

# CALVERT COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS GARDENING INFORMATION RESOURCE LIST

## General

**Calvert County Master Gardeners.** Provides detailed information about CCMG programs and events, view our Annual Report.

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/calvert-county/master-gardener>

<https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-02/2019%20CC%20MG%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

**Home and Garden Information Center (HGIC).** Develops and delivers science-based, sustainable gardening and integrated pest management education for better human and environmental health.

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/home-and-garden-information-center>

Send your questions about plants and pests to the gardening experts "Ask Extension" at the University of Maryland Extension. Publications about almost any aspect of gardening are available on-line, Plant of the Month features, invasive species alerts, native plants and much more.

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/home-and-garden-information-center/ask-extension>

**Maryland Master Gardeners.** University of MD Extension. Learn about Master Gardener programs, our vision and our mission. Links to county websites, including Calvert County Master Gardeners.

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/master-gardener-program>

**Maryland Biodiversity Project.** This is an organization focused on cataloging all the living things of Maryland. You can search for plants and animals and you can submit photos for identification.

[www.marylandbiodiversity.com](http://www.marylandbiodiversity.com)

**Soil Testing Information.** Information from University of MD Extension on how to collect samples and where to send.

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/soil-testing-and-soil-testing-labs>

## Native Plant Information

**Calvert County Native Plants- Recommended Trees & Shrubs.** Published by Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, this booklet contains photos and descriptions of plants native to Calvert County.

[https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Plants%20Feb%202011_201204241453195646.pdf)

[03/Native%20Plants%20Feb%202011\\_201204241453195646.pdf](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Plants%20Feb%202011_201204241453195646.pdf)

**Calvert County Native Ferns.** Native Ferns Recommended for Use in Calvert County.

[https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Ferns%20Recommended%20for%20Use%20in%20Calvert%20County.pdf)

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**Calvert County Native Grasses.** Native Grasses for Use in Calvert County.

[https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Grasses%20for%20Use%20in%20Calvert%20County.pdf)

[03/Native%20Grasses%20for%20Use%20in%20Calvert%20County.pdf](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Grasses%20for%20Use%20in%20Calvert%20County.pdf)

**Native Plants.** What Are They? Why Use Them?

[https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Plant%20Brochure\\_0.pdf](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Native%20Plant%20Brochure_0.pdf)

**Chesapeake Natives.** Learn about native plants from this non-profit organization. Visit “Plant Characteristics” to view photos and learn planting information about many native plants. They list their open house days (one per month March – September) when you can purchase native plants.

[www.chesapeakenatives.org](http://www.chesapeakenatives.org)

**Creating a Meadow**

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/habitat/wawildflowers.aspx>

**Maryland Native Plant Society.** Lists native plants, sources for buying them, and plants that should not be planted (are invasive) in our area. A brochure on how to landscape with native plants is available:

<https://www.mdflora.org/publications/gardenersguidelines/gguides.html> and a link to local native plants sales (check back as event list is updated): <https://mdflora.org/plantsales.html>

[www.mdflora.org](http://www.mdflora.org)

**Native Plant Center.** Search for plants native to the Chesapeake Bay region. This is the online searchable version of the publication “Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping – Chesapeake Bay Watershed” (listed below). <http://www.nativeplantcenter.net/>

**Native Plants for Shady Slopes.** Native plant suggestions for shady slope areas – University of MD, Extension.

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/native-plants-shady-slopes>

**Native Plants for Sunny Slopes.** Recommended native plants for sunny slopes – University of MD, Extension.

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/native-plants-sunny-slopes>

**Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping - Chesapeake Bay Watershed.** An excellent source for names of plants broken down by types: trees, shrubs, vines, herbaceous, etc. with planting requirements, wildlife value and photos and discussions.

[www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/pdf/NativePlantsforWildlifeHabitatandConservationLandscaping.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/pdf/NativePlantsforWildlifeHabitatandConservationLandscaping.pdf)

**Native Plant Guide – Northern Neck of Virginia** – Most of the plants in this guide are also native to Calvert County.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a848930cf81e0bad21ebac2/t/5ab16a236d2a73cdc1a16f1b/1521576487674/NorthernNeckNativePlantGuide.pdf>

## [Invasive Plant Information](#)

**Invasive Plants of the Eastern U.S.: Identification and Control.** An incredible resource about all invasive species with lists by species, state and region. Managed by the University of Georgia and USDA.

[www.invasive.org](http://www.invasive.org)

**Maryland Invasive Species Council.** Lists and provides photos and descriptions of all species, including plants, that are invasive in our area and encourages efforts that prevent the introduction of and how to manage the impact of invasive species on Maryland ecosystems. [www.mdinvasivesp.org](http://www.mdinvasivesp.org)

**Nonnative Grasses.** Article discusses commonly used non-natives grasses that have become invasive: <http://piedmontmastergardeners.org/article/ornamental-grasses-easy-beautiful-and-invasive/>

**Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas.** Published by the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Describes non-native invasive plants, their history, and native plants to replace them. [www.invasive.org/eastern/midatlantic/](http://www.invasive.org/eastern/midatlantic/)

**The Nature Conservancy.** Links to “Guide to the Terrestrial Invasive Plants of the Potomac River watershed brochure (at bottom of the webpage).

[www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/maryland-dc/stories-in-maryland-dc/maryland-invasive-species-taking-on-the-invaders-of-maryland/](http://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/maryland-dc/stories-in-maryland-dc/maryland-invasive-species-taking-on-the-invaders-of-maryland/)

**Mistaken Identity – Invasive Plants and their Native Look-alikes.** A guide for the Mid-Atlantic region. [https://www.nybg.org/files/scientists/rnaczi/Mistaken\\_Identity\\_Final.pdf](https://www.nybg.org/files/scientists/rnaczi/Mistaken_Identity_Final.pdf)

## **Gardening for Wildlife, Including Pollinators**

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Nature Conservancy.** The Wildlife Value of A Messy Garden <https://content.yardmap.org/learn/wildlife-value-of-a-messy-garden/>

**Habitat at Home.** Published by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the information is equally useful to Maryland residents who want to create native habitat in their own yards. <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/habitat-at-home.pdf>

**Pollinator Conservation Resources for Maryland – Xerces Society**  
<https://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation-resources/72>

**Native Plants for Pollinators – Mid-Atlantic region.**  
<https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/pollinator-plants-mid-atlantic-region>

**National Wildlife Federation.** Information about creating habitat and protecting wildlife for schools and a home. <https://www.gardenforwildlife.org/s/>

**Plants for Birds. National Audubon Society.** Enter your zip code and receive a list of bird-friendly native plants for your area; shows which birds the plants will help support. Includes trees, shrubs, perennials. <https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

**Planning a Butterfly Garden.** <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/PLANNING%20A%20BUTTERFLY%20GARDEN.pdf>

**Native Plant Pollinator Templates (Howard County MD).** Includes garden templates for various light and soil moisture conditions. <https://www.howardnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Native-Plant-Pollinator-Garden-Templates.pdf>

## **Bay-Wise, Erosion Control, and Rain Garden Information**

**Calvert County Master Gardener Bay-Wise Program.** Invite a team of Master Gardeners to your home to evaluate your landscape and give you advice about native plants, ways to control storm water runoff and other Bay-Wise information. Call UME Calvert County at 410-535-3662 to request a visit or go to <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/ume-bay-wise-program> for information.

**Calvert County Critical Area Information.** Links to critical area brochure, FAQs, form, buffer management. <http://www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?NID=1246>

**Calvert County Critical Area Reforestation Evaluation (CARE) Committee.** Free Trees in the Critical Area program. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/1254/Critical-Area-Reforestation-Evaluation-Committee>

**Critical Area Map locator.**

[https://geocortex.calvertcountymd.gov/Public/Index.html?configBase=http://ccg-gisweb04.ccgext.local/Geocortex/Essentials/Public4120/REST/sites/Critical\\_Area\\_Map/viewers/HTML5\\_4\\_12\\_1/virtualdirectory/R](https://geocortex.calvertcountymd.gov/Public/Index.html?configBase=http://ccg-gisweb04.ccgext.local/Geocortex/Essentials/Public4120/REST/sites/Critical_Area_Map/viewers/HTML5_4_12_1/virtualdirectory/R)

**Calvert County Forest Conservation.** Explains the requirements of the Maryland Forest Conservation Act <http://www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?NID=551>

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation: Bay-Friendly Landscaping.** Links to "Living Shorelines" brochure and information about using native plants, wildlife habitat, city and suburban gardens, etc. [http://www.cbf.org/document-library/cbf-publications-brochures-articles/Living\\_Shorelines011a.pdf](http://www.cbf.org/document-library/cbf-publications-brochures-articles/Living_Shorelines011a.pdf)

**Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council.** Learn the Eight Essential Elements of Conservation Landscaping. <http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/resources/the-eight-essential-elements/>

**The Climate Friendly Gardener.** A guide to combating global warming from the ground up. <https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/climate-friendly-gardener>

**Controlling Soil Erosion and Runoff**

This is the link for Brochure No. 3 "Control Soil Erosion and Rainwater Runoff"  
[http://mda.maryland.gov/resource\\_conservation/Documents/tip3.pdf](http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Documents/tip3.pdf)

**Creating Berms and Swales.**

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/spaces/creating-and-using-berms-in-the-landscape.htm>

<http://aawsa.org/swales-and-berms-1>

<http://www.harvesth2o.com/swales.shtml>

<https://www.landscapingnetwork.com/lawns/berms-mounds.html>

**Creating a Dry Creek Bed.**

<https://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/outdoors/landscaping/how-to-install-a-dry-creek-bed>

**Installing coir logs and erosion control blankets.**

<https://depts.washington.edu/propplnt/Chapters/erosioncontrolchapter%5B1%5D.pdf>

**Landscape Professional Directory.** Look up by your zip code, landscapers that have taken training in sustainable landscaping practices and are Chesapeake Bay Landscape Certified  
<https://certified.cblpro.org/>

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources.** Links to coupons for planting trees  
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Introduction.aspx>

**Protecting Yourself from Mosquito Bites.** University of MD Extension – Effective ways to Controlling Mosquitoes. <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/controlling-mosquitoes>  
**Fact Sheet.** <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/FS811.pdf>  
Calvert County Mosquito Control. <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Mosquito%20Control.pdf>

**Rain Gardens across Maryland.** Step-by-step instructions telling how to create a rain garden, native plants to use to attract birds and butterflies. [https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Rain\\_Gardens\\_Across\\_MD.pdf](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/Rain_Gardens_Across_MD.pdf)

**Rainscaping with Rain Gardens and Ecoscaping.** Chesapeake Ecology Center. Website has diagrams of gardens and lists of native plants used in them.  
<http://www.chesapeakeecologycenter.org/>

**Stormwater Conservation in Your Backyard.** Describes need to control stormwater runoff and how to build a rain barrel. <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/RainBarrelonepagefinal.pdf>

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