

Landscaping with Native Plants

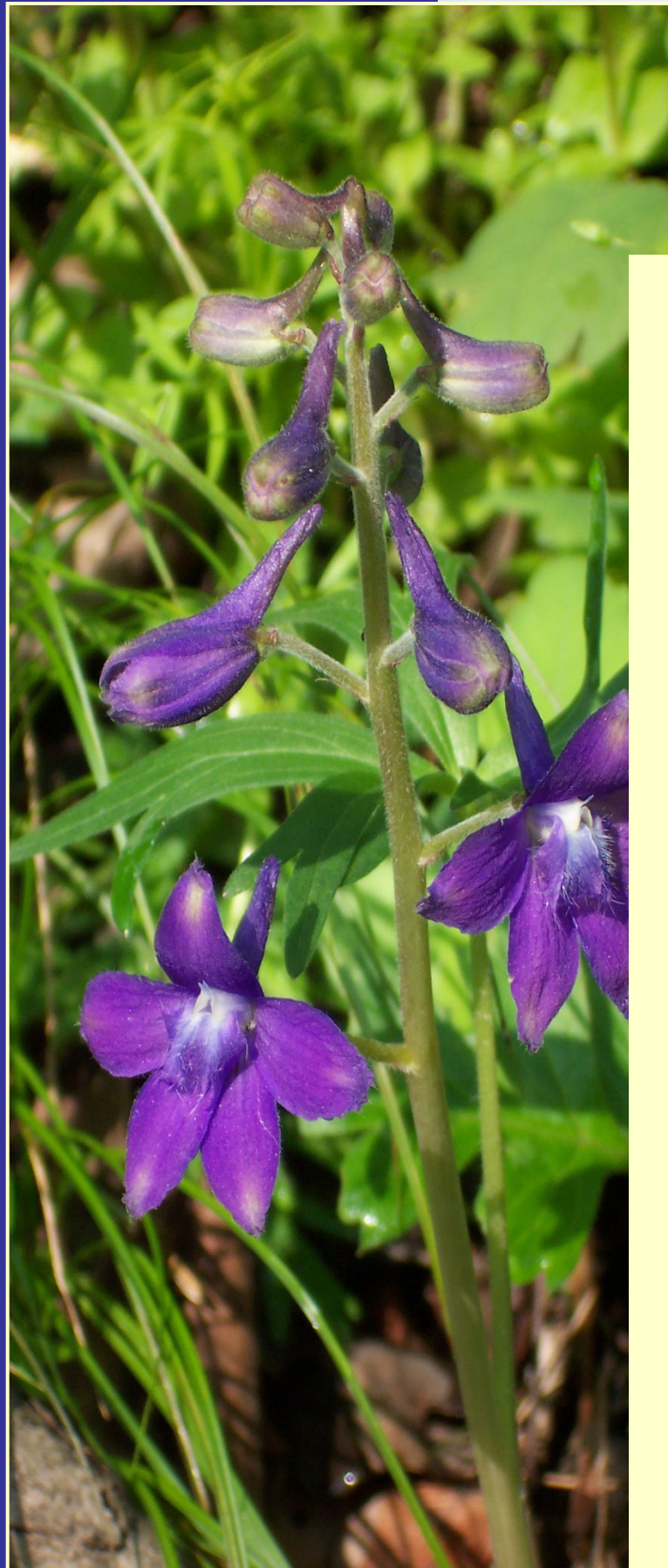
Native wildflowers, ferns, grasses, shrubs, and trees are a stunning part of our local heritage. These native plants provide year-round beauty and interest to our gardens. In addition they are an environmentally friendly choice for landscaping and restoration.

Why garden with natives?

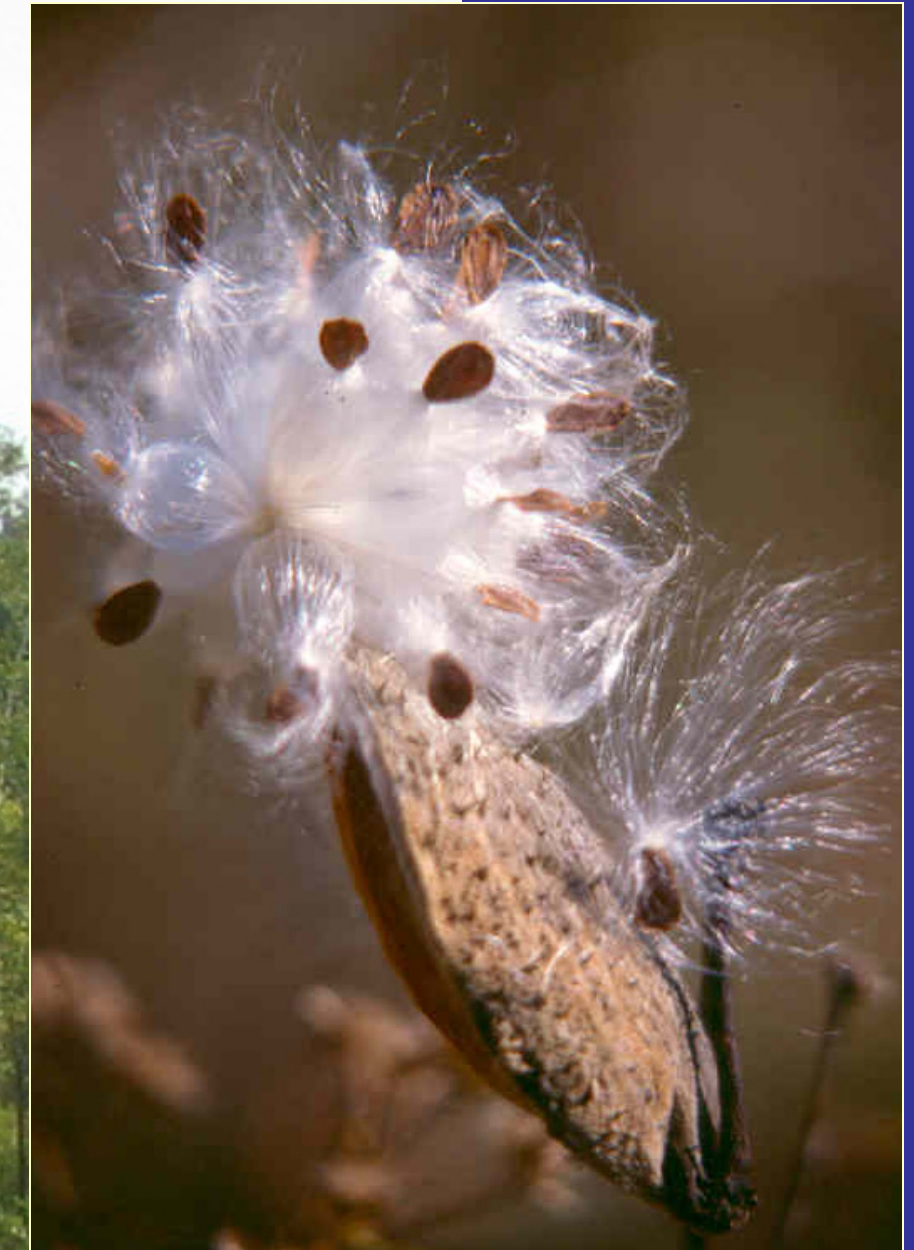
- Native plants provide habitat and food for wildlife such as birds, butterflies, and caterpillars
- Natives do not require fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, or watering to survive
- Natives are naturally adapted to our climate
- Non-natives and cultivars often do not provide nectar (food) for pollinators
- Non-natives can escape gardens and devastate local forests and landscapes

Natives benefit the Forest by:

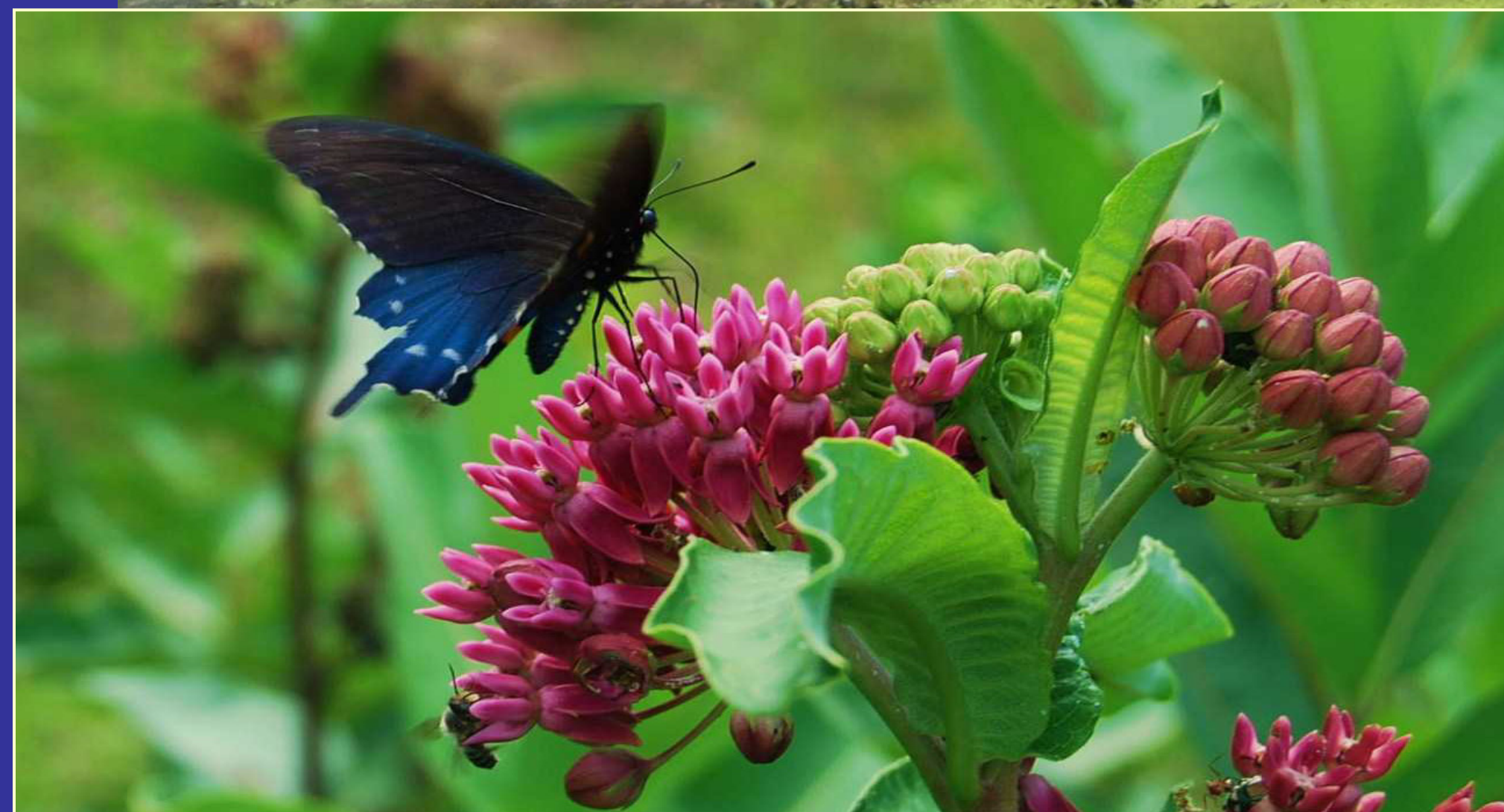
- Stabilizing stream banks
- Reducing erosion
- Improving wildlife and fisheries habitat
- Mitigating the effects of wildfires
- Rehabilitating disturbed areas
- Combating non-native invasive species



Larkspur



Milkweed seedpod



Pipevine swallowtail on milkweed

