

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



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 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: pollinator.org/guides.

SEASON		
Spring	Eastern red columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> ●	squirrel corn <i>Dicentra canadensis</i> ○
	miniature 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>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i> ●	white turtlehead <i>Chelone glabra</i> ○

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