

Kelsay Shaw

Kelsay Shaw, Possibility Place Nursery, has a B.S. in botany from Eastern Illinois University and has actively working in the nursery industry for 20 years. He works as the botanist and as a sales and site consultant for the nursery. He has worked on designs for projects as small as a planter and as large as a city park.

Teaching people about the uses of native plants in the landscape and debunking myths about those uses has been his mission since he began working in the industry. He wants to show that integration of natives into conventional landscapes increase biodiversity and improves the health of urban environments.

Working at a nursery that specializes in native plants may give people the idea that he is heavily biased toward their use, and he is. He believes that the uses of as wide a range of plants as possible, as long as they are not damaging, are important to the long-term success of our urban plantings.