

# NATIVE PERENNIALS FOR POLLINATORS

- Plants marked with asterisk (\*) provide food for greatest number of pollinator species.
- All listed plants hardy to at least zone 5 (therefore OK for containers in zone 7)
- Unless otherwise noted all native perennials grow best in soil with neutral pH (6.5-7.0)
- Bloom times are approximate and may differ with species type and cultural conditions

FIRST BLOOM	COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	HT	CATERPILLAR FOOD SOURCE	SPECIAL SOIL REQUIREMENTS	SUN REQUIREMENT	BLOOM PERIOD (month by number)
EARLY (Apr-May)	Blue-eyed grass	Sisyrinchium sp.	6"-1'			Full Sun	5-6
	Moss phlox	Phlox subulata	6"		loam	Full sun	5-8
	Wild Indigo	Baptisia australis	2'-3'			Part shade-Full Sun	5-6
	Spiderwort	Tradescantia sp.	6"-36"			Part shade-Full Sun	5-6
	Wild geranium	Geranium maculatum	1'-2'		tolerant	Part shade-Full Sun	4-5
	Native honeysuckle	Lonicera sp. (hummingbirds)	30"+			Part shade-Full Sun	4-6
	Virginia Bluebells	Mertensia virginica	18"-24"		Peaty,sandy	Shade-Part shade	4-7
	MID (June-midJuly)	Evening primrose	Oenothera biennis	6"-3'			Shade-Full sun
*Perennial Sunflowers		Helianthus sp.	3-10'	x	Tolerant of Acid,neutral,, alkaline	Full sun	7-10
Coral bells		Heuchera sp	6"-1'			Part shade	5-6
Purple coneflower		Echinacea purpurea	2-4'	x		Pat shade-Shade	5-9
*Foxglove penstemon		Penstemon digitalis	2-3'			Full sun	5-6
*Bee Balm		Monarda sp. (also hummingbirds)	1-4'			Part shade-Sun	6-8
Black eyed Susan		Rudbeckia sp.	1-3'	x		Part Sun-Full Sun	6-10
Tickseed		Coreopsis sp.	1-2'			Part Shade-Full Sun	5-7
*Tall Garden phlox		P. paniculata (hummingbird moth)	2-3'			Part Shade-Full Sun	7-9
Thymes (non-native)		Thymus sp.	6-12"		pH 7	Part Sun-Full Sun	5-7

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MID-LATE (late July- mid Aug)	Milkweed	Asclepias sp.	2-4'	x		Full Sun	7-8
	*Blazing star	Liatris spicata	2-5'			Full Sun	7-9
	Oregano (non-native)	Origanum sp.	6"-12"			Part Sun-Full Sun	7-9
	*Asters	Astereae sp.	1-3'	x	varies	Part Sun-Full Sun	summer or fall dependent on sp.
	Great blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	2-3'			Part Shade	8-9
	*Mountain mint	Pycnanthemum sp.	1-3'			Part Shade-Full Sun	7-9
	White turtlehead	Chelone glabra	2-4'	x		Part Shade	8-10
	*Anise hyssop	Agastache foeniculum	3-5'			Part Shade-Full Sun	7-9
LATE (mid Aug- Sept)	Heuchera	H. 'Autumn Bride'	6"		pH 6-7	Part Shade-Full Sun	7-8
	*New England aster	Aster novae-angliae	3-6'	x		Full Sun	8-10
	*Stonecrop (non-native)	Sedum sp.	1-3'			Part Shade-Full Sun	9-10
	New York ironweed	Veronia noveboracensis	3-6'			Full Sun	8-9
	*Goldenrod	Solidago sp.	3-6'			Full Sun	8-10
	*Sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	3-5'			Full Sun	8-10
	*Joe Pye weed	Eupatorium purpureum	3-6'			Partial Shade-Full Sun	8-9
	*Thoroughwort	Eupatorium perfoliatum	3-4'			Part Shade	9-11