

**Mississippi Native Plant Society Spring Meeting**  
**Friday Evening and Saturday, May 3–4, 2024**  
**University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg**

**Friday, May 3**

Joe Paul Theater on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Thad Cochran Center located on the USM campus.

7:00–8:00 PM  
Book signing  
following

**Keynote Speaker – Doug Tallamy**

*Dr. Tallamy, Professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, is a tireless crusader for the restoration of the natural world. His books include Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens; Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard; and The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees. He is the co-author with Rick Darke of The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden.*

Dr. Tallamy's talk is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, May 4**

Cook Library Gallery, Room 209A on the USM campus at 124 Golden Eagle Ave. There is parking in front of the library.

9:10–9:40 AM

Registration, coffee, and snacks  
No charge for members; \$10 for non-members applied to a one-year membership. Dues may be paid by cash or check at the meeting or by credit card at <https://www.mississippinativeplantsociety.org/membership.html>.

9:45–10:00

Welcome – Nadine Phillips, Mississippi Native Plant Society President

10:00–10:30

Wild Ones – Patty Zebrick

10:30–11:00

BREAK  
Business meeting and elections for those who wish to attend.

11:00–11:30

The Medicine Wheel Garden – Tammy Greer, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center of American Indian Research and Studies at USM

11:30–12:00

Tour of the Medicine Wheel Garden with Tammy Greer

12:00–1:15

Lunch on your own. There are various lunch options nearby, or bring your own picnic.

1:30–2:30

Native Plant Nursery Panel – Gail Barton, Moderator

2:45–3:15

Native plant swap and give-away. Feel free to bring native plants to share!

Optional: Hike the trails at the Lake Thoreau Environmental Center near campus. 150 Lake Thoreau Road. (Closes at 5 PM)