

Looking to Increase the Number of Native Plants in Your Garden?

The benefits of growing native species are well documented. These plants have evolved over thousands of years to match local weather, soil and animal life. They help conserve water, support local wildlife and are low maintenance. If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of native plants, please [click here](#).

Sometimes, though, it can be difficult to find a place that offers quality native plants for sale. A great local resource for native plants is NJ Audubon. In addition to holding a native plant sale on the first Sunday of May each year at the Nature Center of Cape May (1600 Delaware Avenue), the Cape May Bird Observatory (CMBO), Northwood Center, right here in Cape May Point has a terrific, free resource available!

If you have recently visited the newly-renovated CMBO at 701 East Lake Drive, you may have noticed a wooden box that looks a lot like a "Little Free Library." The Audubon container, which is located at the top of the steps outside the CMBO front door, actually contains free seed packets for a number of native perennials.

They offer the following free seeds, all of which are vitally important for local insects: *Golden Alexander*, *foxglove*, *purple coneflower*, *three types of milkweed* and *wild bergamot*. Inside the container there is a binder with a QR code that provides care instructions for the plants.

We encourage you to stop by the "Little Free Native Seed Library" so that you can add to the diversity of your wildlife habitat!

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