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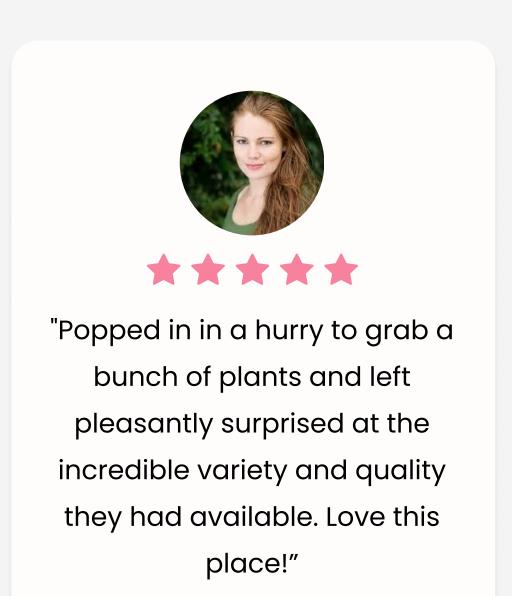
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Native Plants in Our Ecosystem

When we incorporate native plants into our landscapes, we create corridors of habitat that allow wildlife to move safely between larger natural areas. These green corridors are essential for maintaining genetic diversity in wildlife populations and helping species adapt to changing environmental conditions. Every native garden, no matter how small, contributes to this vital network.

Our native plants tell the story of Alabama's landscapes - from the longleaf pine savannas of the south to the mountain laurel thickets of the north. Species like the Alabama Azalea, found nowhere else in the world, represent our state's unique contribution to global biodiversity. Losing these plants means losing irreplaceable pieces of our natural heritage.

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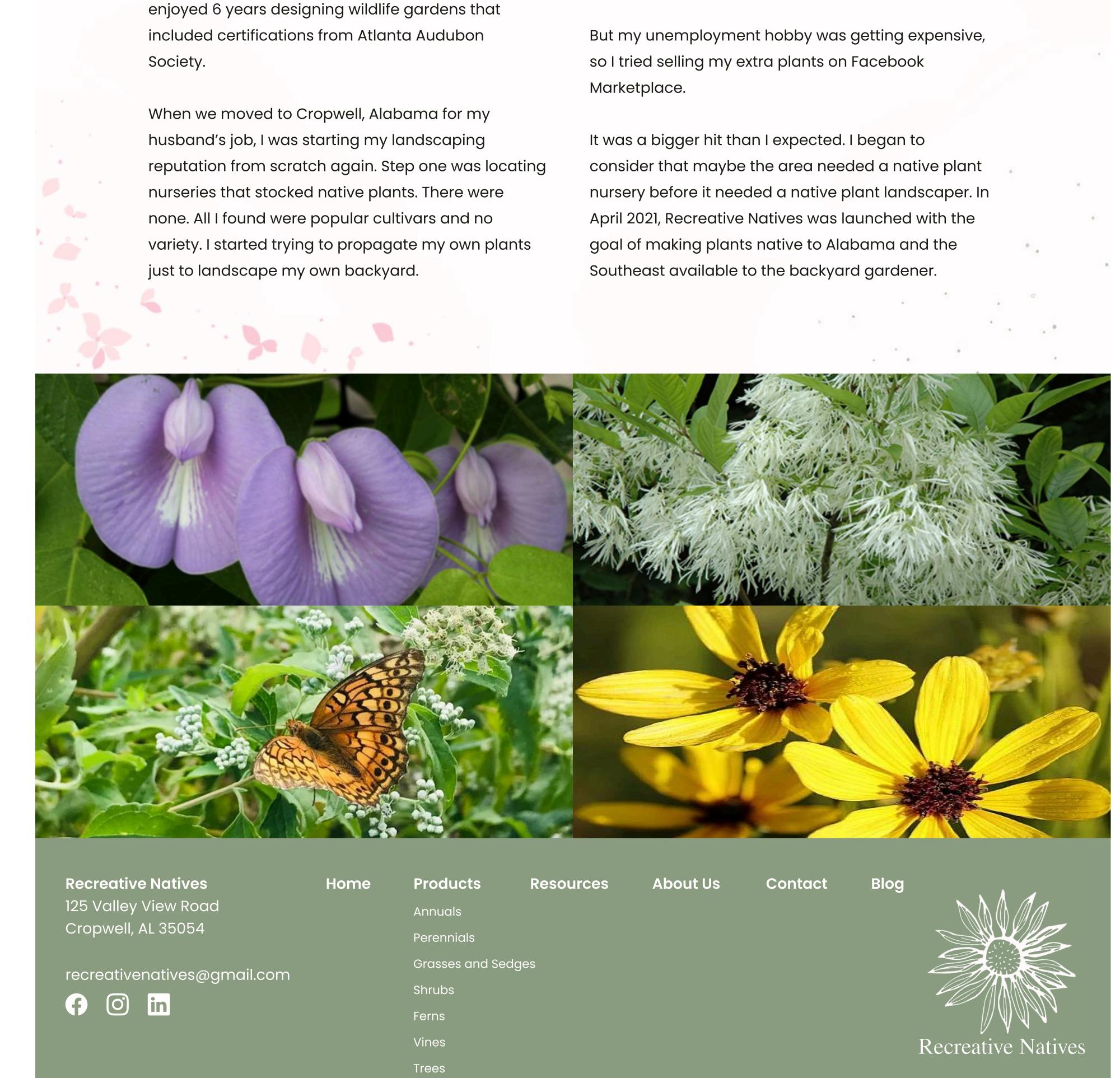
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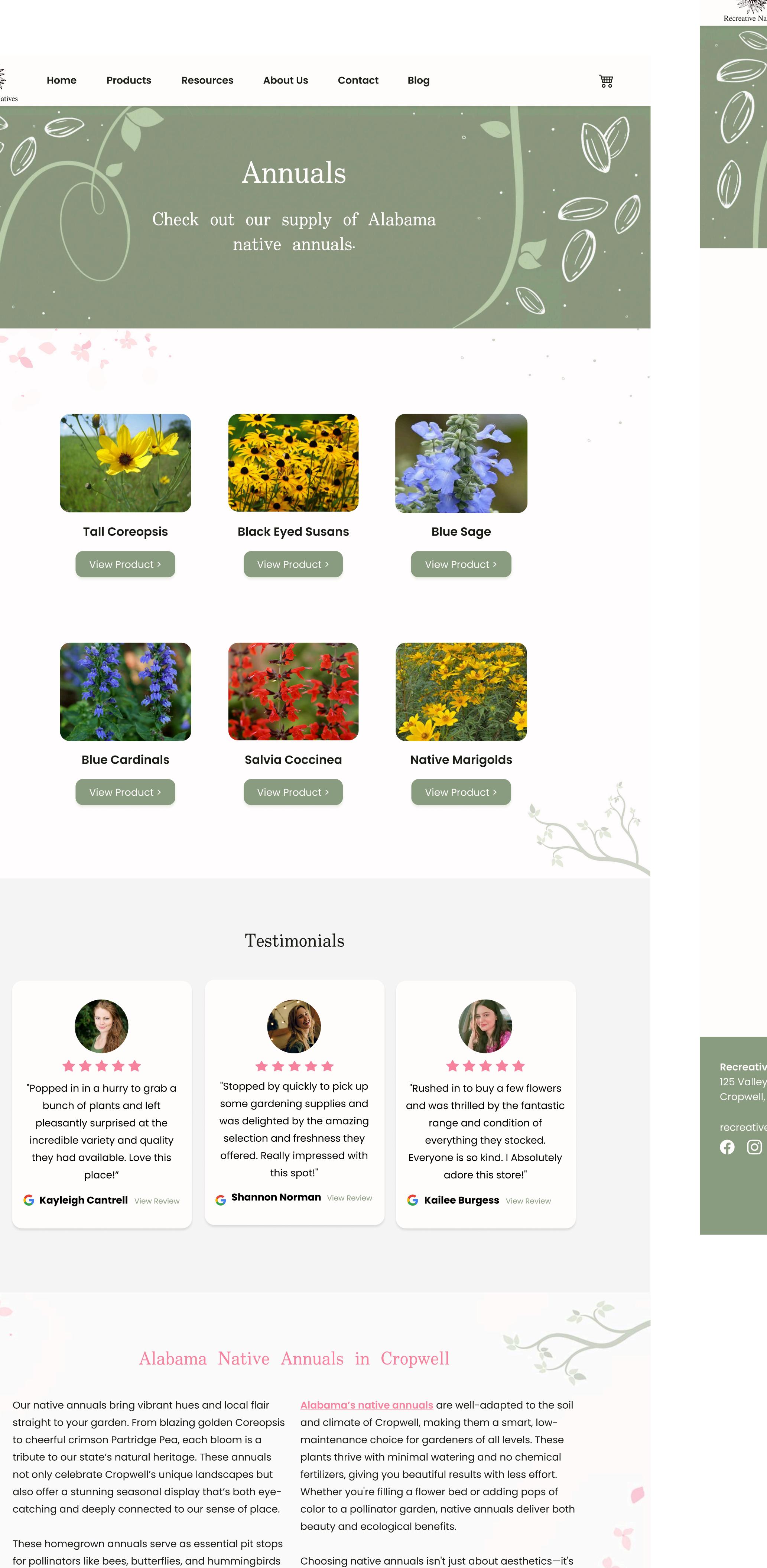
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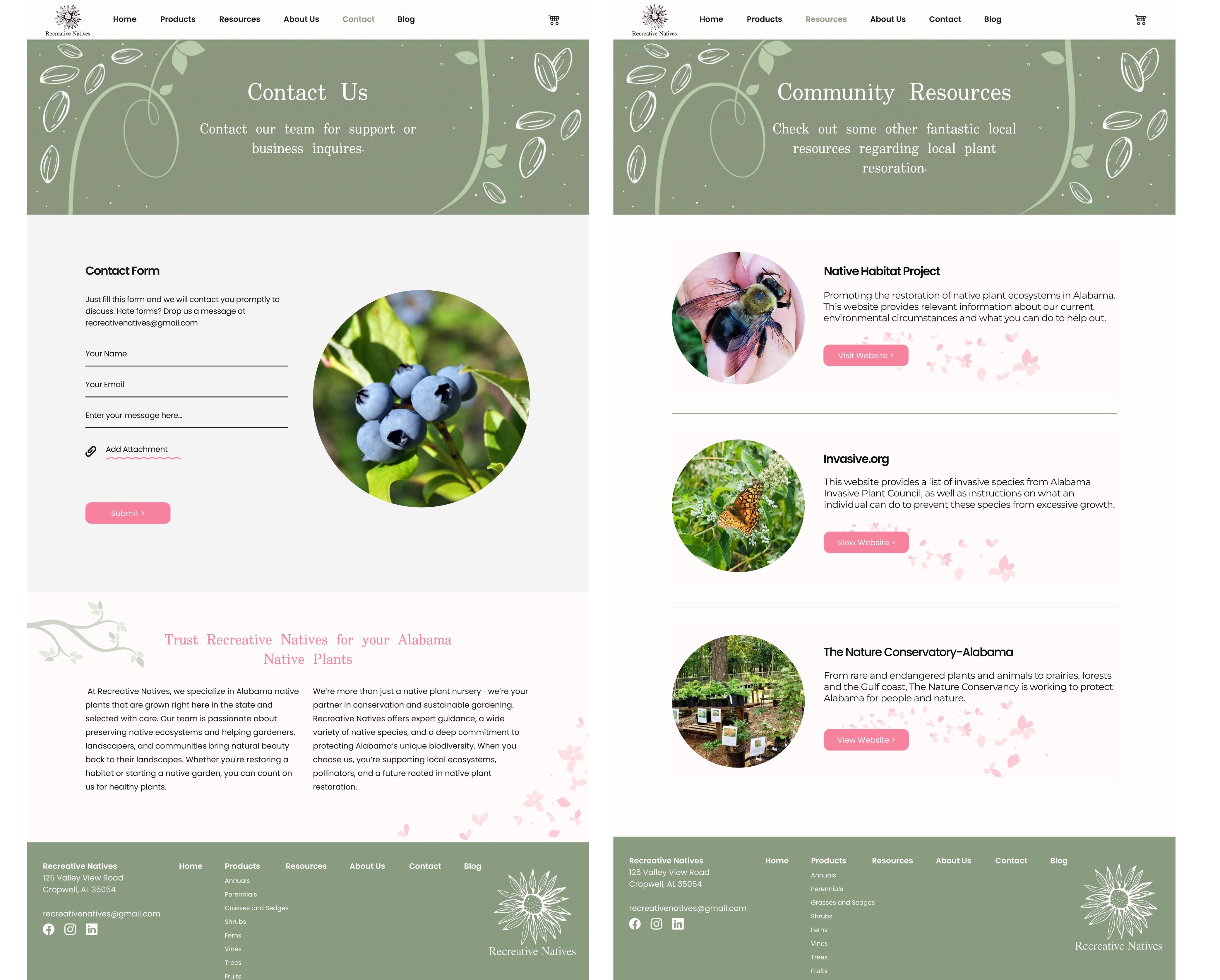
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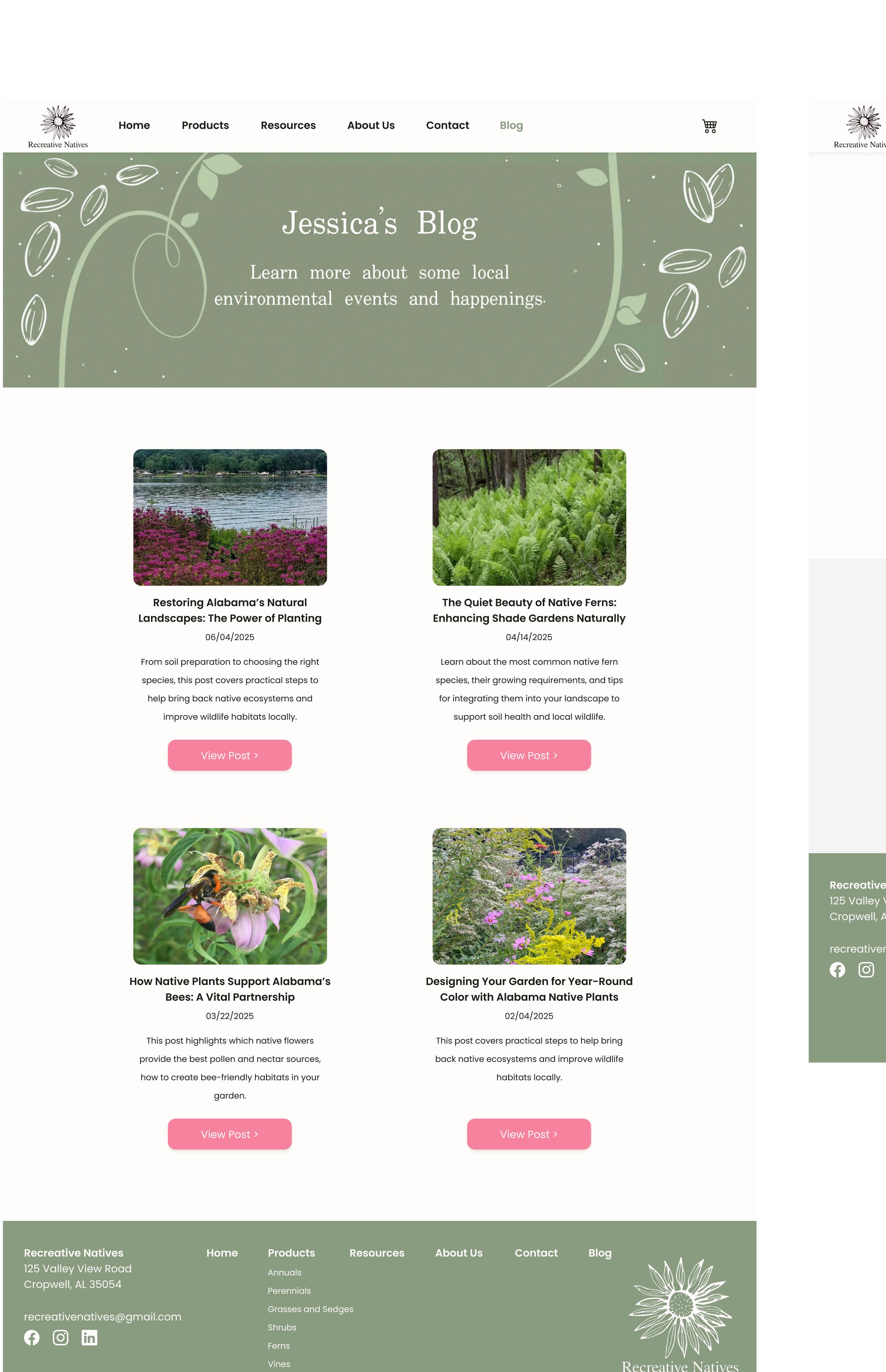
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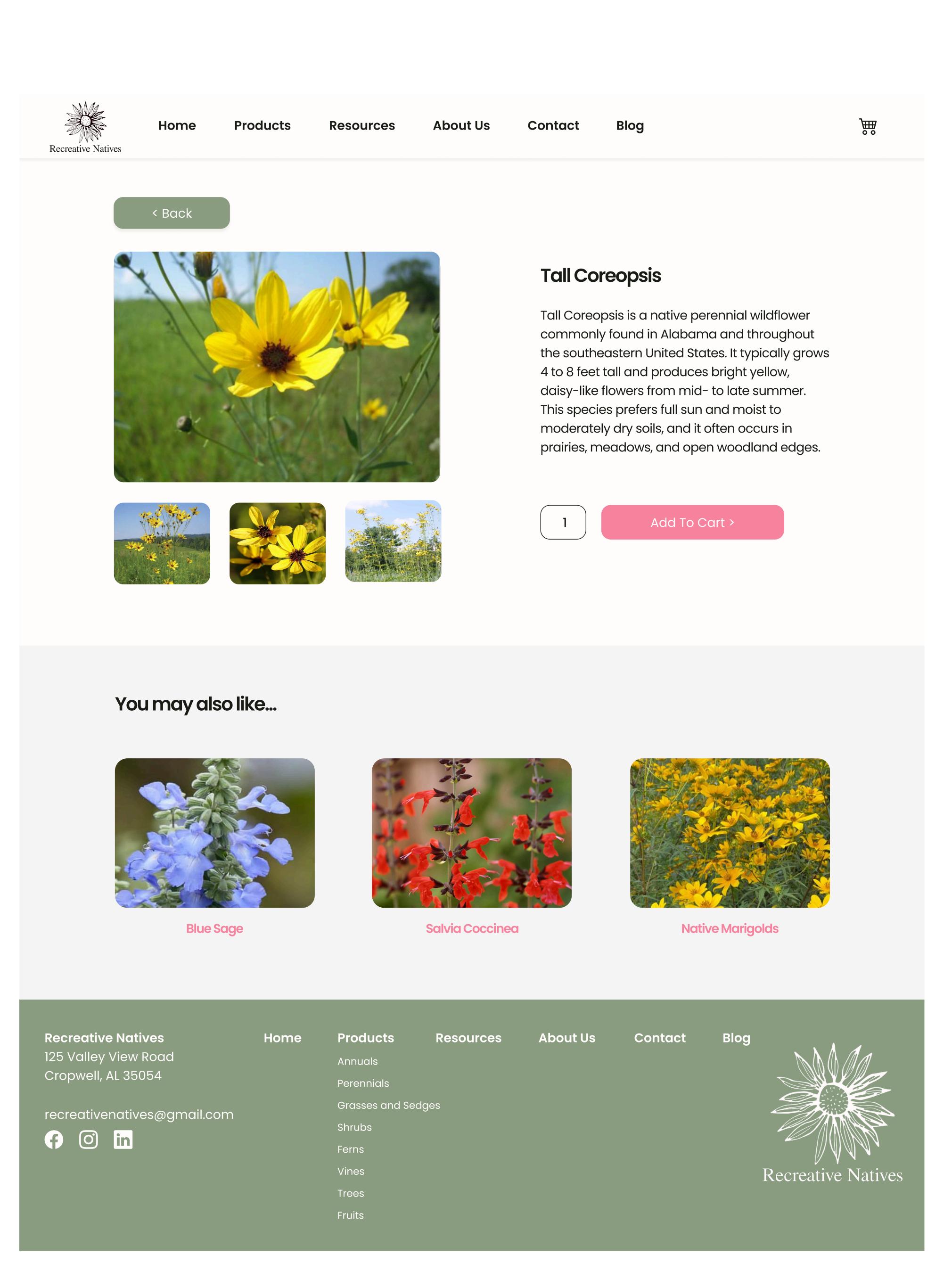
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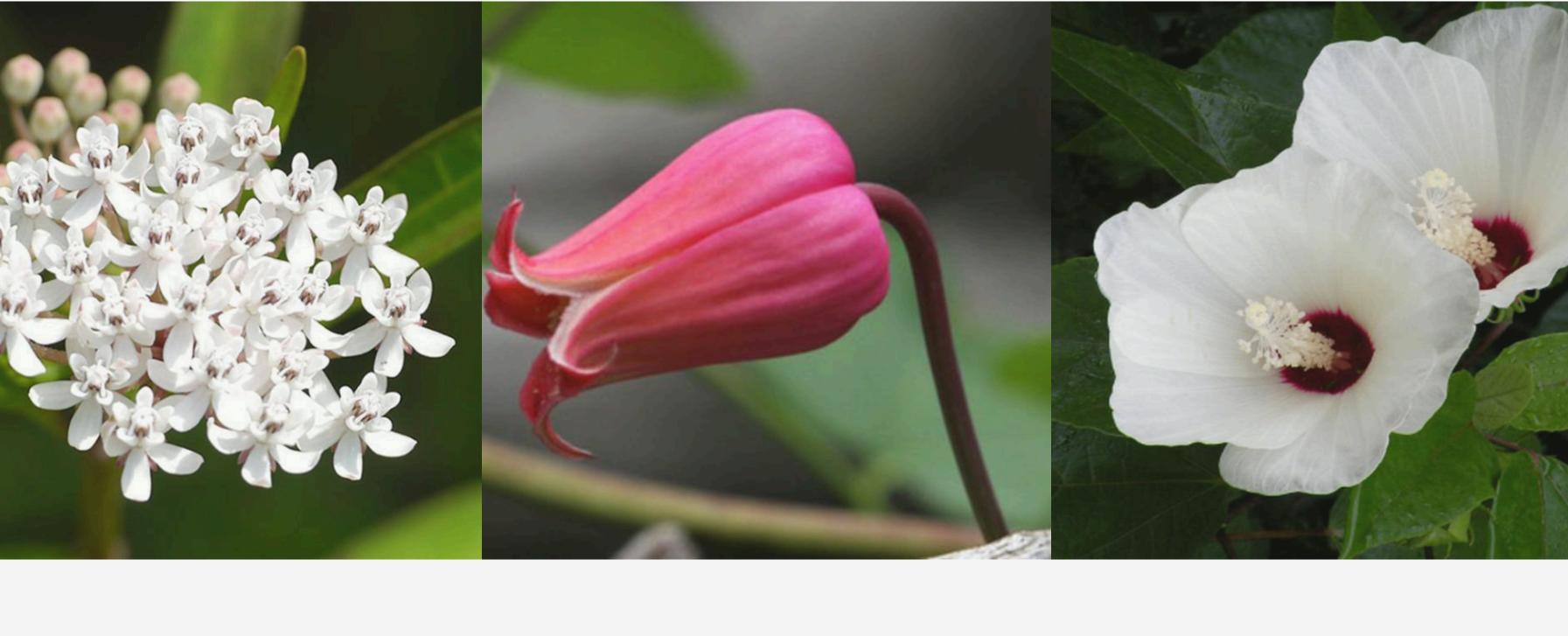








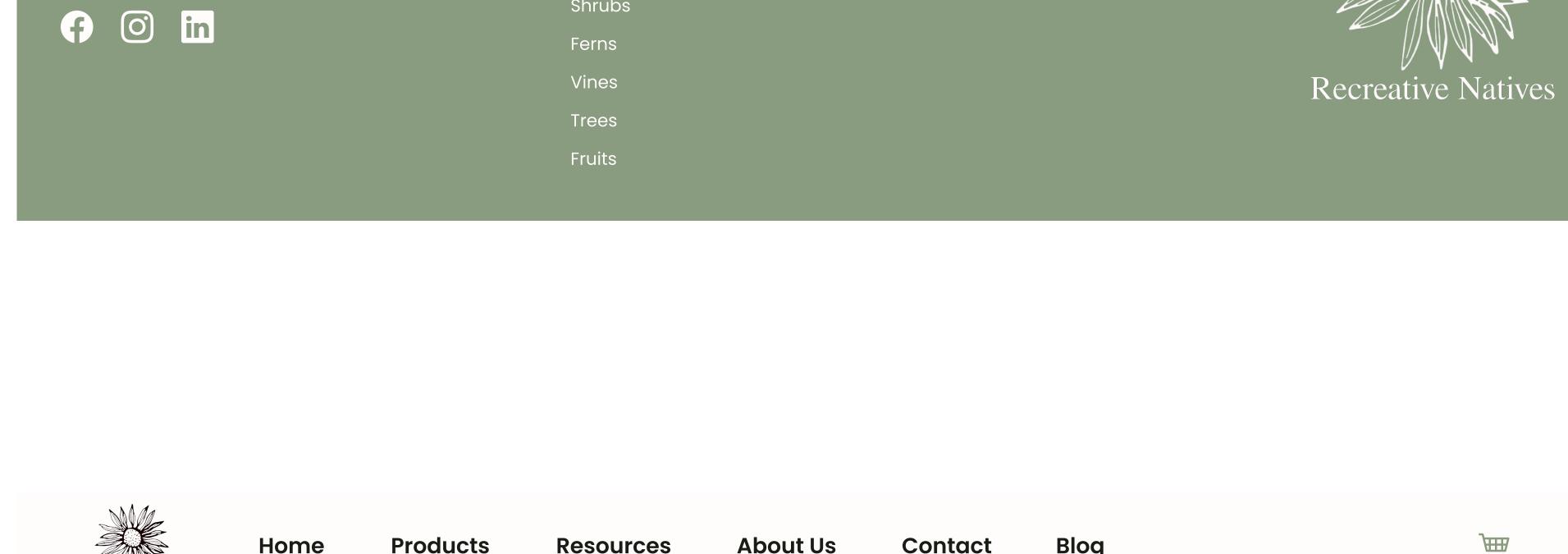


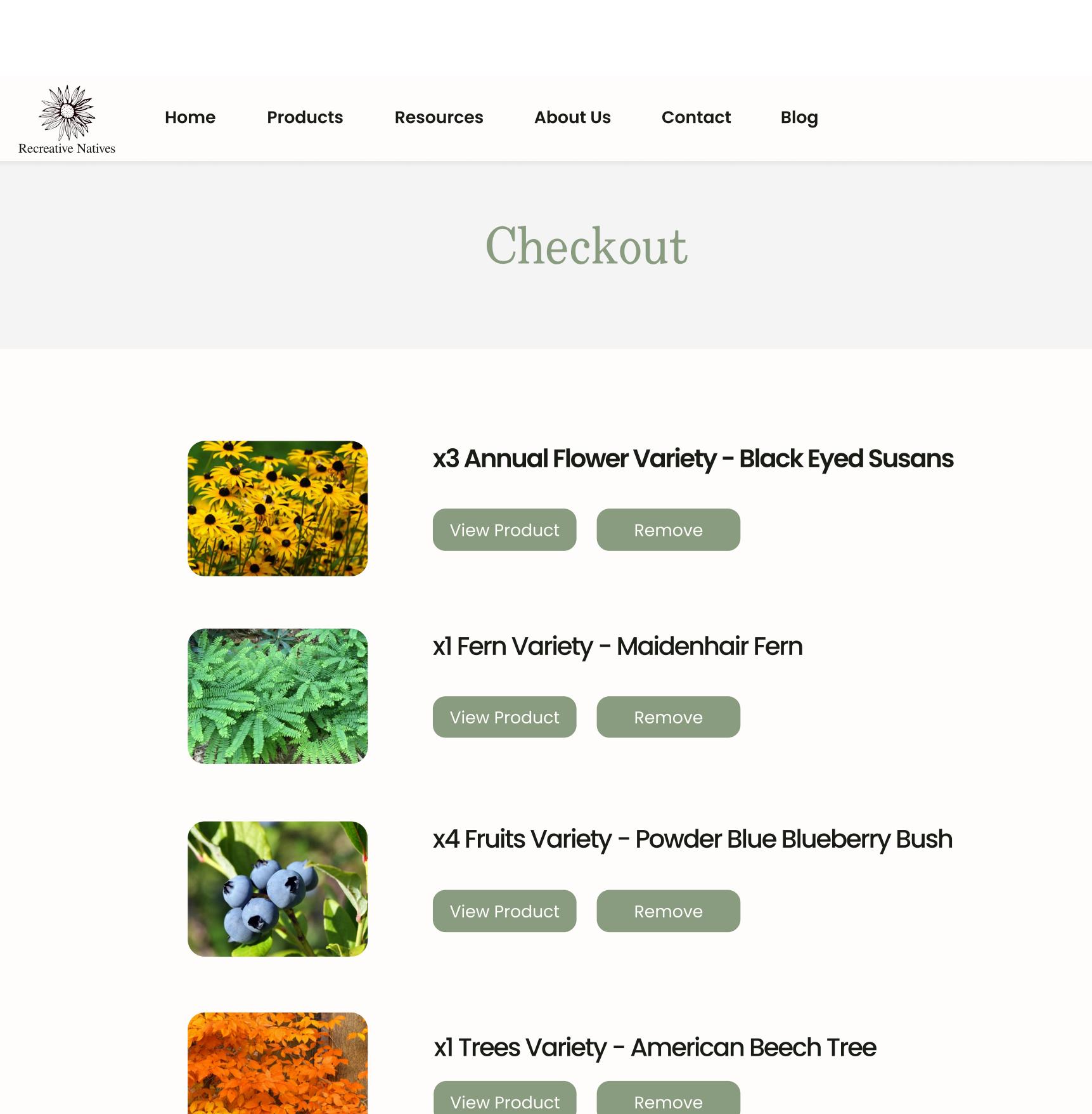


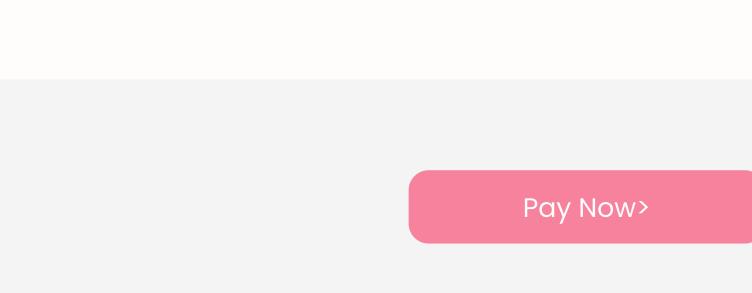
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Recreative Natives is a small nursery specializing in the propagation of plants native to Alabama and the Southeast. Our plants are pesticide free and we collect our own local ecotype seeds in order to increase the biodiversity of native flora.



What We Do Planting native plants is the easiest act of environmental conservation. Choosing native plants not only benefits the environment (supporting native species, freedom from pesticides, etc.), you will also reap the benefits!



By creating wildlife-friendly gardens with locally adapted species, we can build corridors of habitat that support biodiversity while reducing the need for pesticides, fertilizers, and excessive watering. Our goal is to make native plants more accessible.

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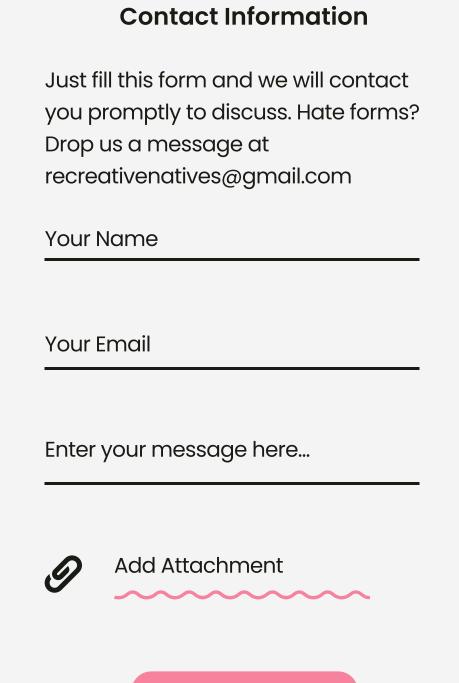
When we moved to Cropwell, Alabama for my husband's job, I was starting my landscaping reputation from scratch again. Step one was locating nurseries that stocked native plants. There were none. All I found were popular cultivars and no variety. I started trying to propagate my own plants just to landscape my own backyard. But my unemployment hobby was getting expensive, so I tried selling my extra plants on



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Trust Recreative Natives for your Alabama Native Plants

At Recreative Natives, we specialize in Alabama native plants that are grown right here in the state and selected with care. Our team is passionate about preserving native ecosystems and helping gardeners, landscapers, and communities bring natural beauty back to their landscapes. Whether you're restoring a habitat or starting a native garden, you can count on us for healthy plants.

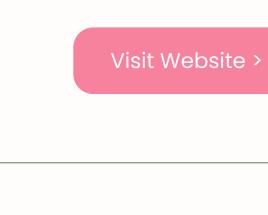
We're more than just a native plant nursery—we're your partner in conservation and sustainable gardening. Recreative Natives offers expert guidance, a wide variety of native species, and a deep commitment to protecting Alabama's unique biodiversity. When you choose us, you're supporting local ecosystems, pollinators, and a future rooted in



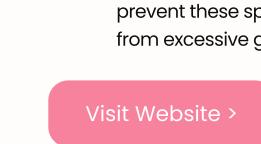




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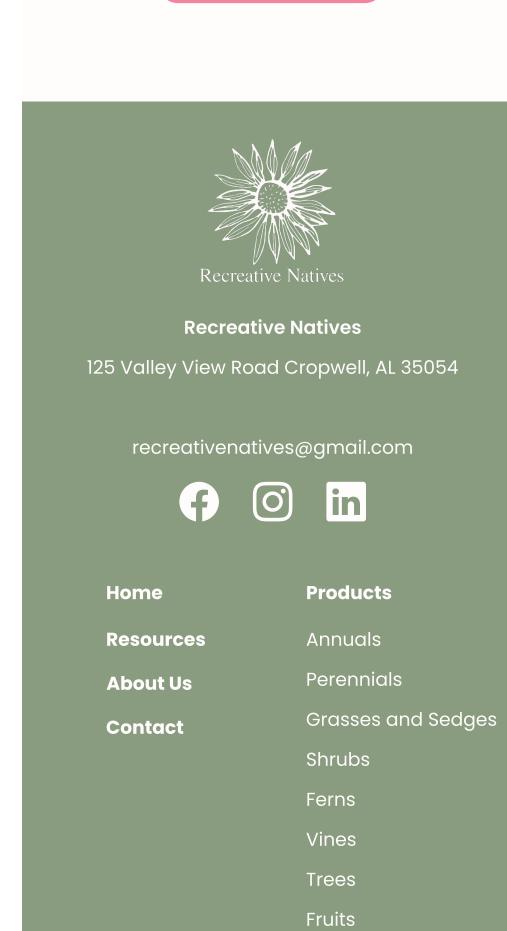






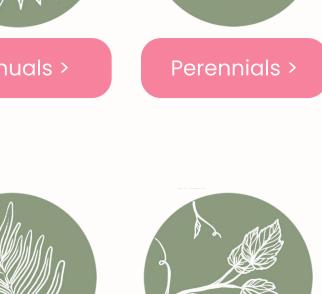
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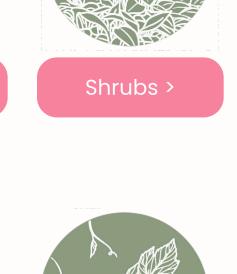




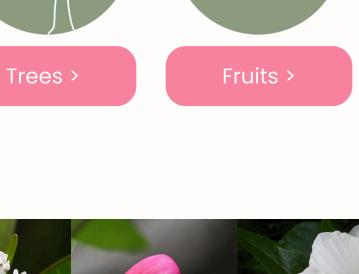










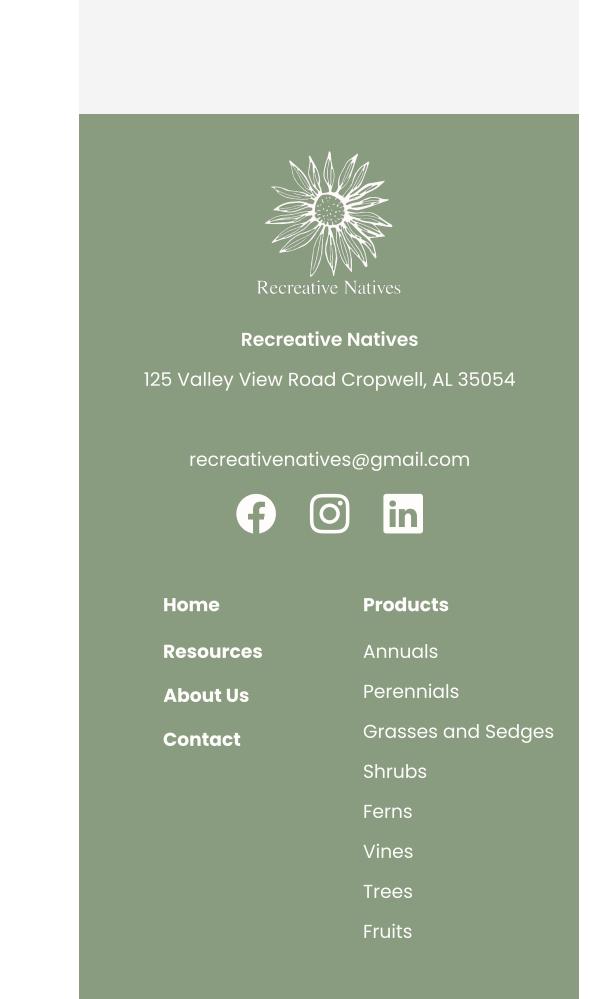


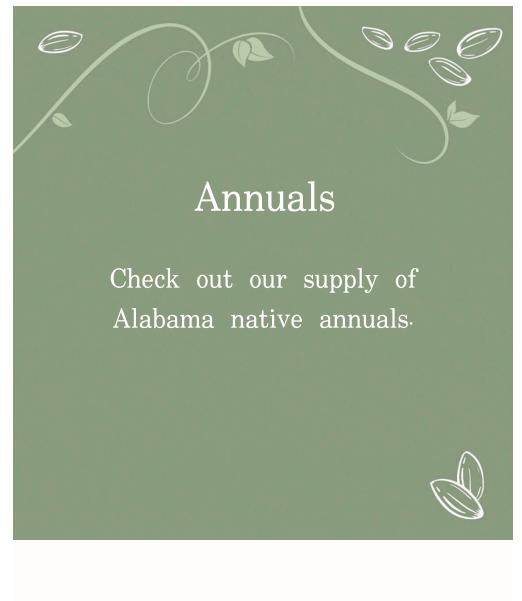


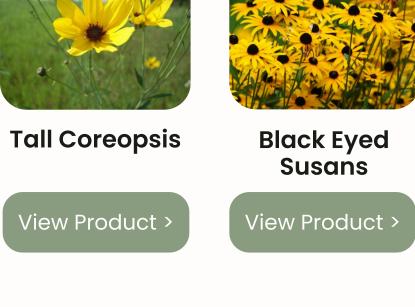
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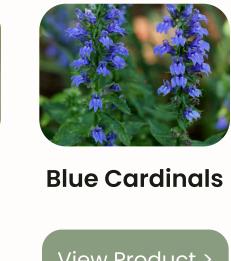
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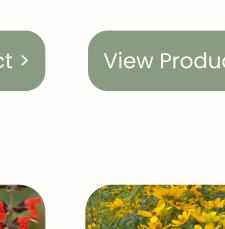








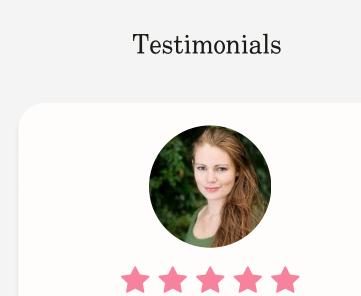








Blue Sage



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Our native annuals bring vibrant hues and local flair straight to your garden. From blazing golden Coreopsis to cheerful crimson Partridge Pea, each bloom is a tribute to our state's natural heritage. These annuals not only celebrate Cropwell's unique landscapes but also offer a stunning seasonal display that's both eye-catching and deeply connected to our sense of place.

These homegrown annuals serve as essential pit stops for pollinators like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds throughout the growing season. When you plant native species, you're helping sustain local food webs supporting pollination, enriching soil health, and inviting wildlife into your yard.

Alabama's native annuals are well-adapted to the soil and climate of Cropwell, making them a smart, low-maintenance choice for gardeners of all levels. These plants thrive with minimal watering and no chemical fertilizers, giving you beautiful results with less effort. Whether you're filling a flower bed or adding pops of color to a pollinator garden, native annuals deliver both beauty and ecological benefits.

Choosing native annuals isn't just about aesthetics—it's about connection. These plants have evolved over generations alongside Alabama's wildlife and ecosystems. By planting them in Cropwell, you're restoring natural balance, supporting local species, and helping preserve the rich biodiversity that makes our region so special. Every seed planted is a step toward a more sustainable and vibrant landscape.





Tall Coreopsis

Tall Coreopsis is a native perennial

wildflower commonly found in Alabama

and throughout the southeastern United

States. It typically grows 4 to 8 feet tall

and produces bright yellow, daisy-like

flowers from mid- to late summer. This

species prefers full sun and moist to

moderately dry soils, and it often occurs

in prairies, meadows, and open

woodland edges.

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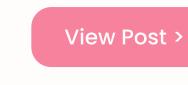
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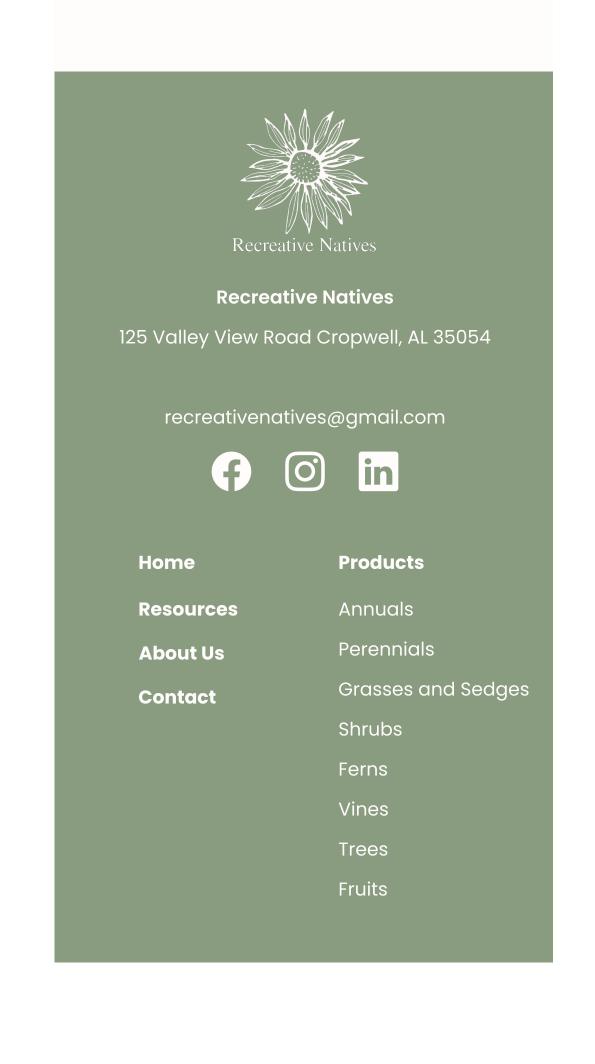


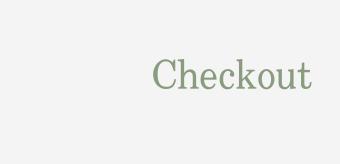
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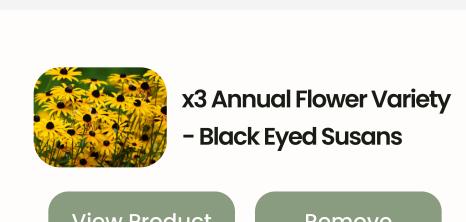
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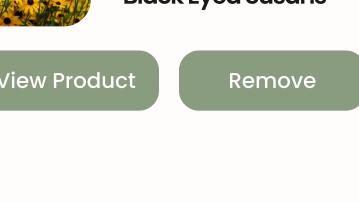
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