



Pollinator Garden Plant List

Pollinator gardens provide respites for many pollinators migrating from one location to the next throughout the year. The Pollinator Garden highlights native plants suited to the mid-Atlantic region, chosen not only for nectar and pollen production but also for their ability to provide food, shelter, and nesting habitat. Woody plants offer fruit and roosting opportunities, while milkweed and other host plants support insects throughout their life cycles. Hollow-stemmed and clump-forming plants accommodate ground and stem-nesting pollinators.

Hagley's Pollinator Garden finds the balance between a "wild" space and traditional gardening, showing visitors that they can create their own native space at home while maintaining a more traditionally polished garden space. Maintained using organic practices, the Pollinator Garden models ecologically responsible stewardship.



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PLANT	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ATTRACTED POLLINATORS	WHAT TO LOOK FOR
SPRING (March-May)			
Corbett Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> ‘Corbett’	Hummingbirds, bumblebees, butterflies	Bell-like pale yellow flowers that point downward
Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Monarch caterpillars, butterflies, bees	Large, thick leaves and tiny light pink flowers
Blue False Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Bumblebees, bees, butterflies	Tall spikes of indigo flowers
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Bees, butterflies, hummngbirds, songbirds, small mammals	Heart-shaped leaves, bud-like pink flowers bloom directly on the trunk/stems of the tree
Fringe Tree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Bees; songbirds and small mammals eat the fruit	Droopy, fringed white flowers
Prairie Smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Bees, beetles, ants	Low-growing plant with two-inch flower stems produce wispy pink flowers
Iris Purple Flag	<i>Iris versicolor</i> ‘Purple Flag’	Butterflies	New leaves are purple at the base, produce deep purple flowers
Siskayou Pink Guara	<i>Oenothera lindheimeri</i> ‘Siskiyou Pink’	Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, caterpillars	Small leaves grow along tall wiry stems produce white flowers that fade to pink
Summer Wine Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> ‘Summer Wine’	Birds, bees, butterflies	Wine-colored leaves produce heads of small white/pink flowers
Yoshino Cherry Blossom	<i>Prunus xyedoensis</i>	Bees, butterflies; birds eat the fruit	Trees with almond-scented clusters of 5-6 pale pink flowers that fade to white. Native to Japan
Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Butterflies, bees	Small bright yellow flowers in flat umbels that resemble yarrow flowers
SUMMER (June-August)			
Bottlebursh Buckeye	<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees	Large shrub that produces long spikes of tubular white, fringed flowers
Nodding Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Butterflies, bees, songbirds	Produces a spherical umbel of purple/white flowers that bends downward giving its “nodding feature”
Cinderella Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ‘Cinderella’	Monarch caterpillars, butterflies, bees, hummingbirds	Lance-shaped leaves, purple flowers similar to common milkweed
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Monarch caterpillars, butterflies, bees	A shorter milkweed variety that produces bright orange flowers

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Ruby Spice Sweet Pepper-bush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> ‘Ruby Spice’	Butterflies, bees	A smaller shrub with spikes of soft red/pink and white flowers
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Butterflies, bees, songbirds (American Goldfinch)	Pink/purple flowers surrounding a cone center on tall stems
Pow Wow® Wild Berry Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> ‘PAS702917’	Butterflies, bees, songbirds (American Goldfinch)	A shorter coneflower variety with bright pink flowers that last through September
Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Butterflies, bees, songbirds	Pale green coloration to entire plant, spink leaves and flower-head
Little Joe Spotted Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eutrochium dubium</i> ‘Little Joe’	Caterpillars, bees, butterflies, songbirds	Flat umbels of light purple flowers, stem has a purple coloration
Obsidian Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera</i> ‘Obsidian’	Bees	Low-growing purple leaves give way to a taller stem of purple-white flowers
Shrubby St. John’s Wort	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Butterflies	A compact, rounded shrub with five-petaled, bright yellow flowers with numerous yellow
Fizzy Mizzy Virginia Sweet-spire	<i>Itea virginica</i> ‘Fizzy Mizzy’	Butterflies, bees; songbirds eat the seeds	A smaller erect shrub with racemes of tiny white flowers
Trumpet Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies	Red tubular, trumpet-like flowers grow up along this vine
Beebalm	<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds	Pale pink tubular, two-lipped flowers in dense heads atop square stems
Raspberry Wine Beebalm	<i>Monarda didyma</i> ‘Raspberry Wine’	Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds	Bright dark pink tubular, two-lipped flowers in dense heads atop square stems
Garden Phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies	Bright pink tubular flowers with five flat petals are densely packed in domed clusters
Pink Manners Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> ‘Pink Manners’	Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies	Light pink bell-shaped tubular flowers grow on tall spikes
Mountain Mint	<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Butterflies, caterpillars, bees	Mint-colored spreading plant with flower bracts of a slightly lighter color, attracts many
Grey Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Butterflies, bees, songbirds (American Goldfinch)	Tall thin stems produce flowers with drooping yellow petals and a tall grey conehead center
Mainacht Wood Sage	<i>Salvia sylvestris</i> ‘Mainacht’	Bees, butterflies	Small deep purple flower spikes on low-growing foliage, has a minty scent
Downy Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	Bees, butterflies, moths	Small purplish-blue flowers appear in branching, loose racemes, plant has square stems
Wild Senna	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	Bees, butterflies, caterpillars, beetles, ants; songbirds eat the seeds	Butter yellow, almost pea-shaped flowers on short racemes near the top of the plant
New York Ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	Butterflies, bees, humming-birds, songbirds	Taller plant with dark green leaves and dark purple flowers

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FALL (September-November)			
American Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Bees; songbirds and small mammals eat the berries	Shrub with lime-green leaves and bright pink clusters of berries that surround the stems
Northern Sea Oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Caterpillars, butterflies; birds and small mammals eat the	A medium-sized grass with large, flat, oat-shaped seed
Common Witch Hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Moths; songbirds and small mammals eat the fruit	Small, spindly yellow flowers grow close to the branches; this tree blooms in early winter
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Bees, wasps	Small yellow daisy-like flowers with yellow centers on tall
Mariachi™ Salsa Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i> 'Salsa'	Bees, wasps	A shorter variety, small red-yellow daisy-like flowers with dark centers
Narrowleaf Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Bees, butterflies; songbirds and small mammals eat the seeds	A tall plant with dark, narrow leaves, daisy-like yellow flowers with dark centers
Goldenrod (various species)	<i>Solidago</i>	Butterflies, bees, caterpillars, songbirds	Showy yellow flowers bloom at the ends of long, unbranched stems with small lance-like
New England Aster (various species)	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	Bees, butterflies, caterpillars, songbirds, small mammals	Daisy-like light purple flowers with yellow centers and green leaves
Lady in Black Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i> 'Lady in Black'	Bees, butterflies, caterpillars, songbirds, small mammals	Daisy-like white flowers with pink centers and dark purple
Twilight Sky Aromatic Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i> 'Twilight Sky'	Bees, butterflies, caterpillars, songbirds, small mammals	Daisy-like light purple flowers with yellow centers and dark purple leaves