



Best species for pollinators

Evidence has shown that pollinator populations are in rapid decline due to habitat loss and the widespread use of herbicides and pesticides. To help reverse this decline, incorporate the following species into your pollinator garden. It is important to remember that pollinators come in all different shapes and sizes from bees, bats, butterflies, hummingbirds, and even ants!

This list includes plants that attract

the most diverse populations of pollinators.

To successfully accommodate each type of pollinator, add a lot of diversity to your garden! Choose wildflowers that bloom throughout the season with varying shapes, colors, and aromas. Incorporate trees and shrubs for habitat, use grasses as host plants for butterfly larvae, and integrate a clean water source for the pollinators.

FORBS

Horsemint
Rosy Pussytoes
Heart-leaf Arnica
Showy Milkweed
Swamp Milkweed
Arrowleaf Balsamroot
Harebell
Paintbrush
Fireweed
Clarkia
Purple Prairie Clover
Purple Coneflower
Ballhead Sandwort
ALL Fleabane Species
Sulfur Buckwheat
Showy Aster
Blanketflower
Sticky Geranium

Agastache urticifolia
Antennaria rosea
Arnica cordifolia
Asclepias speciosa
Asclepias incarnata
Balsamorhiza sagittata
Campanula rotundifolia
Castilleja spp.
Chamerion angustifolium
Clarkia pulchella
Dalea purpurea
Echinacea angustifolia
Eremogone congesta
Erigeron spp.
Eriogonum umbellatum
Eurybia conspicua
Gaillardia aristata
Geranium viscosissimum

FORBS

Maximilian Sunflower
 Golden Aster
 Alumroot
 Scarlet Gilia
 Dotted Blazing Star
 Blue Flax
 Silky Lupine
 Beebalm
 Yellow Evening Primrose
 ALL Penstemon Species
 Rocky Mountain Beeplant
 Silver-leaf Phacelia
 Silky Phacelia
 Yellow Prairie Coneflower
 Canada Goldenrod
 Leafy Aster
 Yucca

Helianthus maximiliani
Heterotheca villosa
Heuchera cylindrica
Ipomopsis aggregata
Liatris punctata
Linum lewisii
Lupinus sericea
Monarda fistulosa
Oenothera villosa
Penstemon spp.
Peritoma serrulata
Phacelia hastata
Phacelia sericea
Ratibida columnifera
Solidago canadensis
Symphotrichum foliaceum
Yucca glauca

SHRUBS

Thinleaf Alder
 Serviceberry
 ALL Sage Species
 Fernbush
 Red-osier Dogwood
 Rubber Rabbitbrush
 ALL Honeysuckle Species
 Mock Orange
 Western Sand Cherry
 Chokecherry
 ALL Currant Species
 Nootka Rose
 Woods Rose
 ALL Willow Species
 Blue Elderberry
 Buffaloberry
 Douglas Spirea
 Snowberry

Alnus incana
Amelanchier alnifolia
Artemisia spp.
Chamaebatiaria millefolium
Cornus sericea
Ericameria nauseosa
Lonicera spp.
Philadelphus lewisii
Prunus besseyi
Prunus virginiana
Ribes spp.
Rosa nutkana
Rosa woodsii
Salix spp.
Sambucus cerulea
Shepherdia canadensis
Spiraea douglasii
Symphoricarpos albus

GROUNDCOVERS

Birch-leaved Spirea
 Kinnikinnick
 Oregon Grape

Spiraea betulifolia
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
Berberis repens

GRASSES

Little Bluestem
 Sideoats Grama
 Blue Grama
 Tufted Hairgrass
 Blue Wildrye
 Prairie Junegrass

Andropogon scoparium
Bouteloua curtipendula
Bouteloua gracilis
Deschampsia cespitosa
Elymus glaucus
Koeleria macrantha

TREES

Paper Birch
 Quaking Aspen
 Black Cottonwood
 Bur Oak

Betula papyrifera
Populus tremuloides
Populus trichocarpa
Quercus macrocarpa

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