

Driftless Dialogue presents



Native Shrubs and Trees

For the Birds
and the Bees

Speaker: David Garrison Stevens

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Socializing at 6pm Talk at 6:30pm

Learn about the rich diversity of woody plants native to the upper Midwest and the benefits of incorporating them into your home landscape to help attract and sustain a diversity of bird and pollinator species.



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David is the curator of the living collection of woody plants at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum. He is just the third curator since the collections inception in 1935, overseeing the largest and most diverse array of woody plants in the state. His work background includes tree breeding and selection, greenhouse facility management, public garden supervision, and commercial vegetable production. He has a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in horticulture from the UW-Madison. When not at the Arboretum, he manages his family's 130-acre certified organic farm by Baraboo.

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