

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.



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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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: pollinator.org/guides.

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

● color dots above indicate bloom color
All three images in this table are NPS photos.