

The internet provides support for your native gardening habit!



Two types of information presented today:

- ~ resources
- ~ search strategies

Actions that lead to info



Google



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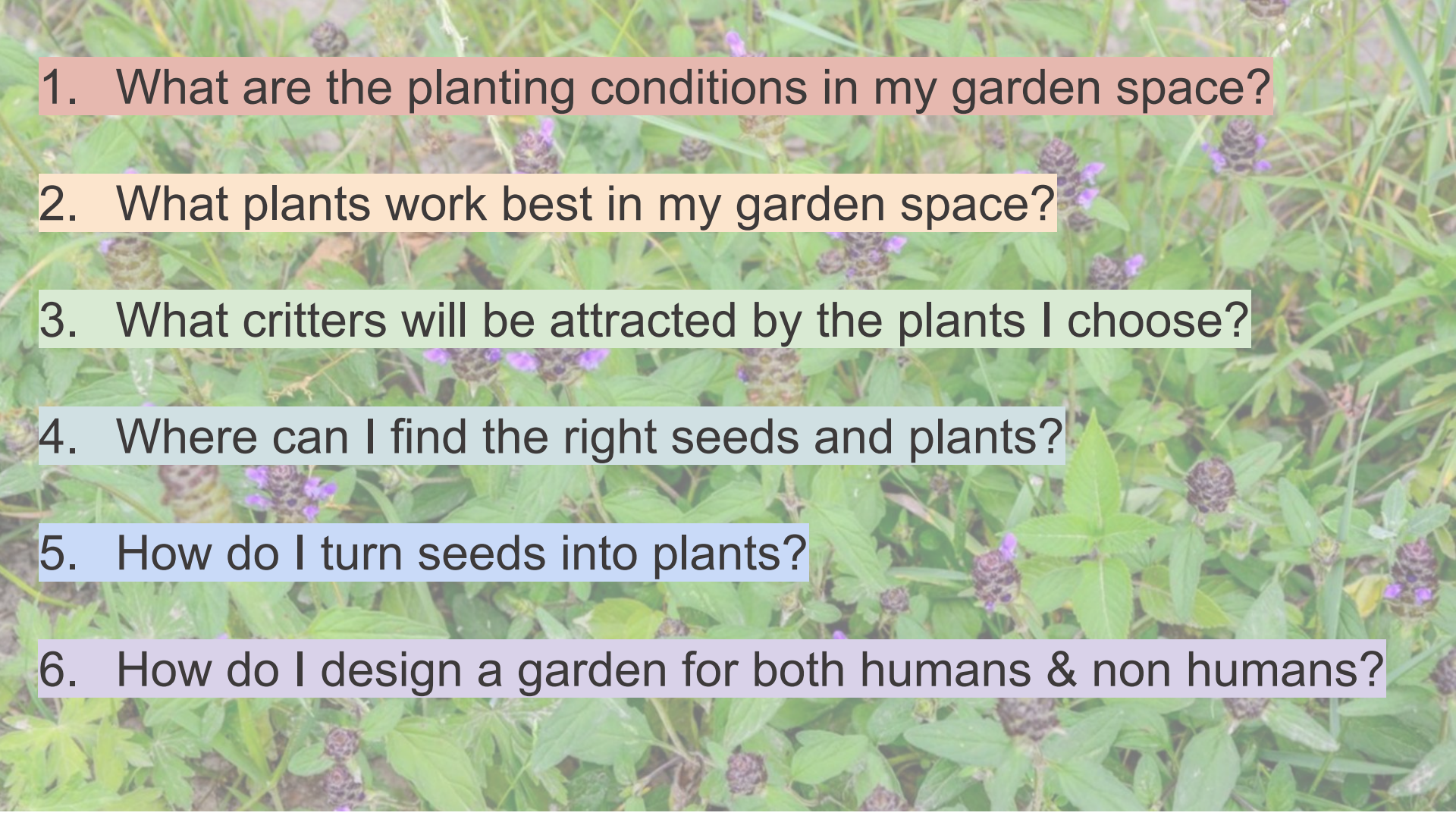
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Sources of information

- ~ native plant nurseries
- ~ county / university extensions
- ~ conservation districts
- ~ conservancies / Tip of the Mitt
- ~ other Wild Ones chapters
- ~ native plant “celebrities”
- ~ wildflower associations
- ~ Dept of Natural Resources
- ~ wildlife organizations
- ~ podcasts
- ~ Youtube
- ~ webinars (sign up - they’ll send recording)
- ~ plant ID apps

A background image showing a dense garden of purple flowers, likely Salvia (Sage), with green leaves and stems. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, some showing the characteristic whorl pattern.

1. What are the planting conditions in my garden space?

2. What plants work best in my garden space?

3. What critters will be attracted by the plants I choose?

4. Where can I find the right seeds and plants?

5. How do I turn seeds into plants?

6. How do I design a garden for both humans & non humans?

1. What are the planting conditions in my garden space?

Soil texture test with a jar or Messy soil texture test

Soil testing - maybe more important for veggies and ornamentals?

Sunlight description and Sunlight map

Natural Community - great plant list once you figure it out...

Waterfront ★ check out all that your MSU has to offer!

(notice sign up for newsletter at bottom - almost every helpful website will do this!)

2 What plants work best in my garden space?

[Keystone plant finder](#)

[Homegrown national park plant finder](#)

[MSU Natural features inventory](#)

[BONAP](#) and [Michigan Flora](#) It doesn't hurt (much) to familiarize yourself with botanical names.

[Native plant nursery website filters will help you find the right plants](#)

★ [Find a plant for your garden space that is unfamiliar to you!](#)

3 What critters will be attracted by the plants I choose?

We want to know how to help the wildlife in our area, so...

Ask Mr Google (choose a phrase from below or write your own)

[“native plants birds”](#)

[“birds native plants”](#)

[“butterflies Michigan”](#)

[“native plants winter shelter”](#)

★ Share something you read that we can do to be good providers.



Click on us too!

3 What critters will be attracted by the plants I choose?

Experts appear on many [podcasts!](#)

★ Use the search function to find more podcasts about going native with Joe Lamp'l

And social media, like [Instagram](#)

And [Youtube](#) ... *adjust playback speed and closed captioning at bottom of screen*



4. Where can I find the right seeds and plants?

Local is best!

- ~ Local landscapers who specialize in native plants
- ~ Local nurseries where you can purchase to plant yourself
- ~ Conservation District plant sales (sign up for newsletters!)

Seeds or plants - all of these have extensive resources for learning!

[Prairie Moon Nursery](#)

[Prairie Nursery](#)

[Izel Native Plants](#)

★ With your neighbor, choose a plant to investigate:

- ~ How are the websites similar and different from each other?
- ~ What did you learn about the plant while comparing?
- ~ Do you have a website preference?

4. Where else can I find the right seeds and plants?

answer: hunt for them out in the wild (with permission / know the rules)

[Seed collecting](#)

[How to Collect and Store Seeds](#)

.... And meet Mr Smarty Plants (scroll to bottom of page)

[Collecting and Cultivating Native Plant Seeds Webinar](#)

5. How do I turn seeds into plants?

Germination codes vary among seed sources!

[How to Grow from Seed](#)

[5 Ways to Winter Sow](#)

[Prairie Nursery](#) [click on *Learn*](#)



6. How do I design a garden for both humans & non humans?

Wild Ones!

Wild Ones again!

Native Plant Landscape Design

Work with Your HOA

Ottawa Conservation District design video

Designing Native Plant Gardens: Minimizing the Error in 'Trial and Error'

Dig plant water repeat

★ Search Youtube for “native garden design” → fun homework!

So...

- ~ Google away, including image search
- ~ Click on links when you're already on a garden / pollinator / bird / conservation website
- ~ "Ask" some favorite gardeners and experts - e-mail them!
- ~ Listen to podcasts / read blogs / watch videos & webinars
- ~ Sign up for newsletters - nurseries, public gardens, conservancies, your local conservation districts, native plant "celebrities"
 - unsubscribe if they don't suit you
- ~ Subscribe / follow - blogs, Youtube, instagram

...NOT LEAST... use MelCat (Michigan e-library) on your library website - practically EVERY BOOK in the state is available to you!



Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium

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Do I want this in my native plant garden? Why or why not?

★ Check out these sources and compare notes with your neighbors.

[LadyBird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

[Illinois Wildflowers](#)

[Origin Native Plants](#)

[Prairie Moon Nursery](#)

[Minnesota Wildflowers](#)