its success depends on an engaged and informed team of people, from leaders to weeders. Seeded landscapes are so complex that simple mistakes can be overlooked and result in significant setbacks or failure. This session will recap the results and learnings from two experiments in St. Louis, at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and the Alberici Corporation.

10:30 AM

Speaker Office Hours

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11:15 AM

Closing Address: Nature’s Best Hope

Doug Tallamy

Author and Professor, University of Delaware

Recent headlines about global insect declines, the impending extinction of one million species worldwide, and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that in turn sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on Planet Earth. The good news is that none of this is inevitable. Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can—and must—take to reverse declining biodiversity and will explain why we, ourselves, are nature’s best hope.





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Grow Native!

Grow Native! is the 20-year-old native plant marketing and education program of the Missouri Prairie Foundation, a 54-year-old conservation organization and land trust. Grow Native! helps protect and restore biodiversity by promoting the use of native plants in urban, suburban, and rural developed landscapes and the built environment.



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Mid-America Regional Council Water Quality Public Education Committee

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