

Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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

MIDWEST REGION

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BLOOM SEASON



For best results, use multiple plants of each species.



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!

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NATIVE PLANT OPTIONS

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

SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION
 WILD INDIGO	Eastern columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	wild geranium <i>Geranium maculatum</i>
	wild indigo <i>Baptisia spp.*</i>	spiderwort <i>Tradescantia spp.*</i>
	beardtongue <i>Penstemon spp.*</i>	golden Alexanders <i>Zizia aurea</i>
 YELLOW CONEFLOWER	button blazing star <i>Liatris aspera</i>	blazing star <i>Liatris spp.*</i>
	common milkweed <i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	butterfly milkweed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
	yellow coneflower <i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
 NEW ENGLAND ASTER	cardinal flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	common boneset <i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>
	stiff goldenrod <i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	showy goldenrod <i>Solidago speciosa</i>
	New England aster <i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	smooth blue aster <i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>

• color dots above indicate bloom color

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