



Native Plants: Wildlife Eats Local

Butterflies

Butterflies and caterpillars, like the monarchs pictured (right and below), feed on native plants. Many butterflies will eat only native plants. By planting native plants like milkweed, New England Aster, Black Eyed Susan and many more flowering plants that produce the delicious nectar that birds and butterflies like to eat, you can attract them to your wild backyard.



Walking Stick

These cool insects look like twigs and will eat native vegetation before moving into native trees as adults. They are called walking sticks because they look like a stick on a tree. They might be hard to find, so use this picture to help you search!



What will eat these insects?

Things like birds and other insects love to eat the insects found around native plants. One insect that eats other insects is the Carolina Mantis. It is also called a praying mantis (pictured below).



Seed Bugs

These bugs, like the orange and black Large Milkweed Bug (pictured right), eat the seeds of native plants. Instead of chewing and eating like people, these bugs spit into the seed. Their spit digests, or breaks down, the seed so they can drink it up.

