

## Part 6-C

### POLLINATOR BOOKS, a sampling of useful texts

#### \* Books at Hanover's Howe Library

\* *Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America's bees and butterflies.* Xerces Society (2011). This book covers all the pollinator bases: reasons for caring, causes of declines, plants, detailed descriptions of key members of the six bee families found in N America, habitat and more.

\* *Bees, Wasps, and Ants: The indispensable role of hymenoptera in gardens.* Grissell, E. 2010. Lots of detail about bumblebee species and description.

\* *Bringing Nature Home: How native plants sustain wildlife in our gardens.* Tallamy, DW. (2007) Biodiversity, connections of plants and animals, with reasons and suggestions for creating increased biomass using native plants. Lists of insects which use native plants as 'host' for larvae. Ideas for reducing lawns with shrubs, trees and flowers.

\* *Butterflies of North America* (Kaufman Focus Guide). Brock, JP; Kaufman, K.

\* *Gardening for Butterflies.* The Xerces Society 2016. Lists of plants that work for nectar AND for larval food (herbaceous – sorted by height, grasses, shrubs, vines and trees). Plants listed are by region, including north east.

\* *100 Plants to Feed the Bees: Provide a healthy habitat to help pollinators thrive.* Xerces Society (2016)

\* *Our native bees: North America's endangered pollinators and the fight to save them.* Embry, P. (2018)

\* *Peterson Field Guide to Moths of Northeastern North America.* Beadle, D; Leckie, S. (2012)

*Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.* Hayes, RF. (2015)

*Pollinators of Native Plants: Attract, observe and identify pollinators and beneficial insects with native plants.* Holm, H. (2014) This unusual text has details and many related photos for specific plants, organized by habitat, with charts for bloom time and requirements for light and moisture, with notes with photos of the specific insects that visit these plants for food or a site for their eggs.

\* *Pollinator Power.* Angel, Heather. Text and photos. (2015). Exquisite photos of plants from around the world, illustrating mechanisms they developed to lure pollinators of all types.

\* *The Forgotten Pollinators.* Buchmann, S; Nabhan, GP. (1996) This classic book provided an early warning about the crisis, with many stories on the decline of specific insects and the resultant declines of the plants they pollinate (or vice versa).

\* *The Living Landscape: Designing for beauty and biodiversity in the home garden.* Darke, R; Tallamy, D. (2014) What happens when you use native plant materials and design with natural communities in mind. Pollinators, and more!

\* *Urban and Suburban Meadows: Bringing meadowscaping to big and small spaces.* Zimmerman, C. (2016) Lots of ideas for what might replace large lawns, how-to plant and maintain a meadow, with emphasis on use of regional native plants. Great charts showing the ecological functions for each plant.

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For identification in the field, books recommended by Sara Zahendra (VT Center Ecostudies)

- *The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees.* Wilson, JS; Messinger-Carril, OJ. (2015)
- *Bumble Bees of North America.* Williams, PH; Thorp R; Richardson, L; Colla, CR. (2014)
- *Butterflies of the East Coast: An Observer's Guide.* Cech, R; Tudor, G. (2007)
- *Caterpillars of Eastern North America: A Guide to Identification and Natural History* (Princeton Field Guides). Wagner, DL. (2005)