



Plants for Pollinators: A Native Garden Tour

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Join us for Plants for Pollinators: A Native Garden Tour

- **When:** Saturday, October 18th 9am - 1pm
- **What:** A day celebrating spaces created to support birds and wildlife
- **How:** Visit, observe, and learn at 8 excellent bird-friendly spaces in Houston
- **Where:** Houston, TX



Harrison Residence

Location | 1828 Ridgecrest Dr. Houston Tx 77055
Description | Peaceful wildflower garden featuring basket flower, goldenrod, and bird bath



Saul Residence

Location | 2410 Keene St Houston Tx 77009
Description | Creative and artistic design in the heart of the city.



HPARD ER and Ann Taylor Park

Location | 1850 Reed Rd. Houston Tx 77051
Description | Historical park with oak forest and in-progress restoration understory



Black Residence

Location | 5115 Mimosa Dr. Bellaire Tx 77401
Description | Bird garden oasis featuring high diversity of native flowers and grasses



Adesokan Residence

Location | 5738 Hummingbird St. Houston Tx 77096
Description | Whimsical garden cared for since the owner was just a child!



Gallevo Residence

Location | 5478 Loch Lomond Dr. Houston Tx 77096
Description | Impressive and ever changing native garden featuring high diversity of grasses and flowers



Kolter Elementary School

Location | 9710 Runnymede Dr. Houston Tx 77096
Description | Outdoor classroom garden designed by professional landscapers.



9 Natives Garden, HMNS

Location | 5555 Herman Park Dr. Houston TX 77030
Description | Demonstration garden composed of 9 essential native Texas Plants





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Lovie Harrison Residence

1828 Ridgecrest Dr. Houston Texas 77055



It all started when I attended the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) November plant swaps - what fun, brought home a "few" beauties - American Basket, Inland Sea Oats, Golden Rod, Blue Mist flower, Indian Blanket & more! "Oh, Peter" I said "I'll just put them in this one little spot" "OK, but let that be the end of it, just that one spot!" Peter said in his firm English accent!



Well, that was many MANY years ago - maybe 15 or more? Anyway , ya know how Native plants are such rascals & decides to go where the wind blows - right? They've blown ALL over my front yard, back yard, my neighbors yard & some have even popped up across the street! How Divine - - come bees, come birds, come butterflies, come lizards, come frogs, come dragonflies - I have the most perfect, peaceful & safe place for you ALL. I LOVE NATURE & I do believe NATURE is lovin' me back ❤️🌱





Cory Saul Residence

2410 Keene St. Houston TX
77009



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2410 Keene St is a native plant and kitchen garden in Near Northside. The home belongs to a horticulturist at Houston Botanic Garden, so the garden is a never ending project of spontaneous and imperfect experimentation. Notable spaces include the streetside drainage ditch, which has been re-wilded with Gulf Coast Prairie plants, the greenscreen thicket on the south side of the lot, the live oak canopy with epiphytes, and the cactus mounds.

Prioritizing biodiversity has led to many notable insect and bird sightings, as well as exciting volunteer flora. The design of the garden is responsive to microclimates yet as fluid and wild as the plants that inhabit it. The gravel path borders, which are made of broken concrete and bricks, were sourced from the site itself.





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ER and Ann Taylor Park, HPARD

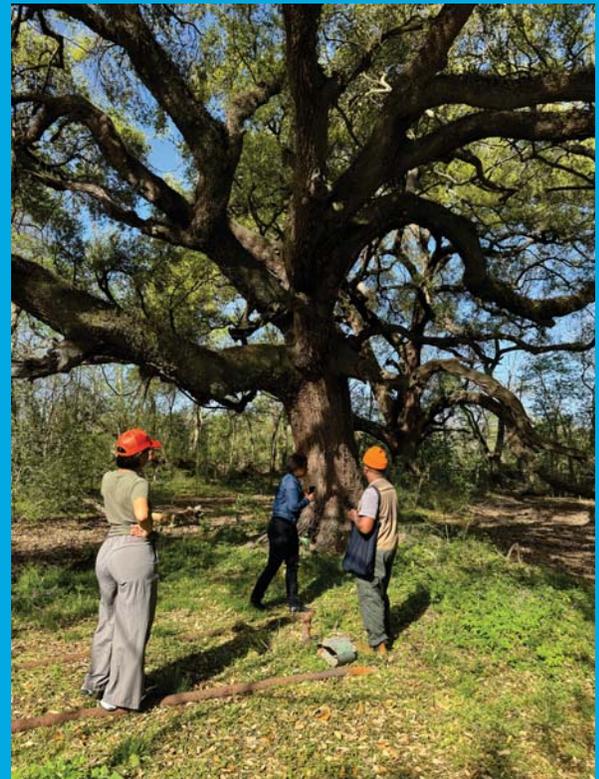
1850 Reed Rd. Houston TX 77051



This historical park maintained by Houston Parks and Recreation Department has been given a conservation makeover, with uncontrolled underbrush removed to make way for native plants grown in the Houston Audubon and HPARD Native Nurseries



Ann Taylor, whose descendants help to care for the property and educate the public, lived on and owned the property from 1870. Come see how progress in native landscape restoration could look in your own backyard, while celebrating Ann Taylor and the ancient trees she planted so long ago.





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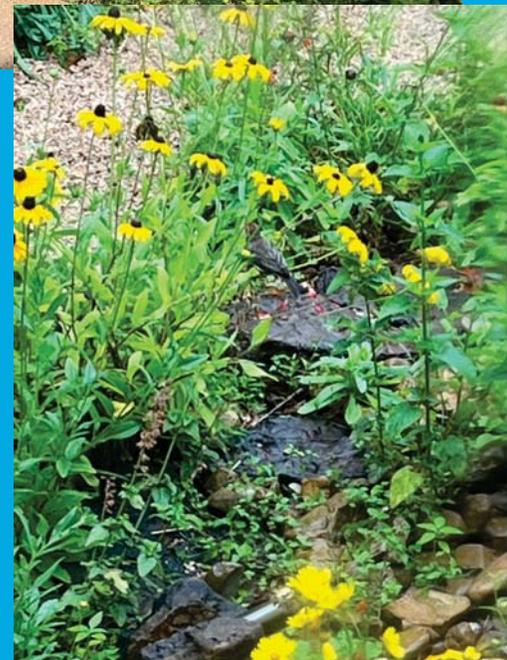
Betsy Black Residence

**5115 Mimosa Dr. Bellaire TX
7401**

In my garden I have E. Gamma grass, Indian grass, gulf coast muhly, rattlesnake master, button bush, beauty berry, coral berry, river birch, lantana and a lot more native plants.



I started this garden in 2015 and it started taking off the next year. It is always evolving because I add new plants and also like to redesign it occasionally.





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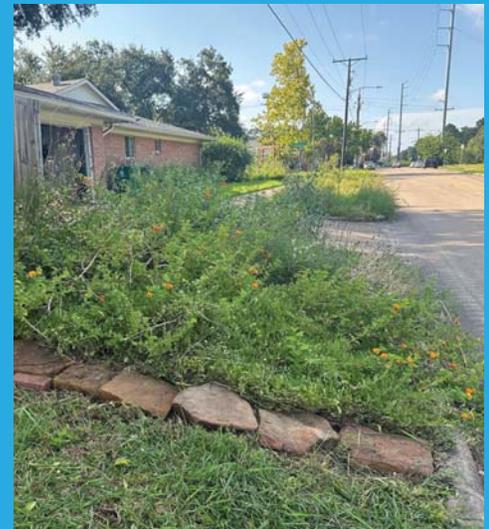
Doreen Gallevo Residence

5478 Loch Lomond Dr.
Houston TX 77096



Since then, it's been a constant evolution. I've expanded and edited those original plantings, tackled a hell patch on the northwest side of the property, and added a rain garden along the east property line. I've been slowly filling in the backyard with understory trees, shrubs, and shade-tolerant forbs I've been experimenting with.

Right now, my biggest challenge is the west-side hell strip. After a drought wiped out most of the grass, I started plugging in native grasses, forbs, shrubs, and ground covers. The grass is trying to come back—mostly King Ranch bluestem—but I've got a new plan to help the good stuff win out. It's all a work in progress, but every corner tells a story





Safiyyah Adesokan Residence

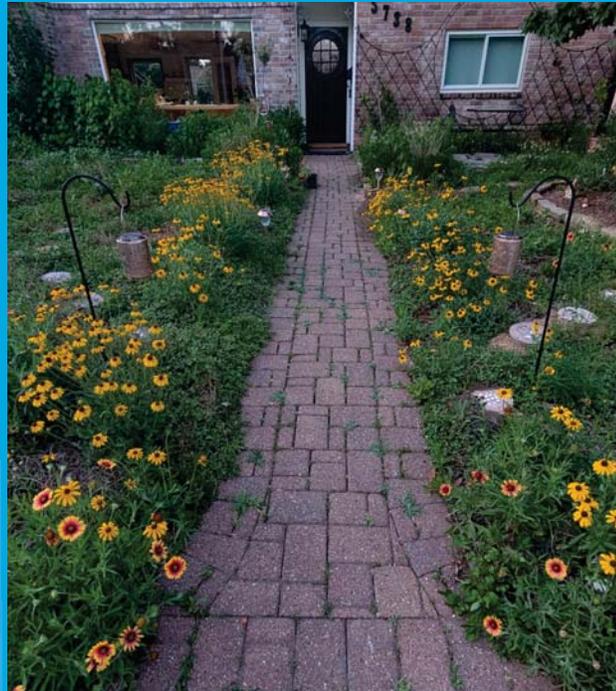
**5738 Hummingbird St.
Houston Tx 77096**

Involvement with local organizations like the Texas Master Naturalists- Gulf Coast, Native Plant Society of Texas- Houston, and of course Houston Audubon- guided how we planned our garden.



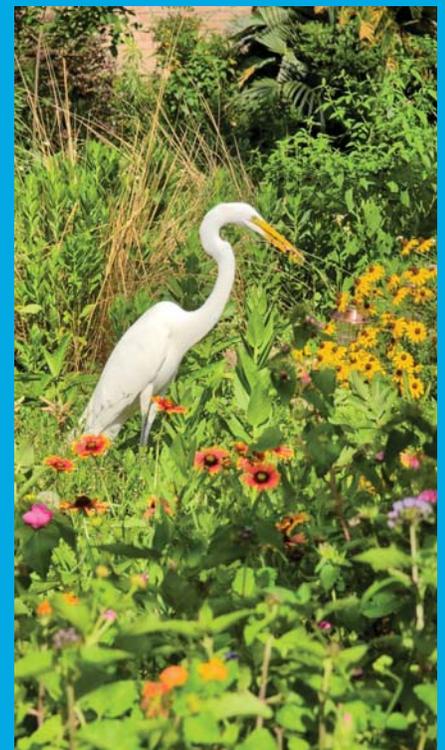
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This season marks year 2 of our native plantings, we have strived to stick to Harris county native species with local eco types that best serve our native wildlife. We have also incorporated water features, a back yard rain garden, as well as screech owl and bat boxes.

I grew up in this house... Our lawn has evolved so much from what it was in my childhood- once St. Augustine lawn with cultivated landscape plants, boxwoods, knock out roses, crepe myrtle, bougainvilleas, the plants were alive but the lawn was a ecologically dead. Now I love seeing and sharing this space with all the wildlife that calls this place home too, and we're spotting more hummingbirds than ever before!





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The Grassroom is Kolter's unique outdoor learning space, designed to engage students in hands-on exploration, environmental education and community collaboration

Kolter Elementary Grassroom Garden

9710 Runnymede Dr.
Houston TX 77096



From planting gardens to studying ecosystems, students experience learning that grows beyond the classroom walls.

