Native flowers, grasses, shrubs, trees and other plants provide food and shelter for our Maryland wildlife. Many types of birds, bees, moths, butterflies, and mammals evolved to best survive by eating or living in what naturally grows around them. Some, like Monarch Butterflies, need specific plants to live. Their entire life cycle, from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly, takes place on milkweed plants like those in this garden, and can be seen here.

Plants in this garden and elsewhere on the grounds have been selected to attract, feed, and shelter native wildlife, and to thrive in the natural conditions here. Encouraging the native ecosystem helps give us opportunities to see and appreciate the life and growth going on around us.

This garden was expanded, and improved thanks to generous donations in memory of Priscilla Ward. Founder of Magothy Cooperative Preschool, member of Magothy United Methodist Church, and lifelong teacher.

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