



Indiana Native Plant Society

You may be interested to know what the Indiana Native Plant Society, along with its seven regional chapters, is able to accomplish thanks to the generosity and support of members, conference sponsors and other donors.

Educate

- ◆ Produce quarterly *INPS Journal*, which was honored to become part of Harvard University's Biodiversity Heritage Library
- ◆ Maintain website that is deep, broad and informative. Click [here](#) to view.
- ◆ Maintain Facebook page, the "Go To" place for answers to native plant questions
- ◆ Established an INPS YouTube channel
- ◆ Produce and distribute free and downloadable brochures on [invasive plants](#) and [identifying and using native plants](#)
- ◆ Conduct Annual Conference on wide variety of subjects presented by national and local experts sharing their knowledge and perspectives
- ◆ Offer webinars on topics such as orchids, ferns, sustainability, Integrated Pest Management strategies
- ◆ Raise public awareness of devastation caused by introduced invasive pest plants

Connect with Youth

- ◆ Published *Wake Up, Woods*, a prize-winning book for young children which also appeals to every age
- ◆ Developed "Plant Wizard Patch," a mark of achievement regarding nature and plant-related projects and experiences
- ◆ Provide Letha's Youth Outdoors Fund grants for outings and projects that bring Indiana youth into intimate contact with nature and the natural environment

Promote Biodiversity and Use of Native Plants

- ◆ Initiated "Grow IN Natives" certification and continue to support
- ◆ Recognize retail outlets that promote sale of native plants; feature them in the [Buy Natives Directory](#)
- ◆ Assist with incorporating natives in public spaces such as the Eiteljorg Museum and Butler University's Holcomb Gardens
- ◆ Rescue native plants from habitat destruction
- ◆ Conduct live and virtual native plant auctions

Advocate

- ◆ Eliminated nursery sale and distribution of many terrestrial, invasive plant species
- ◆ Sponsor invasive plant removal through periodic "Weed Wrangles"

- ◆ Promote conservation initiatives and encourage legislation that protects the environment

Actively Involve

- ◆ Host tours of private gardens and public lands
- ◆ Coordinate springtime “Florathon” to raise funds and encourage personal connections with native plants
- ◆ Sponsor coach trips to biodiverse regions of special interest
- ◆ Initiate garden tours to homes, churches, and businesses that demonstrate the use of native plants in the landscape
- ◆ Encourage general public to plan gardens using native plants
- ◆ Organize hikes and excursions led by experts to nature preserves, demonstration gardens, and research sites from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River and beyond

Support and Collaborate

- ◆ Support scientific research through INPS biodiversity grants
- ◆ Sponsor Indiana Native Seed Communities
- ◆ Support projects statewide with grants to organizations which purchase and protect land, produce documentaries regarding Indiana’s natural heritage, save wooded ravines from invasive species and support research into the biocontrol of garlic mustard
- ◆ Partner nationally with Xerces Society and The Nature Conservancy and statewide with land trusts, Indiana Native Plant Alliance, Indiana Wildlife Federation, Butler University’s Center for Urban Ecology and Sustainability, Friends of the White River, Environmental Education Association of Indiana, Hoosier Environmental Council, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves, Environmental Protection Agency, county Soil and Water Conservation Districts, neighborhood homeowner associations, garden clubs, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), green sanctuary initiatives, community gardens, and local parks and recreation areas

