



Howard County Bee City's
Retail Native Plant Suppliers in MD
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Howard County

Howard Ecoworks Seeds of Change Native Plant Nursery

7301 Waterloo Rd, Jessup, MD • Open Fridays

<https://www.howardecoworks.org/native-plant-sale>

All natives, all straight species*

Lauren's Garden Service & Native Plant Nursery

13554 Triadelphia Rd, Ellicott City, MD • Open daily

<https://www.laurensgardenservice.com/shop-native-plants/>

Almost all natives, straight species & cultivars

Sun Nurseries

14790 Bushy Park Road, Woodbine, MD • Open daily

<https://sunnurseries.com/>

General nursery, natives marked with green labels, straight species & cultivars

Baltimore County

Herring Run Nursery

6131 Hillen Rd, Baltimore, MD • Open Thurs-Sat

<https://bluewaterbaltimore.org/nursery/>

All natives, straight species & cultivars

Carroll County

Wakefield Nursery

1690 Wakefield Valley Rd, New Windsor, MD • Open most days or by appointment

<https://www.wakefieldvalleynursery.com/>

General nursery, natives clearly labeled, straight species & cultivars

Harford County

Kollar Nursery

5200 West Heaps Road, Pylesville, MD • Open daily except Wed by appointment

<https://www.kollarnursery.com/>

Mostly natives, straight species & cultivars

Montgomery County

Tree Talk Natives

11900 Hawkes Rd, Clarksburg, MD • Open most days, appts recommended

<https://www.treetalknatives.com/>

All natives, straight species & cultivars

Prince George's County

Chesapeake Natives

9640 Rosaryville Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD • Curbside pickup only

<https://chesapeakenativesinc.square.site/>

All natives, all straight species

Online Suppliers

Direct Native Plants

Online order & delivery from Middle River, MD

<https://www.directnativeplants.com/>

All natives, straight species & cultivars

Izel Plants

Online order & delivery of native plants sourced from local affiliated nurseries

<https://www.izelplants.com/>

All natives, straight species & cultivars

The Pollen Nation

Online order & delivery from Bridgeton, NJ

<https://www.thepollennation.com/>

Plugs only; all native, straight species & cultivars

Regional Native Plant Sales

Howard County GreenFest

Howard County Community College, Columbia MD

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/community-sustainability/greenfest>

Spring native plant sale, several native plant suppliers participate

Robinson Nature Center Native Plant Palooza

6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia, MD

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/plantnatives>

Spring native plant sale, several native plant suppliers participate

Adkins Arboretum

12610 Eveland Road, Ridgely, MD.

https://www.adkinsarboretum.org/nursery/plant_sale.html

Spring & fall sales; all native, straight species & cultivars

For more native nurseries in MD, VA, & PA, please see the Maryland Native Plant Society:
<https://mdflora.org/nurseries.html>

Learn more about Howard County Bee City USA:

<https://livegreenhoward.com/land/pollinators/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Bee-City-108205277448407/>

***A Note About Straight Species vs Cultivars:**

“**Straight species**” refers to plants that have evolved naturally alongside native insects, birds and other animals. “**Cultivars**” are plants that have been bred or selected for certain traits; e.g., size, color, fragrance, and disease resistance. Cultivars can be identified by the presence of a name in quote marks accompanying the Latin name of a plant, e.g., *Cornus florida* “Appalachian Snow.”

Cultivars of some native species have been found to attract just as many bees and caterpillars, while research has shown that other native cultivars are less helpful to bees, caterpillars and hummingbirds than the straight species. A variety of reasons have been identified: cultivars might flower before or after bees’ active foraging periods, they might contain less nectar, or their coloration might not be as attractive to insects. Cloned cultivars can also limit genetic diversity, as they’re grown from cuttings of the same stock repeatedly and are essentially the same plant.

To ensure the best possible outcomes for wildlife and the environment, we encourage the planting of as many straight species as possible. We recognize, however, that straight species are sometimes hard to access, so we do not discourage the planting of cultivars when availability is limited, and we applaud anyone who is replacing turf and nonnative plants with those that are more helpful to bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife. There are a great many native species of different sizes, shapes, colors and growing conditions: we encourage continued exploration and discovery when searching for appropriate plants for your site.

Check out our Native Plant Garden Templates for inspiration!

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