Organic & Native:
What
Why
& How

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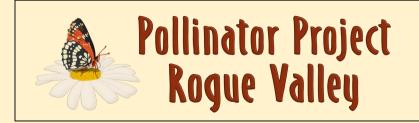




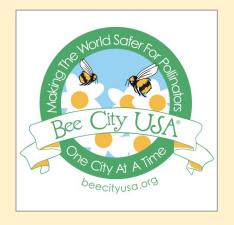
Gardener: Heirloom Garden at North Mountain Park

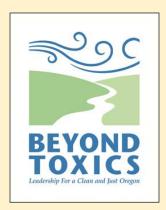
Resources:

- https://ashlandorgardenclub.org/ca tegory/pollinator-gardening/
- https://ashlandorgardenclub.org/ca tegory/wildflowers-native-plants/



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Today's Topics:

- What does "organic" mean?
- **What** does "native" mean?
- Why grow organic & native gardens?
- **\Delta How** can we make a difference?
- Learn More: Resources (links) & Presentation Pdf
- Conversation



Sweat Bee on Bolander's Sunflower

Organic: What Does It Mean? Per Oxford Languages

Or·gan·ic /ôrˈganik/

adjective

- relating to or derived from living matter.
 "organic soils"
- 2. (of **food** or farming methods) produced or involving production without the use of chemical fertilizers, **pesticides**, or other artificial agents.

"organic farming" "organic gardening"



Why Organic?

• To eliminate "synthetic" **pesticides** that can harm people, pets, pollinators, birds, aquatic creatures, and more



A Beyond Pesticides Factsheet - A Beyond Pesticides Factsheet - A Beyond Pesticides Factsheet - A Beyond Pesticides Factsheet

Health Effects of 40 Commonly Used Lawn Pesticides

J	BEYOND PESTICIDES	Health Effects						
	www.beyondpesticides.org	Cancer	Endocrine Disruption	Reproductive Effects	Neurotoxicity	Kidney/Liver Damage	Sensitizer/ Irritant	Birth Defect
	Herbicides							
ı	2,4-D*	X ⁴	X ¹⁰	χ ⁷	Xs	Xª	X1	X11
	Atrazine ¥	Xa	Xe	Χs	X11	X11	X11	Xs
	Benfluralin	X¹	X1			X ¹	X ¹	7
	Bensulide				χ²	X ¹	X ²	
	Clopyralid			X ⁷			X ⁷	x ⁷
	Dicamba*	Possible ¹⁵		X ¹	χ²	χ²	X ¹	χ¹
	Diquat Dibromide			X ¹²		X ¹¹	X ¹	
	Dithiopyr					X	X ¹	
	Fluazipop-p-butyl			X1		χ¹		X ¹
3	Glyphosate*	X ¹²	X ⁸	X1		X ⁸	X1	X7
	Imazapyr	Suggestive ^{7,8}				x²	X ²	
	Isoxaben	X ³				X ²		Possible ²¹
	MCPA	Possible ¹⁹	X ⁶	X ²	X ²	X ¹¹	X ¹	
	Mecoprop (MCPP)*	Possible ³	X ⁶	X ²	X1	X ⁹	X ¹	X ¹
	Oxadiazon	X3	X1	X ¹	Possible ²²	X ¹		X ¹
	Oxyfluorfen	Y ³		X11		X ¹¹	X ¹¹	X ¹¹
ľ	Pendimethalin*	Possible ³		X ¹		X ⁹	X ²	X ²
ı	Prodiamine	X ¹	Suggestive ¹	Possible ¹⁶	X ¹			Possible ¹⁶
	Sulfentrazone			X ¹³	Possible ¹³		X ¹³	X ¹³
	Triclopyr			x ⁷		X ⁹	X ¹	x ⁷
ı	Trifluralin	Possible ³	X ⁹	x ¹	X ²³	N ²	y ¹	
ľ	Insecticides							
	Abamectin/ Avermectin B1			X ¹¹	X ²¹			X9
	Acephate*	Possible ³	X ⁶	X ¹¹	X°		X ²	
ì	Bifenthrin*†	Possible ³	Suspected ^{6,10}		X ⁸		X ¹	X ⁹
i	Carbaryl	x³	X ¹⁰	X ⁸	X ¹	X ¹¹	X ¹¹	x ⁷
ì	Cyfluthrin†	^	Possible ¹⁷	X ₀	X ₀	X ₃	X ₀	^
ľ	Deltamethrin †		X ¹⁰		X ⁸		X ⁹	
ì	Fipronil	Possible ³	X ⁶	X ⁸	X ⁸	X ⁸	X ⁸	
ı	Imidacloprid #	1.000000	X ⁶	x ²	Possible ¹⁸	x ²	^	x ⁷
ŀ	Malathion*	Probable ¹²	X ¹⁰	X ¹¹	χ ⁹	x ²	x ²	x ²
ł	Permethrin*†	X ³	Suspected ^{6,10}	X ^{1,7}	X ^{7,9}	x°	X ¹	^
ŀ	Trichlorfon	X ³	X ⁶	X	X ²	X ²	X ¹¹	X ²
ŀ	Fungicides		X	X	X	X	X	X
	Azoxystrobin		<u> </u>			X ²	X ²	i i
1	Chlorothalonil	X ₃		X7	X14	X X ⁹	X X1	
	Metalaxyl	Possible ²⁰	Possible ²⁰			X ₉	X ¹	
j	Myclobutanil		Probable ⁶	X ²		X ²		
	Propiconazole	Possible ³	X ⁶	X ²		X ¹	X ¹	
ì	Sulfur β	10331010		^		^	X ¹	
	Thiophanate methyl	X ³	X ¹	X ¹	Suspected ¹	X ¹	X ²	X ¹
ì	Ziram	Suggestive ³	Suspected ⁶	^	X ²	X ²	X ²	^
٩	Totals:	Suggestive-	Suspected*		24	32	33	

Beyond Pesticides

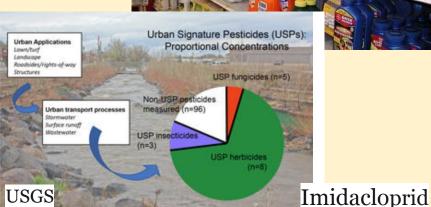
Why Organic?

 To reduce use of petroleum (<u>ingredient</u>, plastic / bottles, drilling, transporting, processing)

To improve aesthetics

To protect water quality





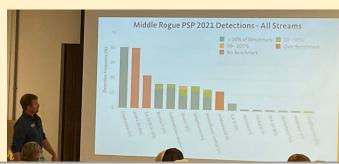
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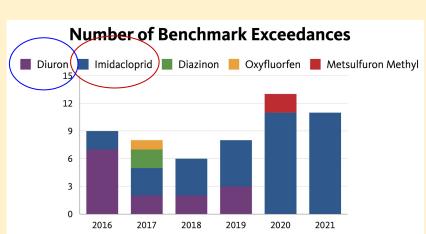
Of 108 pesticides analyzed, 16 urban signature pesticides (USPs) were consistently detected in small urban streams. "link"



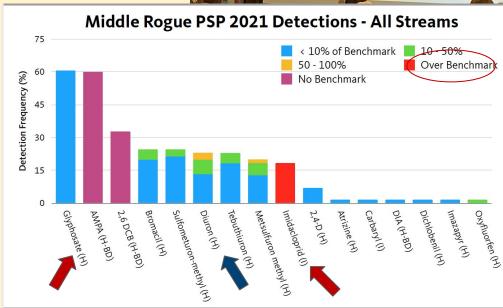
And Here Too!

Middle Rogue Pesticide Stewardship Partnership (MRPSP) presentation - November 2022





Diuron decreasing, Imidacloprid increasing



What is a Pesticide?

A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful* to cultivated plants or to animals. (* as defined by humans)

Dictionary

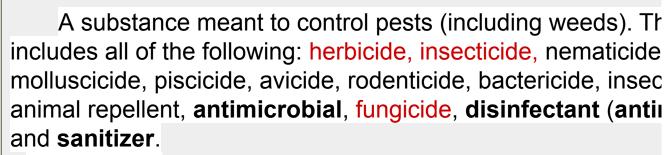
A substance meant to control pests (including weeds). The term includes all of the following: herbicide, insecticide, nematicide, molluscicide, piscicide, avicide, rodenticide, bactericide, insect repellent, animal repellent, antimicrobial, fungicide, disinfectant (antimicrobial), and sanitizer.

Wikipedia

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Common Pesticides To Kill

- **□** Weeds
- → Preen Weed Control
- → Roundup
- → Weed and Feed
- **□** Insects
- → "Neonicotinoids"
- ☐ Fungus
- → All in One Rose and Flower Care



"The Label is the Law"

Unlike most other types of product labels, pesticide labels are legally enforceable, and all of them carry the statement: "It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling."



So Read the Label! Also the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the pesticide)

Weeds (pre-emergent)

Preen Weed Preventer

- Trifluralin
- Does not kill existing weeds
- Residual in soils

Label:

- 'Extremely' toxic to fish and aquatic organisms
- Sweep product off driveway, sidewalk, street, etc.
- Do not contaminate water
- Toxic to non-target plants



Weeds (pre-emergent)

- Natural Preen Weed Preventer
 - 100% Corn Gluten

(There are other organic pre-emergents)



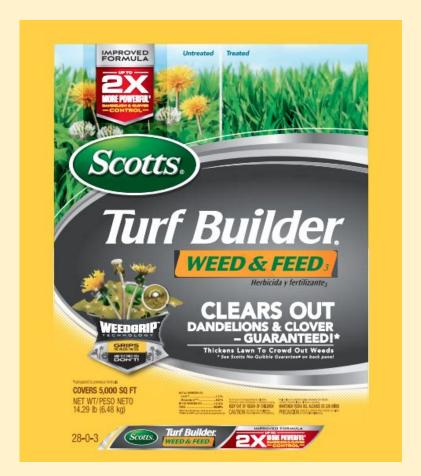
- Weed & Feed
 - 2,4-D & Mecoprop-p
 - 2,4-D classified as possible human carcinogen by IARC;
 EPA disagrees
 - 2,4-D linked to bird deaths, increased rates of cancer in dogs
 - Granules can be tracked indoors
 - Banned in Canada



➤ Weed & Feed -

Label:

- 'Toxic' to fish and aquatic organisms
- Sweep product off driveway, sidewalk, street, etc.
- Do not contaminate water



Roundup -

- Glyphosate to be phased out for residential use starting in 2023
- With inert ingredients more toxic than glyphosate alone
- Residual in some soils for up to a year
- Found in air, water, breast milk, urine, food and beverages
- California's environmental health agency lists as known carcinogen
- Studies: sub-lethal doses affect bees navigation, forage, taste, reproduction, and progeny



Roundup - New!

 Bayer announced it will remove glyphosate from lawn and garden versions of its popular weed killer Roundup in the US by 2023. The company plans to create several new Roundup formulations with other, existing active ingredients.

December 17, 2021

Replacing glyphosate in the garden won't be easy



Insects

- Neonicotinoids multiple formulations:
 Imidacloprid, Dinotefuran, Acetamiprid,
 Clothianidin, Thiamethoxam
 - Systemic = entire plant is toxic including pollen and nectar
 - Long residual
 - Can't be washed off
 - Spray, soil drench, injections
- Studies: bee sperm count decrease, spider mite population increase, bird mortality, in hummingbird urine, in our food and water



Imidacloprid Common lawn pests, including Ants, Fleas, Ticks, European Crane Fly Larvae, Grubs, Mole Crickets and other listed insects



Imidacloprid Controls Aphids, Japanese Beetles (adult), Leafminers, Rose Midge, Whiteflies and others

Insects

➤ All in One Rose and Flower Care

Label:

- 'Highly' toxic to aquatic invertebrates
- 'Highly' toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues
- Do not apply or allow to drift when bees are present
- Do not allow product to enter water



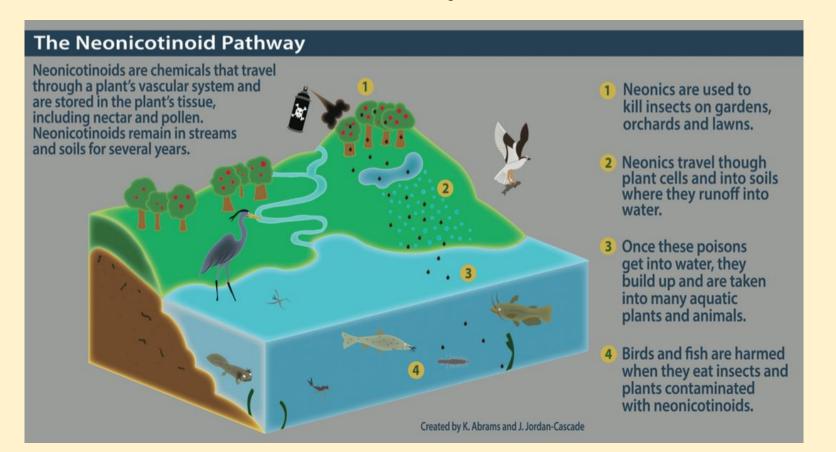
Fungus

- All in One Rose and Flower Care
 - Double whammy: Tebuconazole (fungicide) AND imidacloprid (neonic)
 - Combo is more toxic
 - Systemic = entire plant is toxic including pollen and nectar
 - Long residual

Fungicides may have more impact on bees than neonicotinoids - affects gut bacteria, health, and reproduction



Neonicotinoids in Our Ecosystem



Neonicotinoids pose undocumented threats to food webs

Sept. 2, 2020

"We contend that the efficient and well-documented transmission of neonicotinoids through tripartite food chains—plant to pest to natural enemy—combined with the diversity of nontarget herbivores on treated plants threatens entire food webs by disrupting arthropod communities and interactions."

Applied to crops (grapes, pears, corn, soy, etc), in pet products, in indoor roach spray ...

Affecting pollinators, beneficials, predators, birds, fish, aquatic insects - and people



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Toxic Choice

Widespread

Contamination

Not Worth the Risks

References

"link"

Neonicotinoids in Our Food System

- > 66 foods tested
- Neonicotinoids in 91%
- Highest residues in cherry tomatoes, honeydew melons, yellow squash
- Most foods contained multiple different insecticides
- OJ and bell peppers the worst

NEONICOTINOID INSECTICIDES

Harmful to Birds and Bees

FOUND in CONGRESSIONAL CAFETERIA FOOD



A Report by American Bird Conservancy
July 2015

"<u>link</u>"

In 2017: 198 honey samples from across the world tested

Eat Organic! Save the Planet!

Whew!
Let's take a deep
breath!



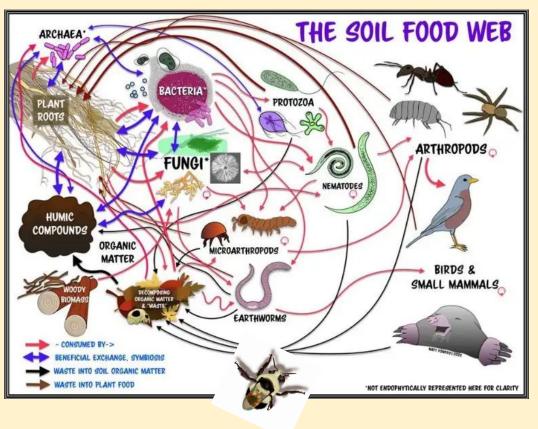
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Why Organic?

 Encourage and support diversity of life above and below ground



<u>Is Landscape Fabric EVER Not</u>
 Horrible? - GardenRant



Soil Food Web by Matt Powers
https://symsoil.com/soil-food-web-symsoil/

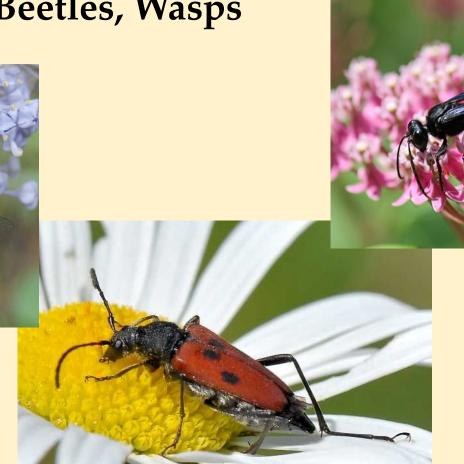


.... and Moths, Hummingbirds, Butterflies, & Bees





....and Flies, Beetles, Wasps



Safer Solutions - Weeds

- ★ Manual removal hori hori, hula hoe, diamond hoe, etc.
- ★ Healthy soil compost / tea, organic soil amendments
- ★ Sheet mulching cover it
- **★** Flame it in spring
- ★ Ground cover plants pollinator plants!
- ★ Other products 100% corn gluten, vinegar, etc (not necessarily non-toxic)
- ★ DIY recipes vinegar / salt / boiling water / soap
- ★ Acceptance!

Safer Solutions - Insects

- ★ Manual squish, cover plants, hose, etc.
- ★ Non-toxic products BT, neem, diatomaceous earth (DE), etc
 - Bee careful they can kill pollinators and beneficial insects!
- ★ **DIY products** soapy water, garlic juice, traps, etc.
- **Acceptance!** (good bugs need bad bugs to eat)
- **★** Beneficial insects work for you!
 - Predators insects that hunt, kill and consume other insects
 Yes to Spiders! *
 - Parasitoids insects that use other insects as hosts for their larvae
 - Need host plants dill, fennel, parsley, etc

* Spiders!

<u>Spiders</u> play an important role in controlling insect populations! An arachnologist (person who studies spiders) in the United Kingdom once calculated that the weight of insects eaten by spiders in that country every year exceeded the weight of the people who live in the U.K.

"Insecticides will not provide long-term control" of spiders, according to the University of California, "and should not generally be used against spiders outdoors." Washington State University Extension has a similar perspective: "Most spider problems can be solved without the use of chemicals."

3,000 species in North America - only a few of them cause problems for people. The benefits we realize from spiders preying on insects, mites, and other spiders far outweigh the low potential health hazard to humans.

Protect the Beneficials!

- ➤ 1 to 3 percent of all known insects are harmful to humans, animals, and plants
- Many pollinate and make more plants!
- They help get rid of "pests"!
 - aphids, armyworms, caterpillars, codling moths, colorado potato beetles, corn earworms, cutworms, grasshoppers, hornworms, imported cabbage worms, leafhoppers, mealybugs, scales, plant bugs (immature), spider mites, thrips, webworms
- ➤ They are beautiful! They are cool! (even the ones you can't see!)
- ➤ They work for free! (well almost)



From This....

Uh oh... I'm seeing a lot of BUGS THAT'S GREAT in your garden and I saw NEWS! CATERPILLARS We need more insects. over there I'm gardening with indigenous eating your leaves! plants to feed those caterpillars. I WANT them to eat my leaves! pollinator friendly yard

....To This

Native: What Does It

Mean? Per Oxford Languages

Na·tive / 'nādiv/

1. (of a plant or animal) of indigenous origin or growth.

"these plants are **native to** North America"



"Roughly **350,000** plant species on earth have been named, representing an estimated 80–90% of the global total (primary sources)."



"Oregon has over **3,600** species of native plants. Large or small, abundant or rare, each is unique and special.

Ecoregions ranging from coastal sand dunes and mountain forest to prairie grasslands and alpine lava fields provide a myriad of habitats for these plants."

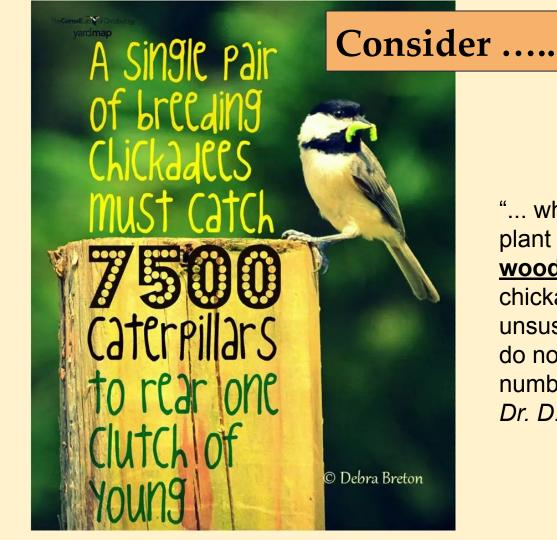


Why Native?

- Preserve regional biological heritage and maintain genetic diversity
- Require less maintenance, fertilizers, water
- Support more abundant and species-rich communities of pollinators, birds, and more
 D. Tallamy: Bringing Nature Home: ginkgo = 1, native oak = 532
 Insect diversity decreases in landscapes with non-native plants



Mt. Ashland



"... when you **exceed 30 percent** of the plant biomass in your yard as being **woody non-natives**, that's when the chickadee population becomes unsustainable. That's when birth rates do not equal death rates. So [the numbers get] smaller every year." *Dr. D. Tallamy*

Think of (Native) Plants as Food











Think of (Native)

Plants as Food

Pearly Everlasting = 50 butterflies!





The Need for Seeds







Oregon Sunshine

Native plant "All Stars": Trees, Shrubs



Red flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)
Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*)
Vine maple (*Acer circinatum*)
California wild lilac (*Ceanothus spp.*)



Native plant "All Stars": Flowers, perennial

Sulphur Buckwheat (*Eriogonum umbellatum*)
California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*)
Pine lupine (*Lupinus albicaulus*)
Douglas aster (*Symphyotrichum subspicatum*)





Native plant "All Stars": Flowers, annual

California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
Bushy yellow lupine (*Lupinus luteolus*)
Bi-color lupine (*Lupinus bicolor*)
Globe gilia (*Gilia capitata*)
Showy tarweed (*Madia elegans*)





Native plant "All Stars": Grasses, groundcovers

California fescue (*Festuca californica*)
Bolander's phacelia (*Phacelia bolanderi*)
California strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)
Western swordfern (*Polystichum munitum*)







Grow a Pollinator Landscape

➤ Layers: trees to groundcovers

Flowers from early spring to late fall

Pollen/ nectar / "host plants"

Don't 'clean up' in the fall

- Think connectivity
- > Rethink aesthetics
- Think <u>ecosystem!</u>



With Nesting Above...

Leave the leaves!

Anise swallowtail pupae

Bees nest in crevices and safe places



Small carpenter bee nest

.... and Below ...

70% of bees nest in the ground





...and Moisture

> Water / mud



Are You Organic and Native?

- ✓ Flowers blooming all year long trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials
 - Host plants for caterpillars
- ✓ Habitat (undisturbed spaces)
- ✓ Water / Mud
- ✓ Bugs to eat
- ✓ No pesticides!



Resources to help you create a beautiful, native, toxic-free garden!

- **★** Potential Health Effects of Pesticides
- ★ What Are Neonicotinoids? | pollinatorprojectroguevalley
- **★** Managing Pests & Weeds
- ★ Pest Control & Beneficial Insects
- ★ 7 Pesticide-Free Solutions To Slug Problems
- ★ <u>BugGuide.Net</u> (bug identification)
- ★ Resources and More | pollinatorprojectroguevalley
- ★ Top 20 Host Plants
- ★ Bee City USA Ashland (Pollinator Gardens program)
- ★ Pdf & link to Pesticide Stewardship Partnership info: send email to kristinalefev@gmail.com if you want this

Questions?

Thank you!

Out of the Flame/Annette Trujillo

Blue Copper on wild buckwheat