

Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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

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6'

3'



BLOOM SEASON



For best results, use multiple plants of each species.



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1 Identify your garden spot:

- ✓ Find a 3' x 6' plot that gets 6+ hours of direct 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!

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NATIVE PLANT OPTIONS

Your state's native plant society can recommend additional locally appropriate native species. See **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Ecoregional Planting Guides** for additional information: www.pollinator.org/guides.

SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION
Spring	eastern smooth beardtongue <i>Penstemon laevis</i> ○	green and gold <i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i> ●
	lanceleaf tickseed ● <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	bloodroot ○ <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>
	eastern bluestar ● <i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	narrowleaf evening primrose ● <i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>
Summer	butterfly milkweed ● <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	dense blazing star ● <i>Liatris spicata</i>
	black-eyed Susan ● <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	orange coneflower ● <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>
	wild bergamot ● <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	trumpetweed ● <i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>
Fall	swamp sunflower ● <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	lateflowering thoroughwort ○ <i>Eupatorium serotinum</i>
	anise-scented goldenrod ● <i>Solidago odora</i>	smooth blue aster ● <i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>
	blue mistflower ● <i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	giant ironweed ● <i>Vernonia gigantea</i>

● color dots above indicate bloom color
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