



Fall Horticulture Expo to Feature Renowned Ecologist Doug Tallamy

The Fall Horticulture Expo will be on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center at 22712 W Newberry Road, Newberry. It is sponsored by Alachua County IFAS Extension and the Gainesville Garden Club.

The Expo brings together a Master Gardener Volunteer plant sale with gardening and nature vendors and community organizations. There will be birds, bugs, and plants galore in the covered arena. Kids can make crafts, meet Smokey Bear and see wildfire fighting equipment and meet the Rangers. Food trucks will fuel the fun.

The *keynote* speaker Doug Tallamy is actually famous because of identifying *keystones*, high-priority native host plants. He is an entomologist, conservationist, University of Delaware professor, researcher, author of NYT's best-selling [*Nature's Best Hope*](#) and co-founder of Homegrown National Park®. Doug will speak at 2 pm in the auditorium and sign copies of his 4 books available at special event pricing. The event is free and open to the public (maximum auditorium seating 300).

Doug Tallamy will share ways that each and every homeowner can create their own Homegrown National Park to increase biodiversity. He will explain "what's the rush?" , and how we can save the world, one backyard at a time.

For more information: www.ggcf.org/horticulture-expo