

We are proud to be recognized by the NPGN TEAM as a

"Business Sharing the Challenge"

national pollinator garden network



We are neonicotinoid-free ...and more!



Where Horticulture Meets Ecology™



**Top 10 Pollinator Plants @ North Creek**

1. Pycnanthemum muticum
2. Physostegia 'Pink Manners'
3. Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'
4. Monarda bradburiana
5. Asclepias incarnata
6. Eupatorium 'Gateway'
7. Pennstemon 'Red Riding Hood'
8. Verbena 'Homestead Purple'
9. Baptisia australis
10. Lobelia cardinalis



**THE BEE'S KNEES!**

With the help of beekeeper extraordinaire, Walt Broughton, we are now employing the power of bees—1.2 million workers to be exact! Our collection of hives not only brings life to our trial gardens, but also supports Walt's effort to increase populations of northern-hardy genetic strains of honey bees. This campaign dovetails perfectly into North Creek's vision to be a leader in the development and practice of sustainable horticultural systems.

**ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE IPM PRACTICES**

North Creek is very serious about our responsibility to the habitats in which our plants will ultimately thrive. Protecting people and the environment has been our priority for the past 27 years. And like our customers, our use of pesticides has always been a sensitive subject. In keeping with our mission, every effort is made to grow plants in the safest and most sustainable manner possible.

**Stop, think, connect: How are our collective actions affecting our people, affecting others including our customers, and affecting our environment?**

Our product mix provides food and habitat for wildlife. Our use of beneficial insects is a frontline preventative and always the first step in our Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The pillars of our IPM program include:

**SETTING ACTION THRESHOLDS**

- Treat only when populations cause economic damage

**SCOUTING + IDENTIFICATION**

- Proper pest ID is critical
- Only the best method of treatment
- Track pest and beneficial populations
- Gauge the effectiveness of treatments
- Prevention and Control

**PREVENTION + CONTROL**

- Identify appropriate time to take action
- Earth-friendly methods such as nematodes, beneficial predatory insects, soft chemistry (or and natural based bio fungicides)
- Prevent populations from reaching action threshold
- Treatment made on case by case basis and treated according to specific issue
- Reach a preventable level to allow beneficial to catch up

Comprehensive IPM process @ <http://www.northcreeknurseries.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/news.detail/recID/90/index.htm>



North Creek employs neonicotinoid-free growing practices. Safer for the planet + pollinators!



**+ FEEDBACK**

"Congratulations to North Creek Nurseries on your 27 successful years! I have been a small greenhouse purchaser almost since your beginning and have always been very pleased with your shipments. I recall visiting your facilities when you first started and I knew then that the growing of plants was important to you. Again, enjoy nature, congratulations, keep planting—the world needs more plantaholics!"  
Carolyn S. Wilson  
Country Hills Greenhouse



READ MORE ABOUT THE NUCLEUS PROVIDING CAMPAIGN @ North Creek's Blog: This Week @ the Creek! <http://northcreeknurseries.blogspot.com/2014/09/catchin-buzz-at-creek.html>