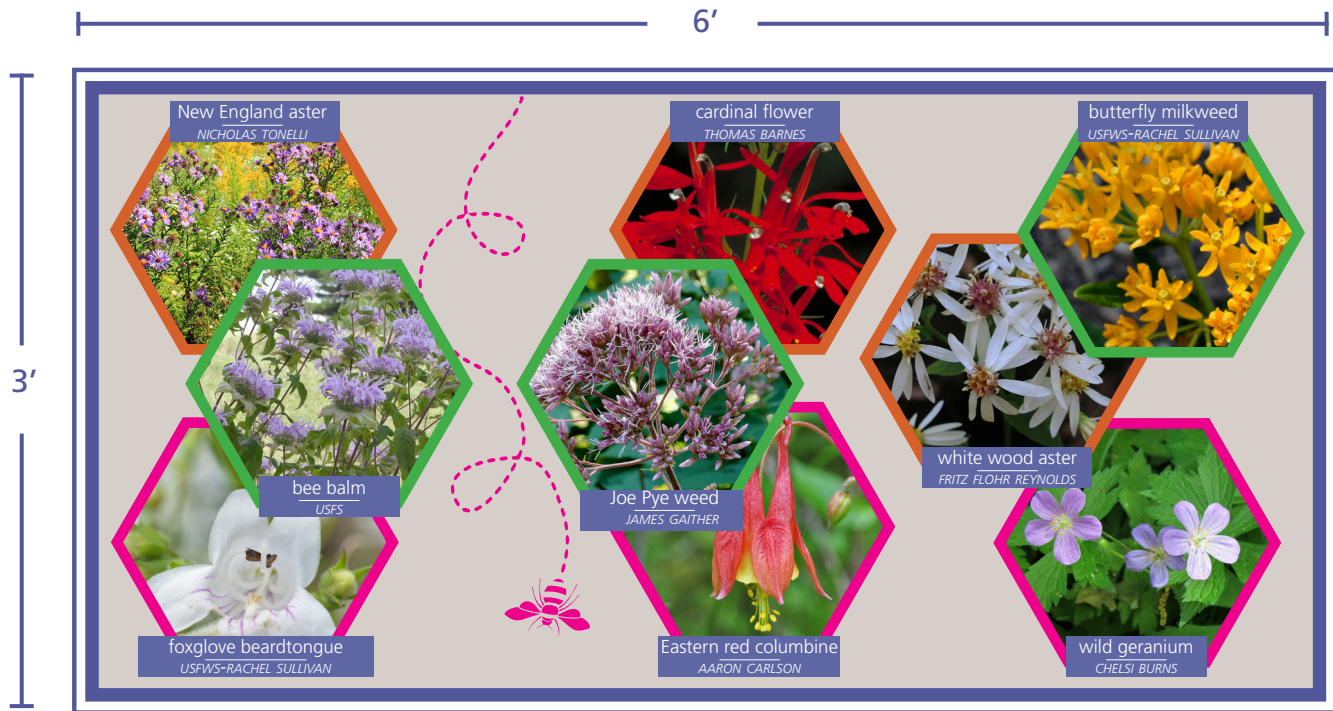


# Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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

## NORTHEAST REGION

CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV



### BLOOM SEASON

-  Spring
-  Summer
-  Fall

For best results, use multiple plants of each species.



**POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP**



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.


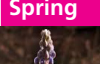
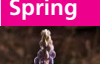


















## 4 Maintain your garden:

- ✓ 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. 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                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <p>Spring</p> |  <p>Eastern red columbine<br/><i>Aquilegia canadensis</i></p>     |  <p>squirrel corn<br/><i>Dicentra canadensis</i></p>                 |
|                                                                                                  |  <p>wild geranium<br/><i>Geranium maculatum</i></p>               |  <p>wild lupine<br/><i>Lupinus perennis</i></p>                      |
|                                                                                                  |  <p>foxglove beardtongue<br/><i>Penstemon digitalis</i></p>       |  <p>golden ragwort<br/><i>Packera aurea</i></p>                      |
|  <p>Summer</p> |  <p>common milkweed<br/><i>Asclepias syriaca</i></p>              |  <p>butterfly milkweed<br/><i>Asclepias tuberosa</i></p>             |
|                                                                                                  |  <p>beebalm<br/><i>Monarda fistulosa</i></p>                      |  <p>woodland sunflower<br/><i>Helianthus divaricatus</i></p>         |
|                                                                                                  |  <p>Joe Pye weed<br/><i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i></p>             |  <p>narrowleaf mountain mint<br/><i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i></p> |
|  <p>Fall</p>   |  <p>white wood aster<br/><i>Eurybia divaricata</i></p>            |  <p>cardinal flower<br/><i>Lobelia cardinalis</i></p>                |
|                                                                                                  |  <p>gray goldenrod<br/><i>Solidago nemoralis</i></p>              |  <p>wrinkleleaf goldenrod<br/><i>Solidago rugosa</i></p>             |
|                                                                                                  |  <p>New England aster<br/><i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i></p> |  <p>white turtlehead<br/><i>Chelone glabra</i></p>                   |

● color dots above indicate bloom color

All three images in this table are NPS photos.

