Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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



6'





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 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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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.

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SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION	
Spring	eastern smooth beardtongue Penstemon laevigatus O	green and gold Chrysogonum virginianum	
	lanceleaf tickseed Ocreopsis lanceolata	bloodroot Sanguinaria canadensis	900
BLOODROOT	eastern bluestar O Amsonia tabernaemontana	narrowleaf evening primrose Oenothera fruticosa	
Summer	butterfly milkweed Asclepias tuberosa	dense blazing star Liatris spicata	
	coneflower ORudbeckia fulgida	orange coneflower ORudbeckia fulgida	
BLACKEYED SUSAN	wild bergamot OMOnarda fistulosa	trumpetweed Eutrochium fistulosum	
Fall	swamp sunflower O Helianthus angustifolius	lateflowering thoroughwort Eupatorium serotinum O	
Silver Maria	anise-scented goldenrod Solidago odora	smooth blue aster Symphyotrichum laeve	
	blue mistflower • Conoclinium coelestinum	giant ironweed Vernonia gigantea	

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