

# Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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

## INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

CO, MT, NV, UT, WY



### BLOOM SEASON

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

For best results, use multiple plants of each species.



Follow these steps to create your beautiful native pollinator garden

**INTERMOUNTAIN REGION**  
CO, MT, NV, UT, WY

## 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](http://www.millionpollinatorgardens.org)

## 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: [www.pollinator.org/guides](http://www.pollinator.org/guides).

SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION
Spring	common yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	parsnipflower buckwheat <i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i>
	Richardson's geranium <i>Geranium richardsonii</i>	firecracker penstemon <i>Penstemon eatonii</i>
	mountain bluebells <i>Mertensia ciliata</i>	mule-ears <i>Wyethia amplexicaulis</i>
Summer	showy milkweed <i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	prairie smoke <i>Geum triflorum</i>
	blue flax <i>Linum lewisii</i>	wildbergamot beebalm <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
	tufted evening primrose <i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	Rydberg's penstemon <i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>
Fall	aspen fleabane <i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	scarlet gilia <i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>
	blanketflower <i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	twinflower <i>Linnæa borealis</i>
	silvery lupine <i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	mat rockspirea <i>Petrophytum caespitosum</i>

● color dots above indicate bloom color  
All photos on this card are by Max Licher.