

Our March program (in conjunction with Village Garden Club), “Gardeners Guide to Native and Invasive Plants” was cancelled out of necessity due to the Covid-19 virus. However, we can still learn something on our own about the topic, yes? The Seed Library has put together a few links for you to click on as a substitute for “our regularly scheduled programming.” So, in case you find yourself with a little extra time on your hands.....take a deep dive into:

“What are Invasive Plants” by Grow Native Massachusetts:

<https://grownativemass.org/Know-Your-Landscape/invasive-plants>

Here’s a list of invasive plant species to keep on the lookout for from Mass Audubon:

<https://www.massaudubon.org/learn/nature-wildlife/invasive-plants>

A short video on practical steps to fight invasive plants in your yard and community:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Js4fs8kLmjU>

Why grow native plants? Here’s some really interesting information from Mass Audubon, including a link to a four-minute informative (and colorful!) video.

<https://www.audubon.org/content/why-native-plants-matter>

As spring progresses, one of these open-air nurseries might make a safe and pleasant field trip as a source for native plants if the lockdown eases.

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/nurseries-seed>

Or for an online-ordered and home-delivered option: <https://www.northeastpollinator.com/>

While confined, let your imagination soar, and spend your extra time planning a fabulous and calming native garden to help yourself, this lovely planet, and its fabulous creatures.

Also, a video tutorial by a physician on how to make groceries coming into your home as safe as possible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjDuwc9KBps>

On the lighter side, here is an image sent to me by a friend in Vermont, showing an early sprouting crop that she’s excited about: <https://drive.google.com/drive/recent>

Humor will help us through this challenging time.

For the Board of Village Garden Club by Cheryl McKeough, Recording Secretary