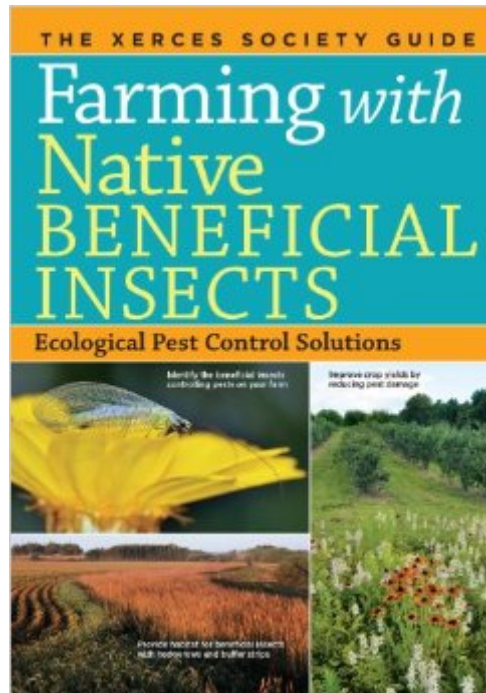


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# Farming With Native Beneficial Insects: Ecological Pest Control Solutions



## Synopsis

Harness the power of beneficial insects to deter pests and reduce crop damage. This comprehensive guide to farming with insects will have you building beetle banks and native plant field borders as you reap a bountiful and pesticide-free harvest. With strategies for identifying the insects you're trying to attract paired with step-by-step instructions for a variety of habitat-building projects, you'll soon learn how to employ your own biocontrol conservation tactics. Lay out the brush piles and plant the hedgerows because the insects are going to love it here!

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There are a lot of organic books out there. There are some good books out there, and an increase in looking at beneficial insects. And then there's this one. It pictures many of the insects talked about, and the stages of growth. But it goes beyond that to not just when it's nice and they're helping - but cover crops, fence rows, hedges etc give the bugs - your free working partners - space to survive and thrive. Many enjoy looking over an area with fireflies flickering but don't think about what they eat, and where they live. It takes time and effort to develop an independent place, but many farms of all sizes can do better at providing for those native beneficial insects that can reduce the pesticide bill - maybe in time eliminate it! Wouldn't that be nice? This book perked my interest with a new challenging spot to get in production - I look forward to implementing some ideas from the book and increasing the conservation of not only rare livestock and heirloom varieties of plants,

but the beneficial insects that can make a difference. I originally, in full disclosure, viewed the book on Netgalley but it's truly a beautifully illustrated book that is worth a read. With a hard copy in hand, it's easy to plan and move forward with protecting and providing for these largely invisible partners.

This is an excellent book for any farmer or gardener that is looking for effective ways to reduce pest issues while being sensitive to the environment and the future health of the planet. There are examples for any scale of farming from large scale to community garden to your home. The information is easy to grasp but not simplistic. All examples are based on solid research. This is a book for anyone that cares about food, the environment and our health by reducing pesticide use. I cannot recommend this book enough. I have it in hard copy as well as the kindle version to be able to take out in the field with me.

Written in textbook format at college level. Enjoyed the clarification of new terminology as this helps me conceptualize and understand the current working algorithm. Very clear recommendations as well as instruction for local experimentation. An excellent book to begin a relationship with beneficial insects. I have some background in this area, but found lots of new ideas or clarification and new data on older ideas. I am building a food forest and so my need includes greenhouse predators, which are also covered. I have read and agree with the prior reviews.

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