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# New York Places, Organizations, Events

## Places

- Parks
  - Tompkins Sq. Park southwest corner - managed by Friends of Tompkins Square Park(vol)
  - Inwood Hill
  - Swindler Cove
  - Pelham Bay Park
  - Alley Park
  - Marine Park(vol)
  - Forest Park
  - Brower Park - monarch garden
  - Prospect Park
  - Battery Park - food forest
  - Roosevelt Island Manhattan Healing Forest (Miyawaki forest)
  - Randall's Island Native Plant Garden
  - The High Line
  - Seward Park native plant garden
  - Stuy Cove Park / Solar1
  - Hudson River Pier 26
- Community gardens(vol)
  - La Plaza Cultural
  - El Jardin del Paraiso
  - Green Oasis
  - Francisco 'Pancho' Ramos
  - 6B
  - 6BC
  - Narrows Botanical Garden
  - Lentol Garden - woodland example
  - EL garden - pawpaws, community
  - McCarren Demo Garden
  - Down to earth - bokashi composting - shig matsukawa
  - Access garden
  - Ridgewood Community Garden
  - Oko Farms Aquaponic
- Rooftop gardens
  - Kingsland wildflowers(vol)
- Publicly available private gardens

- NYBG
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Naval cemetery landscape
- Greenwood Cemetery
- Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 3
- NYU Pratt Textile Dye Garden
- Waterways / waterfronts
  - Newtown Creek (vol)
  - Gowanus Canal (vol)
  - Spuyten Duyvil Creek
  - Oakland Lake
- Urban farms
  - Red hook urban farm (vol)

## Organizations

- LES Ecology Center(vol)
  - Master Composter
- NYC Parks(vol)
- GrowNYC
- NYC Pollinator Working Group
- Gowanus Canal Conservancy(vol)
- Newtown Creek Alliance(vol)
- City Parks Foundation
- Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
- TreesNY
  - Citizen Pruner
- LUNGS
- MORUS
- New Yorkers for Parks
- RAIN Coalition
- Forest for All NYC
- Natural Areas Conservancy
- Shorakapok Earthkeepers (Inwood Hill Park)

## Events

- Creatures nyc mailing list
- NYC Parks event list

## Educational Programs

- NYC Parks Super Steward
  - Fire Hydrant permit + training for Super Stewards (offered in spring)
- TreesNY Citizen Pruner
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden BUG (Brooklyn Urban Gardener)

# Online Resources

General community gardening skills: The GreenThumb website provides online resources and a variety of workshops on skills ranging from carpentry to garden design.

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/greenthumb/resources>

Taking care of tree beds: The Street Tree Care Captain webinar provides an introduction of tree bed care.

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/advanced-stewardship>

Lady Bird Johnson Center, North Carolina Extension Gardener, The Plant Native, [bplant.org](http://bplant.org),

Youtube channel: [GrowitBuildit](#), amazing in-depth videos about specific native plants, soil quality/soil testing, garden design, installation and maintenance tips, and more

Youtube channel: Crime Pays but Botany Doesn't

Reddit: [[/r/NativePlantGardening](https://www.reddit.com/r/NativePlantGardening/)](<https://www.reddit.com/r/NativePlantGardening/>), [[r/invasivespecies](https://www.reddit.com/r/invasivespecies/)](<https://www.reddit.com/r/invasivespecies/>)

The [Xerces Society has incredible, detailed resources](#) on pollinator conservation from site establishment, planting, plant selection, assessment, and so on.

- [New York Native Planting Guide](#)
- [GrowNYC Resilient Gardens Guide](#)

You can also join the [NYC Pollinator Working Group](#) mailing list.

# Library

## Reference books

- Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes  
Thomas Rainer & Claudia West
- The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees Joseph S. Wilson & Olivia  
Messinger Carril
- Botany for Gardeners Brian Capon
- Wild NYC Ryan Mandelbaum

## Non-fiction

- Concrete Botany: the ecology of plants in the age of human disturbance Joey Santore
- Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants Douglas Tallamy
- Sand County Almanac Aldo Leopold
- Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer
- The Serviceberry Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Free the Land Audrea Lim
- As Long as Grass Grows Dina Gilio-Whitaker
- The Accidental Ecosystem: People and Wildlife in American Cities Peter S. Alagona
- The Death and Life of Great American Cities Jane Jacobs
- Power at the Roots: Gentrification, Community Gardens, and the Puerto Ricans of the  
Lower East Side Miranda J. Martinez
- The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins Anna  
Lowenhaupt Tsing
- Gotham Unbound: the Ecological History of Greater New York, Ted Steinberg
- Learning Environment: Inspirational Actions, Approaches, and Stories from the Science  
Classroom Jared Fox
- Tactical Urbanism: Short-term Action for Long-term Change, Anthony Garcia and Mike  
Lydon
- Mannahatta: a Natural History of New York City Eric W. Sanderson
- Earthbound Farmer's Almanac, Lobelia Commons

## Fiction

- The Dispossessed Ursula K. Le Guin
- Parable of the Sower Octavia Butler
- The Lorax Dr. Seuss
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle

# Poetry

- Devotions Mary Oliver

# Artist's books

- Inventory of Parasite Actions and Soft Diversions Marianne Villiere

# Tree ID (Summer and Winter)

## Books

- *Bark: A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast* by Michael Wojtech
- *Identifying Trees of the East: An All-Season Guide to Eastern North America* by Michael D. Williams
- *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants*, Michael A Dirr

## Zines (available in garden library)

- *Trees New York Urban Bud & Bark Handbook: A xGuide to Winter Tree Identification*
- *Winter Tree Identification Key* by University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point LEAF Program

## Websites

- [NYC Tree Map](#)
- [Green-Wood Cemetery Tree Map](#)
- [Prospect Park Treekeeper](#)
- [r/TreelDentification](#)

## Articles

- <https://nysufc.org/winter-tree-id-bark-buds-and-needle-leaves/2024/01/24/>
- <https://www.nycgovparks.org/learn/trees-and-plants/how-to-identify-trees-beyond-the-leaves>
- <https://naturalareasnyc.org/how-to-identify-5-nyc-trees-by-winter-terminal-buds/>

## Classes

- Trees NY Citizen Pruner class
- Events on NYC Parks calendar

## Apps

- Plant.net (can identify bark)
- iNaturalist