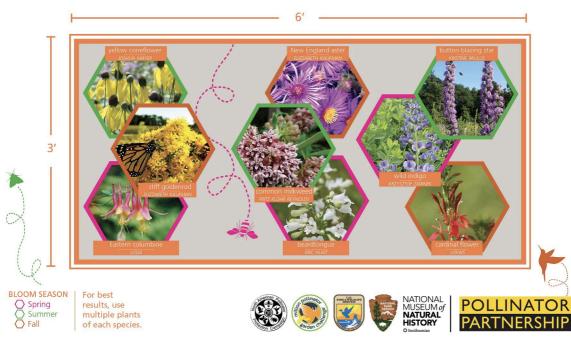
Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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





MIDWEST REGION

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.
- \checkmark 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 | 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	
Spring	Eastern columbine Aquilegia canadensis	wild geranium Geranium maculatum	•
	wild indigo Baptisia spp.*	spiderwort Tradescantia spp.*	• /*
WILD INDIGO	beardtongue o Penstemon spp.*	golden Alexanders Zizia aurea	0
Summer	button blazing star • Liatris aspera	blazing star Liatris spp.*	•
	common milkweed • Asclepias syriaca	butterfly milkweed Asclepias tuberosa	۰
YELLOW CONEFLOWER	yellow coneflower o Ratibida pinnata	black-eyed Susan Rudbeckia hirta	0
Fall	cardinal flower • Lobelia cardinalis	common boneset Eupatorium perfoliatum	0
251	stiff goldenrod Oligoneuron rigidum	showy goldenrod Solidago speciosa	0
New England ASTER	New England aster • Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	smooth blue aster Symphyotrichum laeve	•

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