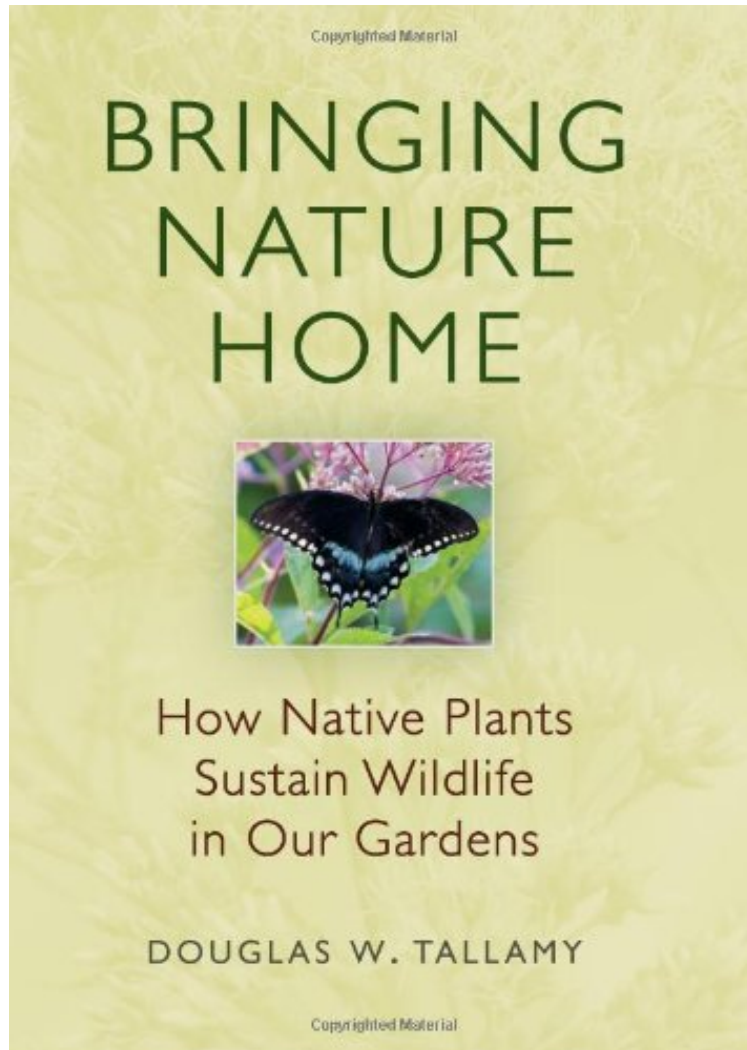


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Douglas W. Tallamy : Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Making your yard a good place for the birds. By Robert J. Schaefer Tallamy points out that almost all songbirds raise their young on a diet of insects, and if you want to help them live and reproduce in your yard you need to make these insects available. He goes on to show that most of the invasive alien plants which are coming to dominate our landscape are hosts to very few insects (that's something that

helps them be so invasive), and if we want to help out the birds we need to promote the native plants which are hosts to more insects. He gives a very useful table of the different species of trees which are hosts to caterpillars that the birds can use. He also points out that many imported plants have brought with them (in spite of inspections) diseases to which our native plants have little resistance, and he concludes that we should be much more restrictive in importing plants. As an entomologist, Tallamy's attention focuses on the insects, and his book contains relatively little discussion of some of the other aspects of a bird-friendly yard: berries which the birds can use in winter, water, shelter, etc. Cats are not found in the index and it's important that they not be found in the yard. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. an ok book that needs to cover some more topics. By Yaqoub Al Meerthe book is good but there are few points that should've been covered:- the author talked mostly about ornamental trees, he did not discuss fruit trees.- the author talked about the pathogens that "alien" trees might bring with them, but he did not discuss starting those trees from seeds.- i believe in some places like deserts, the introduction of some "alien" tree species might do more good than harm if they will withstand the harsh environment. overall its an ok book. and i do agree that using native trees for landscaping is better. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Garden as if life depended on it By marafish This book is a classic. It was first published in 2007, with an expanded and updated paperback published in 2009. The paperback is now in its 10th printing. Dr Tallamy tells you why, how, and what to plant to bring life to your yard (and maybe help save the planet).

As development and subsequent habitat destruction accelerate, there are increasing pressures on wildlife populations. But there is an important and simple step toward reversing this alarming trend: Everyone with access to a patch of earth can make a significant contribution toward sustaining biodiversity. There is an unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants. When native plants disappear, the insects disappear, impoverishing the food source for birds and other animals. In many parts of the world, habitat destruction has been so extensive that local wildlife is in crisis and may be headed toward extinction. Bringing Nature Home has sparked a national conversation about the link between healthy local ecosystems and human well-being, and the new paperback edition with an expanded resource section and updated photos will help broaden the movement. By acting on Douglas Tallamy's practical recommendations, everyone can make a difference.

From Booklist Tallamy takes an obvious observation wildlife is threatened when suburban development encroaches on once wild lands and wedges it to a novel one: that beneficial insects are being deprived of essential food resources when suburban gardeners exclusively utilize nonnative plant material. Such an imbalance, Tallamy declares, can lead to a weakened food chain that will no longer be able to support birds and other animal life. Once embraced only by members of the counterculture, the idea of gardening with native plants has been landscape design's poor stepchild, thought to involve weeds and other plants too unattractive for pristine suburban enclaves. Not so, says Tallamy, who presents compelling arguments for aesthetically pleasing, ecologically healthy gardening. With nothing less than the future of North American biodiversity at stake, Tallamy imparts an encouraging message: it's not too late to save the ecosystem-sustaining matrix of insects and animals, and the solution is as easy as replacing alien plants with natives. Haggas, Carol "This book not only shows how important native plants are but also how easy they can be to incorporate into a landscape plan."