Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

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

6'

3'

New England aster
NICHOLAS TONELLI

cardinal flower
THOMAS BARNES

butterfly milkweed
USFWS-RACHEL SULLIVAN

bee balm
USFS

Joe Pye weed
JAMES GAITHER

white wood aster
FRITZ FLOHR REYNOLDS

foxglove beardtongue
USFWS-RACHEL SULLIVAN

Eastern red columbine
AARON CARLSON

wild geranium
CHELSI BURNS

BLOOM SEASON

⬡ Spring
⬡ Summer
⬡ Fall

For best results, use multiple plants of each species.

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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. See **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Ecoregional Planting Guides** for additional information: www.pollinator.org/guides.

SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION
Spring	Eastern red columbine *Aquilegia canadensis* ●	squirrel corn *Dicentra canadensis* ○
	wild geranium *Geranium maculatum* ●	wild lupine *Lupinus perennis* ●
WILD LUPINE	foxglove beardtongue *Penstemon digitalis* ○	golden ragwort *Packera aurea* ○
Summer	common milkweed *Asclepias syriaca* ●	butterfly milkweed *Asclepias tuberosa* ●
	beebalm *Monarda fistulosa* ●	woodland sunflower *Helianthus divaricatus* ○
MOUNTAIN MINT	Joe Pye weed *Eutrochium fistulosum* ●	narrowleaf mountain mint *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium* ○
Fall	white wood aster *Eurybia divaricata* ○	cardinal flower *Lobelia cardinalis* ●
	gray goldenrod *Solidago nemoralis* ○	wrinkleleaf goldenrod *Solidago rugosa* ○
WHITE TURTLEHEAD	New England aster *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* ●	white turtlehead *Chelone glabra* ○
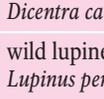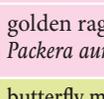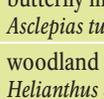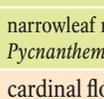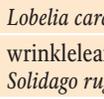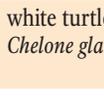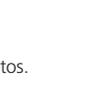
○ *color dots above indicate bloom color*
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