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## How to Bring Nature into our Landscapes

Wondering how to incorporate the best of what nature has to offer into your landscape? Here are some suggestions for resources.

- **Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants**, by Douglas Tallamy, Timber Press, 2009
- **Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes**, by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West, Timber Press 2015
- **Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change**, by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher, Timber Press, 2016

For more on “plant blindness,” Google the article “Toward a Theory of Plant Blindness” in *Plant Science*, Spring 2001, Vol. 47, No. 1, by James Wandersee and Elisabeth Schussler.

Also, see the classic article titled “Messy Ecosystems, Orderly Frames” by landscape architect Joan Iverson Nassauer. She articulates the problems of integrating natural systems into populated settings. (*Landscape Journal*, Vol. 14, No. 2, 1995)—Kathy Connolly