Part 6-C

POLLINATOR BOOKS, a sampling of useful texts

* Books at Hanover’s Howe Library

* Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America’s bees and butterflies. Xerces Society (2011). This book covers all the pollinator bases: reasons for caring, causes of declines, plants, detailed descriptions of key members of the six bee families found in North America, habitat and more.


* Butterflies of North America (Kaufman Focus Guide). Brock, JP; Kaufman, K.

* Gardening for Butterflies. The Xerces Society 2016. Lists of plants that work for nectar AND for larval food (herbaceous – sorted by height, grasses, shrubs, vines and trees). Plants listed are by region, including north east.

* 100 Plants to Feed the Bees: Provide a healthy habitat to help pollinators thrive. Embry, P. (2018)

* Our native bees: North America’s endangered pollinators and the fight to save them. Tallamy, DW. (2017) Biodiversity, connections of plants and animals, with reasons and suggestions for creating increased biomass using native plants. Lists of insects which use native plants as ‘host’ for larvae. Ideas for reducing lawns with shrubs, trees and flowers.

* Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Hayes, RF. (2015)


* The Forgotten Pollinators. Buchmann, S; Nabhan, GP. (1996) This classic book provided an early warning about the crisis, with many stories on the decline of specific insects and the resultant declines of the plants they pollinate (or vise versa).

* The Living Landscape: Designing for beauty and biodiversity in the home garden. Darke, R; Tallamy, DW. (2014) What happens when you use native plant materials and design with natural communities in mind. Pollinators, and more!

* Urban and Suburban Meadows: Bringing meadowscaping to big and small spaces. Zimmerman, C. (2016) Lots of ideas for what might replace large lawns, how-to plant and maintain a meadow, with emphasis on use of regional native plants. Great charts showing the ecological functions for each plant.

For identification in the field, books recommended by Sara Zahendra (VT Center Ecostudies)

➢ Bumble Bees of North America. Williams, PH; Thorp R; Richardson, L; Colla, CR. (2014)

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