



SUMMER AT THE HIGH LINE: CELEBRATE “NATURE IN THE CITY” WITH FREE EXHIBITION, TOURS, AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FEATURING ECOLOGICAL GARDENING EXPERTS

From the High Line to your front stoop: learn about the practices and plant selections central to making the High Line’s naturalistic gardens climate resilient and ecologically supportive of humans and wildlife, and pick up tips for applying them in your own backyard or rooftop space



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New York, NY (June 4, 2025)—Beginning today, the High Line will offer **Nature in the City**, a FREE summer-long celebration of urban ecology that turns the park’s gardens into an experiential, open-air science museum.

Through Nature in the City, High Line visitors will learn from some of the world's foremost experts in ecological gardening through a dramatic 108-foot mural lining the park's 14th Street Passage, 44 new educational signs positioned throughout the park, virtual discussions, scavenger hunts, as well as special tours and events—creating not only greater appreciation for the way the High Line's gardens support New York City but insights on how to bring its horticulturists' expertise home to backyards, stoops, fire escapes, rooftops and community gardens.

"This summer, we're reminding New Yorkers that nature isn't something they need to leave the city to experience, it is a pivotal part of any thriving urban environment. We're excited to peel back the curtain on all the ways urban gardens like the High Line can be stewarded to play a role in driving the health and well-being of our cities and the people and wildlife that call them home," said **Friends of the High Line Executive Director Alan van Capelle**.

"An ecological garden can do so much more than a purely ornamental one, and thankfully, on the High Line, our horticulturists do not need to sacrifice beauty when we invite butterflies and songbirds into our urban gardens. Whether you're a kid planting your first flowers, a seasoned gardener looking to elevate your craft, or just a nature lover with a perennially brown thumb, there's something everyone can take away from Nature in the City," said **Friends of the High Line Senior Director of Horticulture Richard Hayden**.

Nature in the City Celebration Calendar and Features

- **14th Street Passage Takeover:** A giant 108-foot-long mural lines the entire covered passageway with illustrations and explanations of the High Line's different ecosystems, environmentally sustainable horticulture practices, and their benefits.
- **44 New Botanical Signs:** Throughout the park, visitors will see groups of new signs that showcase the four different habitats represented in the park and how different native plants within them thrive together, support, and attract native birds, insects, and wildlife.
- **Guided Tours:** Special tours of the gardens will expand to cover the new exhibition and offer time with the High Line's world-famous horticulturists to answer questions about naturalistic gardening.
- **Special Virtual Event Series:** The latest "Engaging Nature: Dialogues on Urban Ecology" event this June kicks off during "Pollinator Week" as American Museum of Natural History's entomologist and bee expert, [Sarah Kornbluth](#), shares findings of her High Line native bee survey. The full event series runs through December.

Nature in the City celebrates the tenacious spirit of nature in the most densely populated and heavily developed city in the country. Visitors will discover a wilder, more interconnected side of New York City and gain an appreciation for the plants, insects, and birds that rely on green spaces like the High Line. More than 150 trees, grasses, and wildflowers planted on the High Line are native to the five boroughs of New York City.

See a full listing of events and programming at thehighline.org/natureinthecity.

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ABOUT THE HIGH LINE

The High Line is a public park on the West Side of Manhattan operated, maintained, and funded by the nonprofit conservancy Friends of the High Line. Through our work with communities on and off the High Line, Friends of the High Line is devoted to reimagining public spaces to create connected, healthy neighborhoods and cities. Built on a historic, elevated rail line, the High Line was always intended to be more than a park. You can walk through the gardens, view art, experience a performance, enjoy food or beverage, or connect with friends and neighbors—all while enjoying a unique perspective of New York City.

Nearly 100% of our annual budget comes through donations. The High Line is owned by the City of New York, and we operate the park under a license agreement with NYC Parks.

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