Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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

**BLOOM SEASON**
- For best results, use multiple plants of each species.

**GREAT PLAINS REGION**
ND, SD, NE, KS, OK

- **Spring**
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    - Peter Berthelsen
  - stiff-leaved goldenrod
    - Elizabeth Kaufman
  - blanket flower
    - Stacy Simanonok

- **Summer**
  - common yarrow
    - Matt Lavin
  - swamp milkweed
    - Peter Berthelsen
  - dotted blazing star
    - Stacy Simanonok

- **Fall**
  - purple prairie clover
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    - Matt Lavin
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Follow these steps to create your beautiful native pollinator garden

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

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**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](https://www.pollinator.org/guides) for additional information: [www.pollinator.org/guides](https://www.pollinator.org/guides).*

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