

will be critical in how we manage a new relationship to nature. If you haven't begun reading about how you and your lifestyle affects global climate change and indirectly native plants, perhaps this summer is a good time to begin that process, especially when it is too hot to go outside except in the early morning or evening.

A recent Cornell University study of the phenology of spring wildflowers at a site in the Hudson Highlands of southeastern New York found significantly earlier bloom (averaging 18.8 days over a period of 50 years) in 8 of the 13 wildflower species examined. One in every five species of wild flower could die out over the next century if levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere double in line with predictions, scientists reported in a national study. A study of the impact of global warming on plants has found that most of the environmental

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