



Native Perennials for Pollinator Gardens

Pollinators include bees, beetles, flies, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, and even bats provide a valuable service. They pollinate the plants that we use for food, as well as the plants we use to beautify our yards. We can help them by providing native plants. Many insects need specific host plants to lay their eggs on, for food for the larvae. Use this palette of plants to create a beautiful and interesting garden. The colors, shapes and textures of the plants are themselves an attractive addition to your garden. In addition, you will create an opportunity to enjoy watching the butterflies, moths, birds and other wildlife that your native habitat attracts.

Plants for Pollinator Gardens

Plants for Sunny areas - The following are plants that would work for you when starting a pollinator garden in the sun. They provide color and either food or are a host plant for various insects

[Great Blue Lobelia](#)
[Red Cardinal Flower](#)
[Bee Balm](#)
[Wild Bergamot](#)
[White Turtlehead](#)
[Green Cone Flower](#)
[Anise Hyssop](#)
[Willow Amsonia](#)
[Joe-Pye Weed](#)
[Common Boneset](#)
[Butterfly Weed](#)
[Swamp Milkweed](#)
[Purple Cone Flower](#)
[New England Aster](#)
[Tall Meadow Rue](#)
[Wild Columbine](#)
[Smooth Aster](#)
[Showy Goldenrod](#)
[Showy Tick Trefoil](#)
[New York Aster](#)

Lobelia Siphilitica
Lobelia cardinalis
Monarda didyma
Monarda fistulosa
Chelone glabra (Host: Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly)
Rudbeckia laciniata
Agastache foeniculum (Bumble Bees)
Amsonia tabernamontana
Eupatorium purpureum
Eupatorium Perfoliatum
Asclepias tuberosa (Host: Monarch Butterfly) (Bumble Bees)
Asclepias incarnata (Host: Monarch Butterfly)
Echinacea purpurea
Symphotrichum novae-angliae(Host: Northern Crescent Butterfly) (Bumble Bee)
Thalictrum polygamum
Aquilegia canadensis
Symphotrichum laeve (Host: Northern Crescent Butterfly)
Solidago speciosa (Bumble Bee)
Desmodium canadense (Sliver-Spotted Skipper and Hoary Edge Butterfly)
Symphotrichum novi-belgii

New York Ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>
Bottle Gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>
Stiff Goldenrod	<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>
Goat's Beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>
Heart leaf Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aptera</i> (Host: Black Swallowtail Butterfly)
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i> (Host: Black Swallowtail Butterfly)
Smooth Penstemon	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> (Host: Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly) (<i>Bumble Bees</i>)
Summer Phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>
Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> (Host: Pepper-and-Salt Skipper Butterfly.)
Big Bluestem Grass	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> (Host: Delaware Skipper, Dusted Skipper)

Plants for Shady areas: The following plants are great pollinator plants for the shady garden. Remember pollinators not only include bees, but also flies beetles, butterflies and other insects.

Dutchman's Breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i> (<i>Bumble Bees</i>)
Doll's Eyes	<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>
Wild Geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i> (<i>Bumble Bees</i>)
False Solomon's Seal	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>
Foam Flower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>
May Apple	<i>Podophyllum pelatum</i>
Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> (Host: Mustard White and Virginia White butterflies)
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum Canadensis</i>
Cutleaf Toothwort	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>
Wild Columbine	<i>Aquilegia Canadensis</i> (Host: Columbine Dusky Wing Butterfly)
Yellow Wood Poppy	<i>Stylophorum diphylla</i>
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>
Bluewood Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i> (Host: Northern Crescent Butterfly)
White Wood Aster	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i> (Host: Northern Crescent Butterfly)
Virginia Anemone	<i>Anemone virginiana</i>
Skunk Cabbage	<i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i>
Canada Anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>
Blue Stemmed Goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia Siphilitica</i>
Red Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>
Golden groundsel	<i>Packera aurea</i> (<i>Senecio aureus</i>)
Grass, Bottle Brush Grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i> (Host: Northern Pearly Eye Butterfly)
Goats Beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>