WHAT IS A NATIVE PLANT?

Native plants are those that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region. They have adapted to the geography, hydrology, and climate of the region. Native plants occur in communities, that is, they have evolved together with other plants. As a result, this community of native plants provides a habitat for a variety of native wildlife species such as songbirds and butterflies.

WHY PLANT NATIVES?

* They are simple to care for. Once established, natives don’t need us to water, fertilize or care for them if we choose not to, thus saving water, time and money.
* If you plant those natives used by birds, butterflies and other wildlife you’ll have the pleasure of enjoying these creatures in your yard.
* Natives have a built in resistance to insects and diseases common to the area.
* Many natives have a deep tap root, thus can withstand drought conditions.
* Natives will replace lost food and habitat for native wildlife of all kinds.
* They will bring back ecological balance to the small piece of the planet that you care for.
* Planting native plants will promote biodiversity and stewardship of our Natural Heritage.