

Interested in being part of
Gardening For Life
at the Cape Cod Museum
of Natural History?

Help is always needed
in watering, weeding,
maintenance and special projects.

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THE GARDENS of THE CAPE COD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

A self-guided tour



The Museum's gardens demonstrate our commitment to protecting biological diversity on Cape Cod. They are planted in several different habitats, using a variety of plants to nurture many kinds of wildlife, from the smallest microbes and pollinators to large birds and mammals. Most of the plants are native to Cape Cod and New England.

THE POLLINATOR PATH

A few steps from the Museum's front door you'll find the entrance to The Pollinator Path. This meandering walkway guides you through a garden bursting with flowering plants to the door of The Butterfly House.



Designed to bloom from early spring through late fall, the garden includes both native and introduced perennials, annuals, and shrubs that provide pollen, nectar, and shelter for the butterflies, bees, beetles, birds, and other pollinators on Cape Cod.

THE RAIN GARDEN

Follow the sidewalk down toward the parking lot and you'll find the Rain Garden, nestled among rocks in a depression in the ground.

Filled with native plants that can withstand both inundation and periods of drought, this demonstration garden is designed to absorb rainwater runoff

from the Museum's roof and impervious surfaces.

THE TROLL

Tired of the same old herb garden designs? At the bottom of the winding sidewalk meet our Troll, a decidedly different herb garden! See how many of his different herbs, grasses, and sedums you can identify.



THE BOBBIE WILLIAMS NATIVE PLANTS GARDEN

Across the sidewalk from the Troll is the Bobbie Williams Native Plants Garden, planted to provide food, water & shelter for Cape Cod's insects, birds, and other creatures. Planted and maintained by the Friends of CCMNH in memory of a long-time volunteer and Friend of CCMNH, it is designed to educate children and adults about the importance of native plants to life on Cape Cod. The garden also features several "alien" plants - boxwoods from Bobbie's own garden! The sidewalk contains hundreds of inscribed bricks donated by Museum supporters.



THE LYN PEABODY WILDFLOWER GARDEN

Down the driveway past the Bird Banding station is the Lyn Peabody Wildflower Garden, an award-winning shade garden established and maintained by the Nauset Garden Club.

Step into the dappled shade and stroll the wood-chipped paths among drifts of native and non-native wildflowers, ferns, and shrubs. It's a beautiful finale to your CCMNH garden tour!