

ECOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES TO LAWN

Meet Us in the Garden Program Series

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Recommended Reading

- *Bringing Nature Home* by Doug Tallamy
- *Garden Revolution* by Larry Weaner
- *Planting in a Post Modern World* by Thomas Rainer
- *Noah's Garden* by Sara Stein



wild strawberry
(*Fragaria virginiana*)

Recommended Websites

- **OSUE BYGL**
<https://bygl.osu.edu/newsletter>
- Doug Tallamy
<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>
- Lake County MUITG presentations
<https://lake.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/videos-0>
- Native Plant Finder ranking butterfly and moth associations by zip code
<https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/about>



Recommended Websites, cont.

- Flowering Bee Lawns Tool Kit by the University of Minnesota Bee Lab
https://www.beelab.umn.edu/sites/beelab.umn.edu/files/floweringbeelawntoolkit_ramer.etal_-_08.13.2019.pdf
- Best practices for the lawn that remains
<http://washington.cce.cornell.edu/horticulture-gardening/lawns-ornamentals/lawns>
- Natural Organic Lawn Care Ohioline factsheet from The Ohio State University Extension
<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-4031>
- No Mow May Challenge
<https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/about>

Where can I buy native plants?

<https://www.ohionativeplantmonth.org/>



Purchase a soil test kit here:

<https://lake.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/university-massachusetts-soil-testing>

General Plant Resources

- Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder
<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Plant Database
<https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>
- USDA PLANTS Database (to determine nativity of plant)
<https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/java/>

Thank you for attending and remember, it's OK not to have a lawn!

