

JOHN ROOT

Naturalist | Landscaper | Educator

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Education

- Certified Organic Landscaping Professional, Northeast Organic Farming Association (2017)
- Graduate Study in Botany, University of Maryland and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1977-1979)
- Secondary School Science Teacher Certification, Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD (1974)
- Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH (1972)

Teaching Experience

- Presenter of gardening and nature interpretation programs throughout New England at libraries, senior centers, long term care centers, and other venues (2006-Present)
- Leader of edible wild plants walks throughout Massachusetts (2008-Present)
- Owner of "Our House," a home daycare featuring arts and nature exploration (1988-1994)
- Leader of "Arts and Adventure" church youth group, Amherst, MA (1990-1991)
- Science Teacher, Booker T. Washington JHS, Baltimore, MD (1975-1976)

Activities and Civic Involvements

- Organizer with Western Mass Pollinator Networks promoting the establishment of pollinator habitat on public and private land (2018-Present)
- Member of "Journey Home," offering bedside sings to hospice patients and their families in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts (2014-Present)
- Member and Chair of Recycling and Refuse Management Committee, Amherst, MA (2008-2018)

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