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Fixing Climate Change in Your Backyard (and Frontyard)

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Some General Information

www.aroundtheblockpress.com (*Attack of the Killer Asparagus*)

<https://chicagogardeningawards.org> Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cook> (Cook County Extension)

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/soil_testing_infosheet.pdf (Soil testing info)

<https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/> USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map

www.ag.uiuc.edu/cespubs/hyg/ (U of I Extension Home, Yard & Garden Pest Newsletter)

<https://mortonarb.org/about-arboretum/plant-health-care-report/> (Morton Arboretum Plant Health Care Report)

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/vegguide/> (U of I Extension Vegetable Guide)

Climate Change

<https://climate.nasa.gov/> NASA Global Climate Change

<https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/> How Do We Know Climate Change Is Real? (NASA)

<https://showyourstripes.info/> #showyourstripes

<https://earth.org/climate-change-books/> 25 best climate change books to read in 2023

<https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/chapter/21/> Fourth National Climate Assessment: Midwest

<https://tinyurl.com/ym268jtd> Climate Impacts in the Midwest (EPA)

<https://tinyurl.com/2zocc4yf> You — yes, you! — can help the planet. Start in your backyard.

<https://tinyurl.com/44427826> The Climate Friendly Gardener (Cornell University)

<https://tinyurl.com/56yyy4x2> 101 Ways to Fight Climate Change

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6swu6b> Pollination loss removes healthy foods from global diets, increases chronic diseases causing excess deaths (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)

Nature

www.xerces.org (The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation)

<https://xerces.org/blog/leave-leaves-these-invertebrates-depend-on-it> Leave the Leaves! These Invertebrates Depend On It.

<https://www.humanegardener.com/> The Humane Gardener

<https://cindycrosby.com/> naturalist Cindy Crosby blog

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/management_of_invasive_plants_and_pests_of_illinois.pdf Management of Invasive Plants and Pests of Illinois (Illinois Extension)

<https://www.iucn.org/> International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Plants

<https://www.possibilityplace.com/> Possibility Place Nursery

<https://naturalcommunities.net/> Natural Communities native plants

<https://blazing-star.com/> Blazing Star Ag (seeds, organic farming)

<https://www.prairiemoon.com/> Prairie Moon Nursery

https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/?itid=lk_inline_enhanced-template National Wildlife Federation Plant Finder

https://gardenforwildlife.com/?itid=lk_inline_enhanced-template National Wildlife Federation Plant Store

https://www.audubon.org/native-plants?itid=lk_inline_enhanced-template Audubon Native Plant Database

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/plant-identification-theres-an-app-for-that-actually-several?itid=lk_inline_enhanced-template Best Plant ID Apps

Chicago Botanic Garden Trees for 2050 Adaptive Planting List:

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/tree_alternatives Chicago Botanic Garden Trees for 2050

<https://mortonarb.org/plant-and-protect/trees-and-plants/> The Morton Arboretum Tree and Plant Information

<https://www.mipn.org/> Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN)

<https://tinyurl.com/vpezm7ax> Management of Invasive Plants and Pests of Illinois (IL Ext.)

Compost, food waste and more

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/composting-resources> (IL composting resources)

<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/reducing-impact-wasted-food-feeding-soil-and-composting> Reducing the Impact of Wasted Food by Feeding the Soil and Composting (EPA)

<https://illinoiscomposts.org/> Illinois Food Scrap Coalition

<https://illinoiscomposts.org/haulers-processors/> IFSC Haulers and Compost Processors

<https://www.compostmagazine.com/> Compost Magazine

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/> Feeding America

<https://ampleharvest.org/> Ample Harvest

<https://ampyourgood.com/> Amp Your Good

<https://tinyurl.com/4xstzjtf> How Central Ohio Got People to Eat Their Leftovers (NY Times)

<http://midwestgrowsgreen.org/> (Midwest Grows Green)

<https://www.lawnreform.net/> Lawn Reform Coalition

<https://www.beyondpesticides.org/resources/lawns-and-landscapes/overview> Lawns and Landscapes (Beyond Pesticides)

Some Books:

Bringing Nature Home by Douglas W. Tallamy

Nature's Best Hope by Douglas W. Tallamy

The Nature of Oaks by Douglas W. Tallamy

(more below)

Native Trees for North American Landscapes by Guy Sternberg with Jim Wilson
The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants, an Illustrated Guide By Charlotte Adelman and Bernard L. Schwartz
Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design by Benjamin Vogt
The Tallgrass Prairie: An Introduction by Cindy Crosby
Chasing Dragonflies: A Natural, Cultural, and Personal History by Cindy Crosby
The Organic Lawn Care Manual by Paul Tukey
The Soil Will Save Us by Kristin Ohlson
The Humane Gardener by Nancy Larsen
The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden by Roy Diblik
Month-By-Month Gardening, Illinois, Indiana & Ohio by Beth Botts
The Downsized Veggie Garden: How to Garden Small - Wherever You Live, Whatever Your Space by Kate Copsey
Start a Community Food Garden: The Essential Handbook by LaManda Joy
Fearless Food Gardening in Chicagoland by Teresa Gale and LaManda Joy
The Monarch: Saving Our Most-Loved Butterfly by Kylee Baumlee
Epic Tomatoes: How to Select & Grow the Best Varieties of All Time by Craig LeHoullier
Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening by Deborah L. Martin
Teaming with Microbes, A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web by Jeff Lowenfels and Wayne Lewis
The Seasons on Henry's Farm by Terra Brockman
The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting and Pruning Techniques by Tracy DiSabato-Aust
Weeds: In Defense of Nature's Most Unloved Plants by Richard Mabey
Rodale's All New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening, by F.M. Bradley and Barbar Ellis, Rodale Pres32
The Vegetable Gardener's Bible, by Edward C. Smith
The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan
A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction by Joel Greenberg