Recommended Resources for Beyond Your Back Door Program
Organizations with Useful Websites and Databases

Jim's Nature Blog: Updated Link!
Beyond Your Back Door www.beyondyourbackdoor.com

Homegrown National Park
http://homegrownnationalpark.org
Lots of resources; free membership.

Xerces Society https://xerces.org loads of great publications!
Including:
Conserving Bumble Bees: https://www.xerces.org/publications/guidelines/conserving-bumble-bees
Pollen Specialist Bees of the Eastern US: https://jarrodfowler.com/specialist_bees.html

CT Agricultural Experiment Station's Pollinator Information:
https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/Publications/Publications/Pollinator-Information

Bee Identification Guide
https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/assets/generalFiles/3002022284_Bee-Identification-Guide.pdf

Natureworks Garden Center publications
https://natureworksgardencenter.com/pages/pollinator-garden-basics-so-you-want-to-grow-a-pollinator-garden

Pollinator Partnership EcoRegional Planting Guides:
https://www.pollinator.org/guides

USDA Forest Service:
Bee Basics: An Introduction to Native Bees
https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/SC/Bee_Basics_North_American_Bee_ID.pdf

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Database
https://www.wildflower.org/plants/index.php

Native Plant Trust's (New England) Go Botany Simple Key
https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/simple/
they also have a garden plant finder (native):
https://plantfinder.nativeplanttrust.org/Plant-Search

National Wildlife Federation's Native Plant Finder
https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/

National Audubon Society's Plants for Birds

https://www.audubon.org/PLANTSFORBIRDS

Wild Ones https://wildones.org/
CT Mountain Laurel Chapter meets at Conn College – see Wild Ones Mountain Laurel Chapter on Facebook

CT DEEP Wildlife
Native Landscaping:
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/wildlife/pdf_files/outreach/NativeLandscapingpdf.pdf

Gardening for Butterflies and Moths
https://mgnv.org/pollinators/attracting-lepidopterans/

CT Invasive Plant Working Group – Invasive Plant Management Calendar
https://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2018/10/Invasive-Plant-Management-Calendar.pdf

iNaturalist
https://www.inaturalist.org/

State Native Plant/Pollinator Groups
Native Grow Native Massachusetts: good resource on Massachusetts natural plant communities
https://grownativemass.org/
Long Island Native Plant Initiative http://www.linpi.org/
Maine – Wild Seed Project https://wildseedproject.net/
CT Botanical Society – has good wildflower images and offers free walks (soon I hope)

CT Butterfly Association https://ctbutterfly.org/
Under publications, great resource is Life Histories
Also offers free butterfly walks

Pollinator Pathways in CT and NY: https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/

Citizen Science Projects
Bumble Bee Watch https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/
Beecology Project https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/home#page-title
Great Sunflower Project https://www.greatsunflower.org/
Nativars Research Project http://budburst.org/projects/nativars

Resources from bee biologist Heather Holm
https://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/softlandings.html

Books
Planting in a Post Wild World by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West
Woodchip Handbook by Ben Raskin
Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide by Heather Holm
Pollinators of Native Plants by Heather Holm
Wildflowers: A Guide to Growing and Propagating Native Flowers from North America (out of print) by

Bill Cullina
Attracting Native Pollinators, Xerces Society
Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants by Doug Tallamy
Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy
The Nature of Oaks by Doug Tallamy
Garden Revolution by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher
How to Eradicate Invasive Plants by Terri Dunn Chace
Native Plants for New England Gardens by Dan Jaffe and Mark Richardson
Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be A Source of Environmental Change by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher
The Living Landscape by Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke
Noah's Garden by Sara Stein (out of print)
Planting Noah's Garden by Sara Stein (out of print)
Kaufman Field Guide to Butterflies of North America by Jim P. Brock and Kenn Kaufman
Butterflies through Binoculars: The East – A Field Guide to the Butterflies of Eastern North America by Jeffrey Glassberg
Caterpillars of Eastern North America: A Guide to Identification and Natural History by David L. Wagner
100 Plants to Feed the Birds by Laura Erikson
100 Plants to Feed the Monarch by the Xerces Society
Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design by Benjamin Vogt
The Bees in Your Backyard by Joseph S. Wilson and Olivia Messinger Carril