

# Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

Use the arrangement below to have a continuous garden - spring, summer, & fall

## ALASKA



### BLOOM SEASON



For best results, use multiple plants of each species.



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Follow these steps to create your beautiful native pollinator garden

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## 1 Identify your garden spot:

- ✓ Find a 3' x 6' plot that gets 6+ hours of sun.
- ✓ Have a larger area? Include more choices and clump the same species together.
- ✓ Remove or smother existing lawn or vegetation.
- ✓ Enhance hard-packed soil with organic compost.

## 2 Buy plants at a local native plant nursery, if possible.

## 3 Plant!

- ✓ Arrange plants with different seasonal blooms in your plot.
- ✓ Dig holes twice as large as each plant's pot.
- ✓ Remove the plant from the pot, loosen the roots, place it in the hole, backfill, tamp soil, and water.
- ✓ Mulch plot to depth < 1 inch, keeping mulch away from stems and avoid using hardwood chips and shreds.




## 4 Maintain your garden:

- ✓ Water to keep moist throughout the first two weeks, then as needed or when plants droop.
- ✓ Weed as needed.
- ✓ Avoid using insecticides, herbicides, or fungicides.
- ✓ Be patient - your garden may take a few years to fully establish and fill in!

Add your garden: [www.millionpollinatorgardens.org](http://www.millionpollinatorgardens.org)

## BLOOM SEASON | NATIVE PLANT OPTIONS

\*Your state's native plant society can recommend additional locally appropriate native species in the genus below. See **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Ecoregional Planting Guides** for additional information: [www.pollinator.org/guides](http://www.pollinator.org/guides).

SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION
<b>Spring</b>  <small>WILD IRIS</small>	wild iris <i>Iris setosa</i>	American milkvetch <i>Astragalus americanus</i>
	bunchberry <i>Cornus canadensis</i>	northern yellow locoweed <i>Oxytropis campestris</i>
	woolly geranium <i>Geranium erianthum</i>	broadleaf arnica <i>Arnica latifolia</i>
<b>Summer</b>  <small>WESTERN COLUMBINE</small>	shooting star <i>Dodecatheon pulchellum</i>	Jacob's ladder <i>Polemonium acutiflorum</i>
	American pasqueflower <i>Pulsatilla patens</i>	alpine sweetvetch <i>Hedysarum alpinum</i>
	western columbine <i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	tall bluebells <i>Baileya multiradiata</i>
<b>Fall</b>  <small>ARCTIC GOLDENROD</small>	arctic goldenrod <i>Solidago multiradiata</i>	Siberian aster <i>Eurybia sibirica</i>
	yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Chamerion angustifolium <i>Fireweed</i>
	chives <i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	mountain larkspur <i>Delphinium glaucum</i>

• color dots above indicate bloom color

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