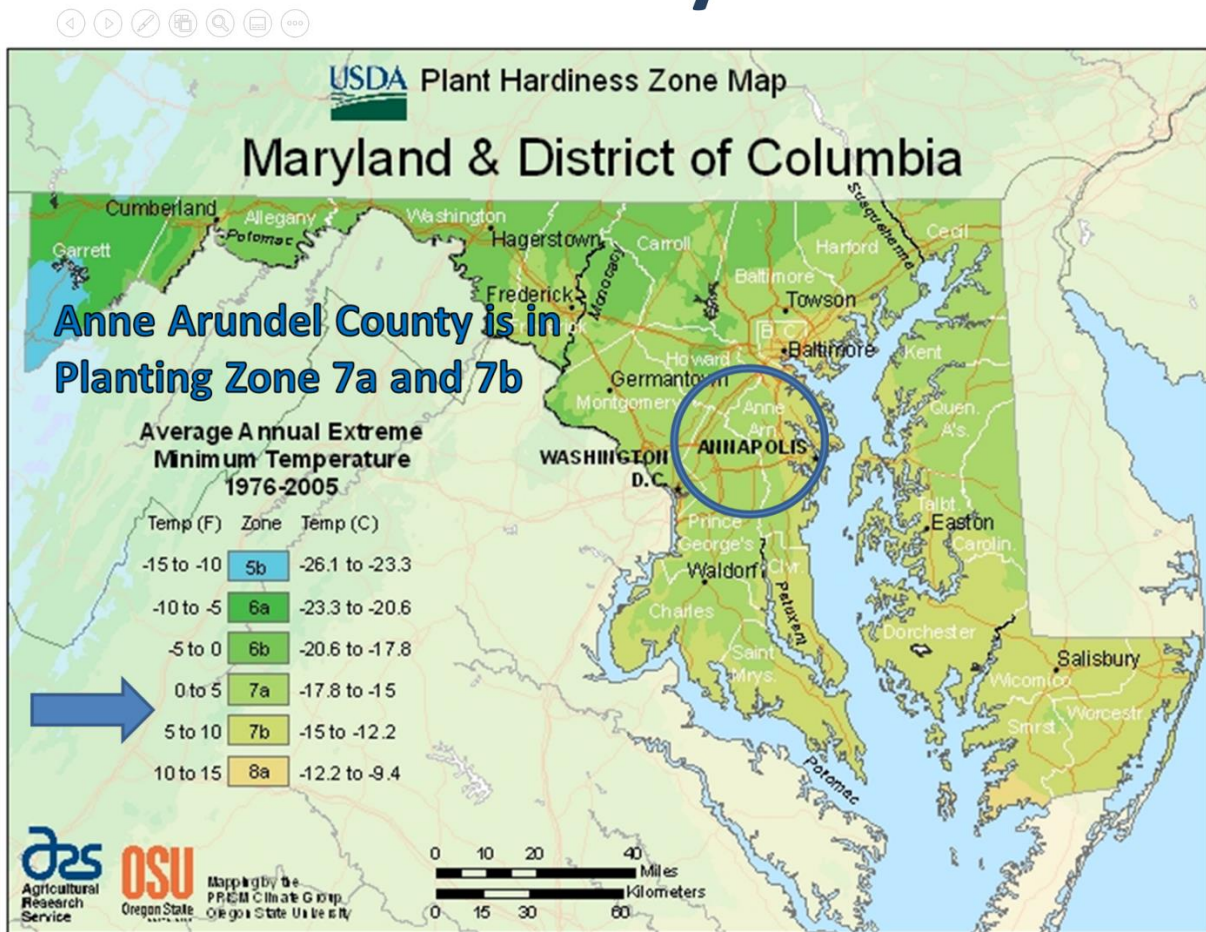


Physiographic Regions of Maryland



Plant Hardiness Zone Maps
Based on the average annual minimum winter temperature

Definitions:

NATIVE PLANT:

A plant that was here before people brought plants from other parts of the world.

A plant that occurred naturally to a region. It evolved with the local climate (temperature, rain, humidity, wind) and fauna and is adapted to local soil.

A plant that needs less water, no fertilizer and is more resistant to disease and insects.

NON-NATIVE PLANT: Introduced intentionally or accidentally by humans.

INVASIVE PLANT: Non-native species likely to cause ecological or economic harm to humans.

AGGRESSIVE: Native plant that has heightened adaptive strategies and can quickly populate an area or outcompete nearby plants

CULTIVARS: Cultivated varieties of plants *can be native or non-native

NATIVARS: Cultivated varieties of native plants

Cultivars do not deliver the same ecological benefits as the straight species and are not considered native plants in conservation landscapes.

Avoid Cultivars That:

Change the color of a plants leaves (usually from green to red or purple); limited benefit to insects, especially caterpillars (they contribute the most energy to the food web)

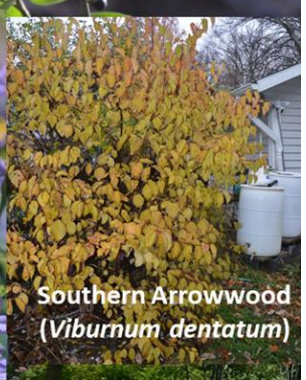
Double flower - these plants are sterile and no longer provide access to pollen or nectar.

Why Are Native Plants Important?

Wildlife needs native plants for food and shelter and to raise their babies (habitat).

Native plants contribute to the biodiversity of the landscape – they support many forms of life.

12 Hardworking Native Plants



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Osprey bringing fish to nest. Credit: Randy Loftus/USFWS

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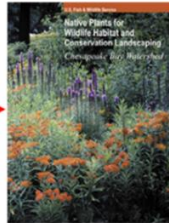
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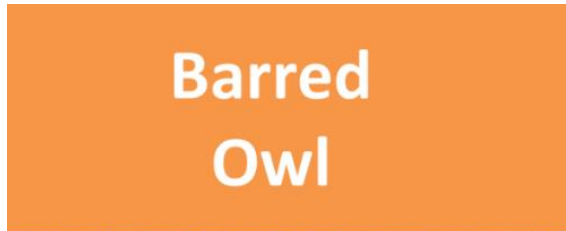
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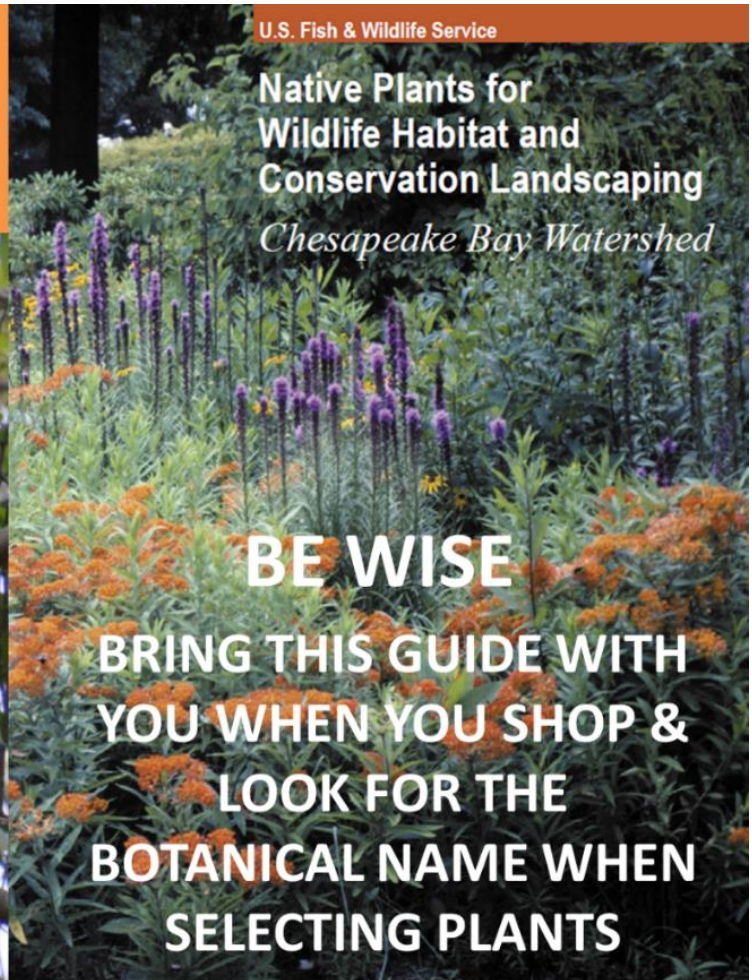


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Barred Owl

Photo: A. Milligan



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Shopping for Native Plants

[How to Shop for Native Plants](#) (PDF, ~84 KB).

Our list of [Native Plant Sources](#), lists nurseries and other plant vendors that have indicated that they sell plants native to our region.

We have a [Shopper's Protest Card](#) you can download and take with you when you go plant shopping. You can give these to the nursery growers to help to encourage them to grow the native plants you want, or to inform them that certain plants are invasive.



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