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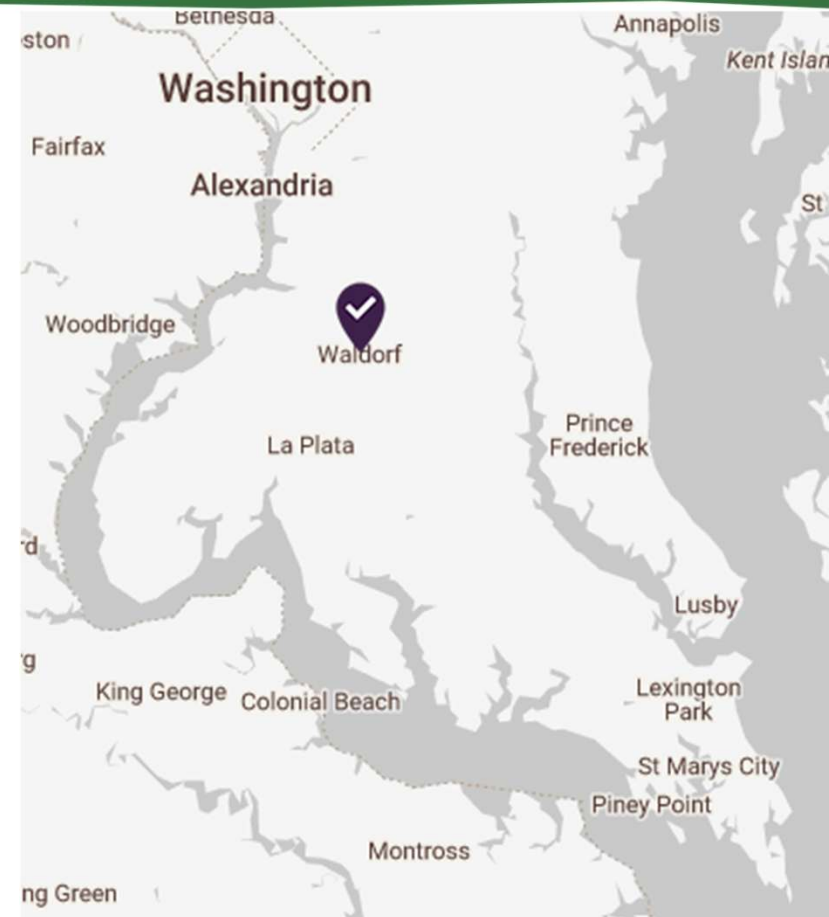
- Our meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm.
- Feel free to introduce yourself and chat while we let others in.
- When the meeting starts, please turn off your video and audio to reduce distractions.
- Please enter questions in the chat; we will pause for Q&A several times.



March 2026 Garden Chat

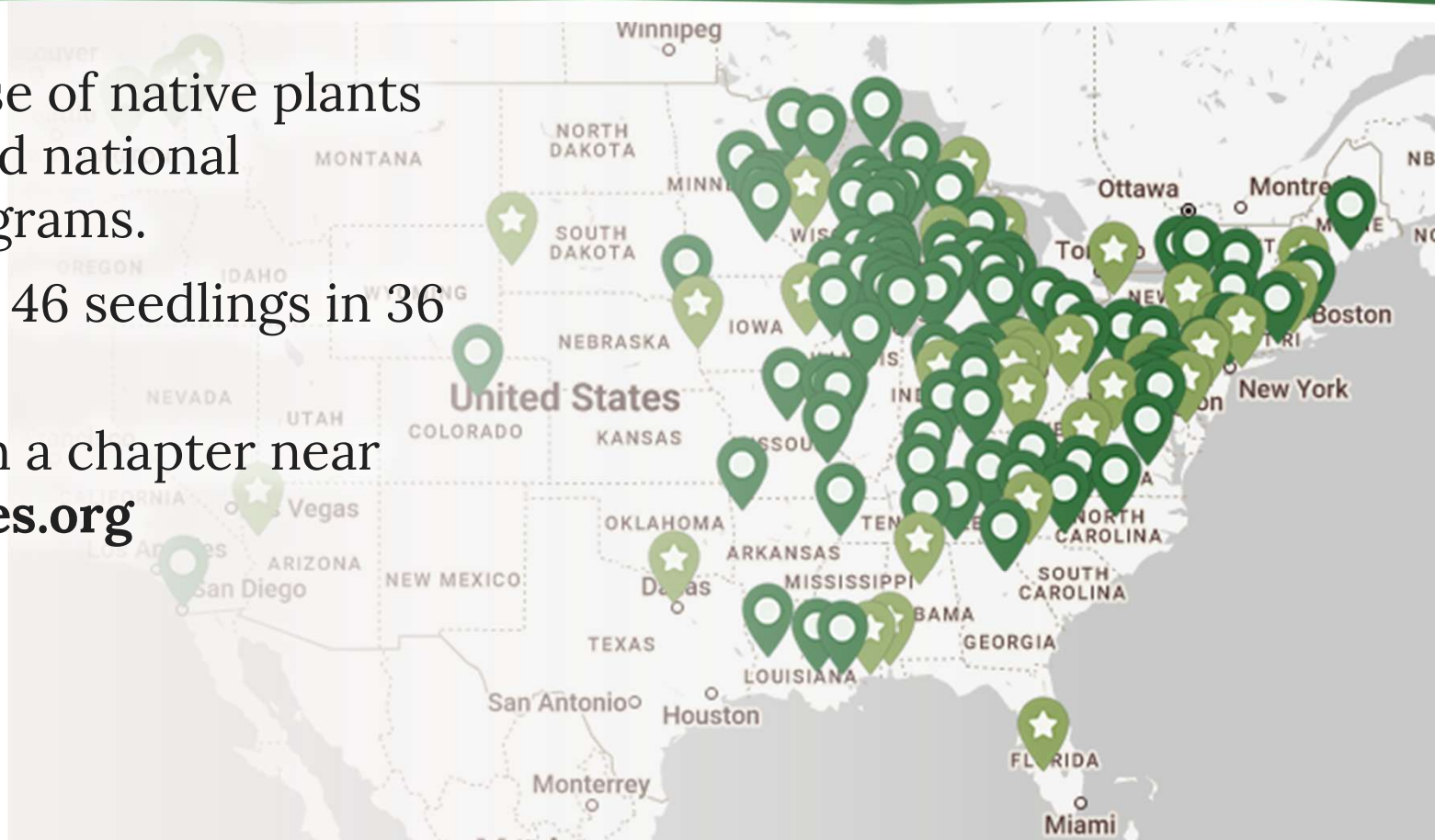
Wild Ones Chesapeake Bay

- Located in Southern Maryland, serving **Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's, Prince Georges, and Anne Arundel** counties
- Connecting people and native plants for a healthy planet through our passion to **educate, advocate, and collaborate** to support the Wild Ones' vision of native plants and natural landscapes thriving in every community

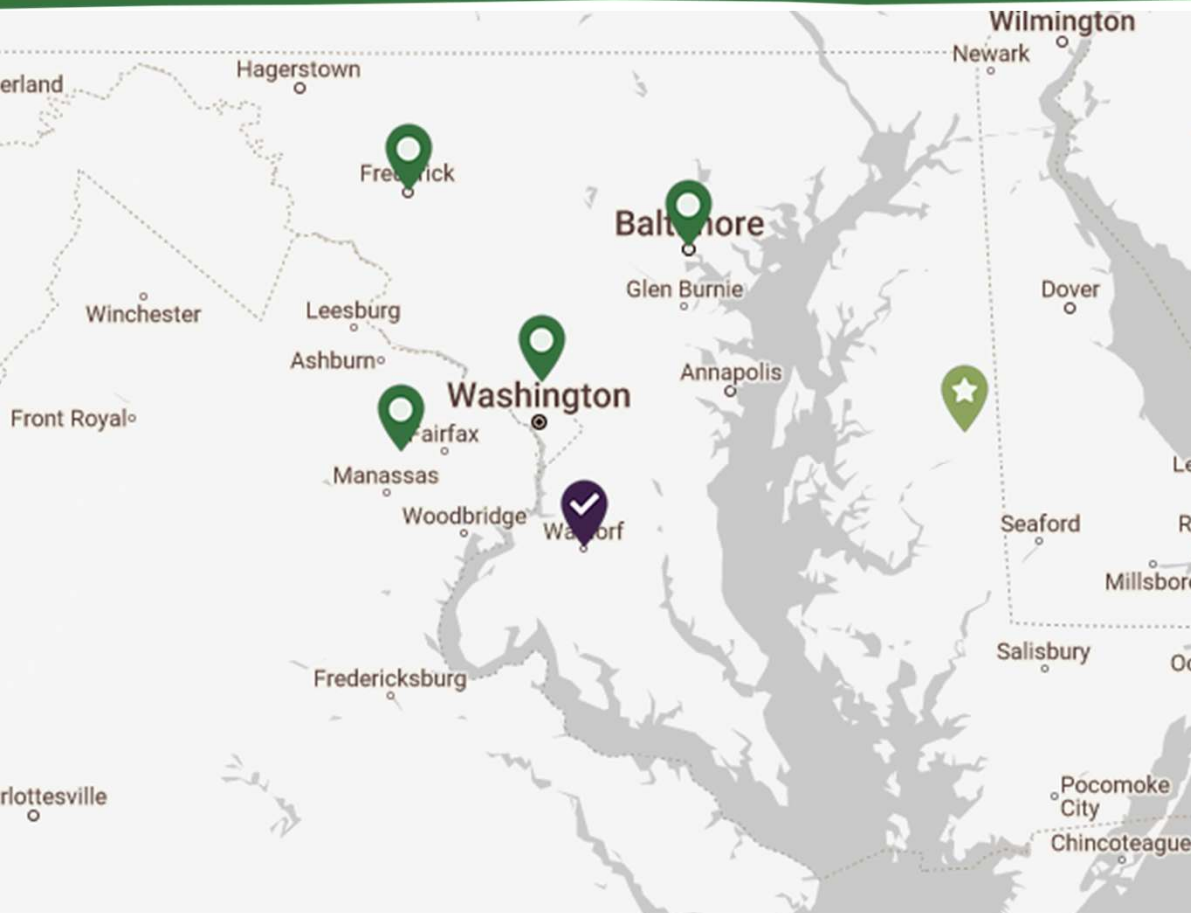


Wild Ones

- Promotes the use of native plants through local and national educational programs.
- 99 chapters and 46 seedlings in 36 states!
- Go online to join a chapter near you join.wildones.org



Wild Ones Chapters in MD



Chesapeake Bay (Southern Maryland)

Delmarva (Eastern Shore)

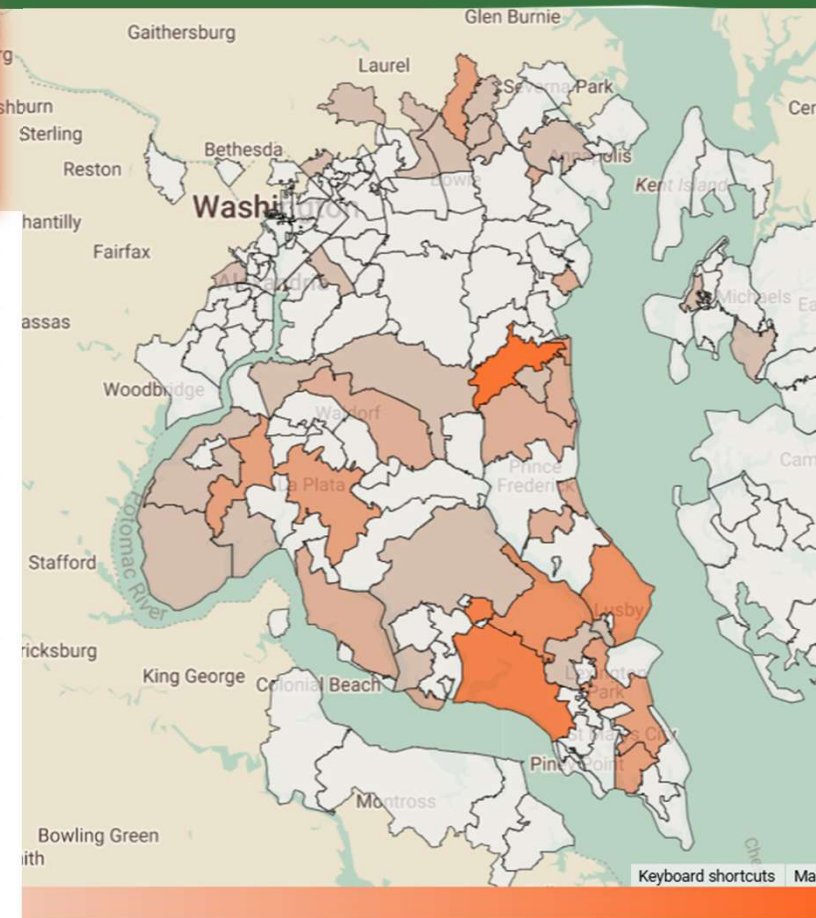
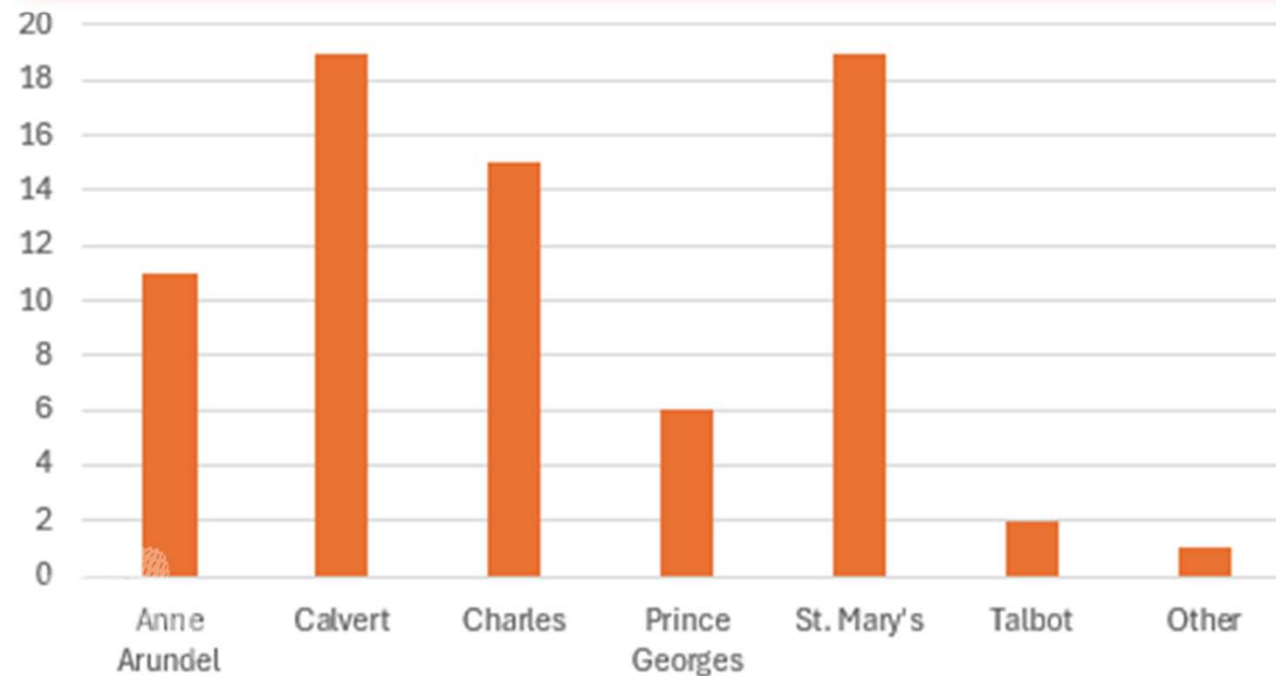
Greater Baltimore

Greater Frederick

Nation's Capital Region

Wild Ones Chesapeake Bay

75 Active Members and growing!



Mission

Wild Ones promotes native landscapes through education, advocacy and collaborative action.

- **Position Statement:** Connecting people and native plants for a healthy planet.
- **Vision:** Native plants and natural landscapes thriving in every community



Photo: Liz Curtz

Core Values

- **Respect** is at the heart of Wild Ones. We have respect for each other, for nature and for the earth.
- We're an **inclusive** community. Diverse voices and backgrounds make us stronger. That's why we welcome everyone to join us.
- We provide **evidence-based information**, because the seeds of change spread most efficiently when grounded in data. We monitor and share the latest evidence-informed strategies.
- We're **action and growth oriented**. Just dig in! We learn, grow, and share our knowledge.

Right Plant Right Place

Native Plants for Home Gardens

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Wild Ones Chapter Updates



Education, Advocacy, Collaborative Action

May 2026 is Native Plant Month in Southern Maryland!

- [State of Maryland](#)
- [Charles County](#)
- [Calvert County](#)
- [St. Mary's County](#)
- [Anne Arundel County](#)
- [Prince George's County](#)
- [Town of Leonardtown](#)



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The State of Maryland Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH
MAY 2026**

- WHEREAS,** *Native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat, and are essential for healthy, diverse, and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water, and stabilizing soils; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Native plants are well-adapted to Maryland's soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and protecting our environment, and adapting to its changes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Native plants provide food, including nectar, pollen, seeds, and foliage, for native birds, caterpillars, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is home to more than 1,255 native plant species, which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1975 governs the legal listing of threatened and endangered species, and includes 199 threatened and endangered plants of Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is important to encourage public awareness about the benefits of Maryland's native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health and sustainability of Maryland's fragile ecosystems; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland recognizes the importance of native plants to our rich biological heritage, and as a source of food for pollinators and native wildlife, and encourages Marylanders to observe Maryland Native Plant Month by removing non-native invasive plants in our yards and communities, planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers, and educating our residents about the many benefits of native plants.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2026 as MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH in Maryland, and do command the observation to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 10 day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-six

[Signature]
Governor
Aurora Miller
Lt. Governor
[Signature]
Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State

The Good Earth Native Garden



“Let this garden be more than a planting. Let it be a promise: to choose plants that give back, to create spaces that welcome life, and to remember that even the smallest actions can ripple outward in powerful ways.”
~ Abby Greenwell, Owner of Good Earth



Native Plant Propagation 2026



[Read the blog](#)



[View Ernst Seeds Native Plant Seedling Gallery](#)

NatureFest 2026

Bigger and better than ever!

In collaboration with



Partners



Save the date for NCAC's 6th annual

Nature Fest

10 AM-3 PM | Saturday, May 30, 2026
College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus

neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org
NCAC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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Wild Ones Chesapeake Bay Volunteer Opportunities

Wild Ones Chesapeake Bay needs your help! We are a 100% volunteer run organization based in Southern Maryland. There are several ways for volunteers to get involved in our vision of native plants and natural landscapes thriving in every community. We are seeking volunteers for our outreach events and our garden workdays. Or perhaps you'd like to assist in other ways.

During Outreach Events, volunteers assist in set up and staffing our outreach table, which typically includes a trifold display board on a topic of interest, plus various outreach materials on native plants, garden design, etc. We also have event specific activities for all ages. No experience needed; we will train you onsite.

During Garden Workdays, volunteers assist in whatever the tasks are for that day, which may include plant division, planting new plants, weeding, mulching, watering, or special projects.

Volunteers Needed





Wild Ones National Updates



Members-Only Resources, Challenges and More...



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Photo: Catherine McKenzie

Annual Member Meeting

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WON Photo Contest



Members Only – Deadline for entries: Wednesday, July 15



In Other News

What's happening around the region?

UME Natives at Noon Series



UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION



MARYLAND
**Native
Plants**
PROGRAM

Natives at Noon

Lunch & Learn Webinar Series

**LIVE
SESSIONS
ONLY**

1st Wednesday
each month
12pm-1pm EST

**FREE
*REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

[LINK TO REGISTER IN CAPTION](#)

novice gardeners & seasoned pros
welcome

- expand your knowledge of native plants
- engage with experts in the field
- earn CEU credits
(Master Gardeners & Master Naturalists)

Dates:

June 3

July 1

Aug 5

Sept 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Time: 12-1 pm



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monthly topics and
to register

Maryland Native Plant Finder

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Learn how to use the tool here



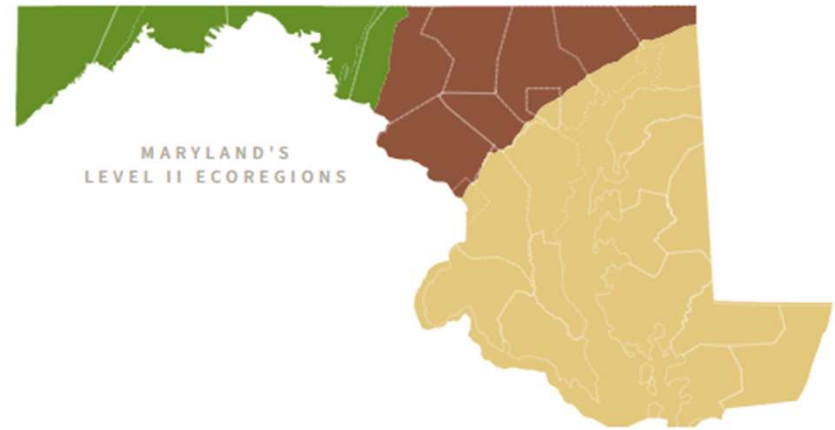
Explore 678 native species

NATIVE PLANT FINDER

Commercial Maryland Native Plants

Where are you gardening?

Select your ecoregion using the labels below.



Not sure? Enter your MD ZIP:

Mountain Ecoregion
Garrett & Allegany counties. Cooler, rockier soils.

Piedmont Ecoregion
Baltimore, Frederick, Harford, Howard counties. Clay-heavy soils.

Coastal Plain Ecoregion
Eastern Shore & Southern MD. Sandy, well-drained soils.



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Chesapeake Bay

Q&A / Discussion





Deeply rooted
in natives....



Education
Advocacy
Collaboration

