

NATIVE WILDFLOWER PLANT SALE

Offering 24 species of wildflowers native to Connecticut's EcoRegion.



WHO:

Wilton High School Organic Garden

WHEN:

Preorder *online only* by Saturday May 1, 2021:

<https://whsorganicgarden.weebly.com/order-your-native-wildflowers-today.html>

WHERE:

Pickup Saturday, May 15th at Wilton High School, 395 Danbury Rd, Wilton, CT 06897.

WHY:

To restore biodiversity to suburban landscapes with genetically native wildflowers that provide habitat and food for pollinators and caterpillars

**In addition to supporting local ecosystems, a portion of every plant sold will benefit Wilton High School's Organic Garden Club and its educational initiatives.*

The Wilton High School (WHS) Organic Garden is excited to announce its 2nd Annual Spring Native Wildflower Plant Sale, which includes a much expanded selection of wildflowers grown from seed collected in our local coastal New England region. This event continues the collaborative work between WHS Organic Garden and Planters' Choice Nursery of Newtown as part of their ongoing participation in the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut's (CT NOFA) Ecotype Project.

In 2019 the WHS Organic Garden became the first high school in Connecticut, as well as New England, to participate in CT NOFA's Ecotype Project, an initiative to address the lack of sources for truly native wildflowers in Connecticut. Currently, most wildflower seeds available originate from the Midwest. Scientists have recently discovered that planting seeds from one ecoregion into a different ecoregion weakens the overall genetics of the wildflower population, even if the species is native to both areas. To maintain healthy wild plant genetics, CT NOFA has created a network of land trusts, organic farmers, scientists, landscapers, homeowners, and nurseries to sustainably collect wildflower seeds locally and grow them for restoration projects and for commercial sale. The WHS Organic Garden is excited to continue its involvement in that partnership by offering these wildflowers to the greater Wilton community.