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**Renowned Entomologist Doug Tallamy Comes to The Gardens
Central South Native Plant Conference to Feature Award-Winning Author**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Every three or four years since 1991, gardeners, landscape architects and plant enthusiasts are treated to one of the most extensive nature-related seminars in the nation, the Central South Native Plant Conference. On November 4 and 5, Birmingham Botanical Gardens will host this symposium, featuring keynote speaker, Douglas Tallamy, Ph.D., along with a myriad of other presenters for “Native Plants: The Bigger Picture; How Native Plants Complete the Puzzle.”

Tallamy currently serves as the Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. His ground-breaking and research-based book *Bringing Nature Home* illuminates the crucial role native plants play as the foundation for all terrestrial biodiversity. The book earned him a coveted Silver Medal from the Garden Writers Association, and ongoing critical praise from the national media.

Tallamy will join more than 20 other speakers, discussing native plants, the roles they play in facilitating the health of ecosystems.

The two-day conference is the premier event of its kind in the Southeast. Along with impressive lectures from plant experts, the conference will feature a variety of breakout sessions, workshops and field trips.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with more than 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains more than 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the largest public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living garden, and Japanese Gardens with a traditionally crafted tea house. Education programs run year round and more than 10,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based



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field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to more than 350,000 yearly visitors.