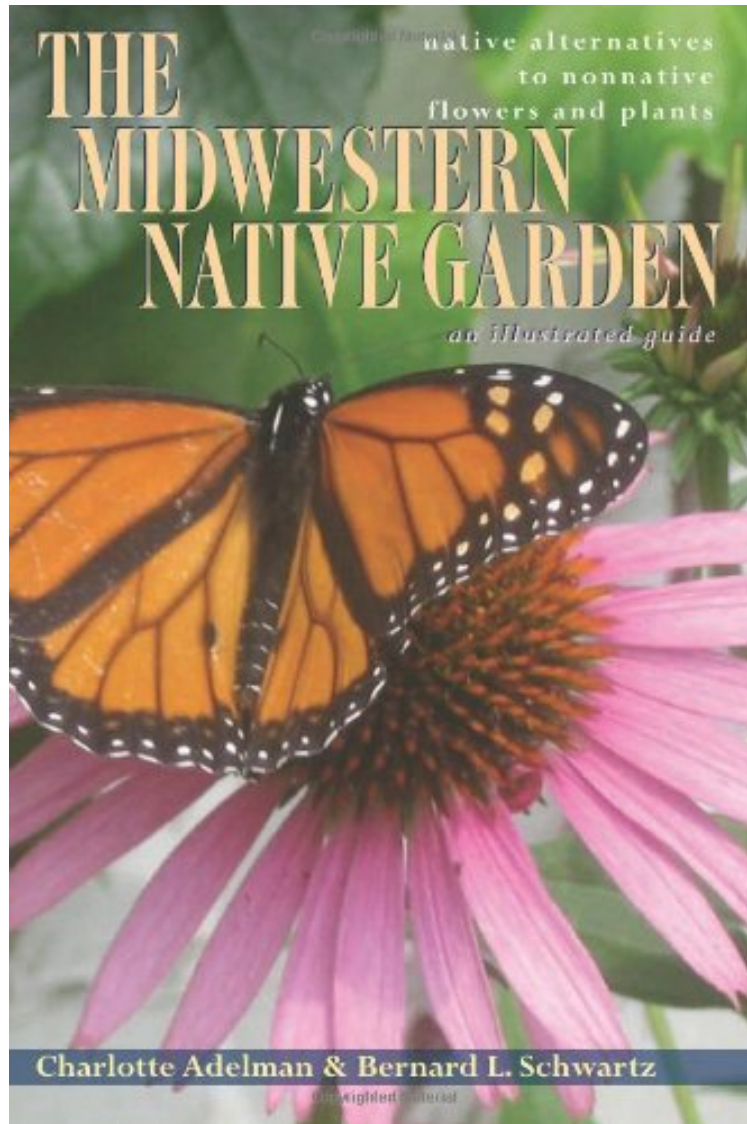


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FlowersBy April FrankeI chose this book(The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers) to help me reintroduce native plants into my gardens and landscape. The lives of our birds, bees as well as a host of other pollinators, depend on native plants. This book provides very useful information, including which are host plants for butterflies. I planned on relying on the index and my Kindle when shopping for native plants. Since my Kindle does not feature colors, I am unable to do this. For those who do, natives are listed in a different color than nonnative plants. This feature is important because plant names can be very similar. Had the asterisk been used to indicate natives, (for e-readers) this downside could have been avoided. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The pictures of both plants and pollinators are excellent. I am using them every day in my ...By Myrita Revel Arranged chronologically, starting with Spring, The Midwestern native Garden gives many native alternatives for every common non-native plant. A few of the suggested native alternatives are well-known native plants, but many are not widely used in our gardens now but should be included more often. The reasons, very clearly explained by the authors, are the needs of native pollinators, on whom so many other creatures, including humans, depend. The pictures of both plants and pollinators are excellent. I am using them every day in my gardens walks. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Passionate for NativesBy Ramona P The Nature Institute, Godfrey, IL had a great power point presentation and discussion by Charlotte and Bernard last weekend. The book is going to be a great resource for our members and friends. Their passion for natives is obvious! Their knowledge is vast. Love the preface of the book. I have done the same thing in my gardens.

Winner of the 2012 Helen Hull Award, presented by the National Garden Clubs. Midwestern gardeners and landscapers are becoming increasingly attracted to noninvasive regional native wildflowers and plants over popular nonnative species. The Midwestern Native Garden offers viable alternatives to both amateurs and professionals, whether they are considering adding a few native plants or intending to go native all the way. Native plants improve air and water quality, reduce use of pesticides, and provide vital food and reproductive sites to birds and butterflies, that nonnative plants cannot offer, helping bring back a healthy ecosystem. The authors provide a comprehensive selection of native alternatives that look similar or even identical to a range of nonnative ornamentals. These are native plants that are suitable for all garden styles, bloom during the same season, and have the same cultivation requirements as their nonnative counterparts. Plant entries are accompanied by nature notes setting out the specific birds and butterflies the native plants attract. The Midwestern Native Garden will be a welcome guide to gardeners whose styles range from formal to naturalistic but who want to create an authentic sense of place, with regional natives. The beauty, hardiness, and easy maintenance of native Midwestern plants will soon make them the new favorites.

At last, an idea whose time has come! This is the only book I know of, for the Midwest, that systematically suggests native plants of similar appearance and growing requirements, to replace nonnatives we might otherwise plant in our landscapes. Importantly, The Midwestern Native Garden alerts the reader to the natives unique roles in attracting and sustaining increased biodiversity in our gardens. Maryann Whitman, Editor, Wild Ones Journal