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.
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

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 for additional information: www.pollinator.org/guides.

**SEASON** | **FIRST OPTION** | **SECOND OPTION**
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Spring | green milkweed *Asclepias viridis* | antelope-horns *Asclepias asperula*
| cobaea beardtongue *Penstemon cobaea* | Barbara’s buttons *Marshallia caespitosa*
| columbine *Aquilegia canadensis* | engelmann daisy *Engelmannia pinnatifida*

Summer | Texas lantana *Lantana urticoides* | orange zexmenia *Wedelia acapulcensis*
| tropical Sage *Salvia coccinea* | Turk’s cap *Malvastrum arboreus*
| flame acanthus *Anisacanthus quadrifidus* | black dalea *Dalea frutescens*

Fall | Maximilian sunflower *Helianthus maximiliani* | plateau goldeneye *Viguiera dentata*
| mealy blue sage *Salvia farinacea* | Gregg’s mistflower *Conoclinium greggii*
| shrubby boneset *Ageratina havanensis* | blackfoot daisy *Melampodium leucanthemum*

- color dots above indicate bloom color

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