

2024 Pollinator Preserve Plants by Common Name

Common Name	Scientific Name	Why Chosen
Anise hyssop	<i>Agastache 'Blue Fortune'</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
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Aromatic aster	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium 'Raydon's Favorite'</i>	* Late season nectar, host plant for silvery checkerspot butterfly and a variety of moths
Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon 'Blackbeard'</i>	Early spring nectar, attract large bees and hummingbirds, example of 'nectar guides'
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Bee balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Nectar, attracts hummingbirds and a variety of insects
Black and blue salvia	<i>Salvia guaranitica 'Black and Blue'</i>	Nectar, bees exhibit 'nectar robbing'
Black cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Keystone Plant, host to hundreds of species of butterflies and moths, nectar, fruit for birds
Black chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa 'Low Scape Mound' ®</i>	Nectar, host plant for coral hairstreak butterfly
Black-eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	Nectar
Black-eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'</i>	Late summer nectar, attracts native bees; birds for seeds
Blanket flower	<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora 'Arizona Sun'</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Blazing star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Blue catmint	<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i>	Early spring nectar
Blue grape hyacinth	<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>	Early season nectar
Blue wood aster	<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	Late season nectar, seeds for wildlife, host plant for dozens of moths and butterflies

Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Dark Knight'</i>	Late season nectar
Broadleaf Plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	Host plant for common buckeye butterfly
Bronze fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare 'Rubrum'</i>	Host plant for black swallowtail
Bush honeysuckle 'Kodiak® Orange'	<i>Diervilla x 'Kodiak® Orange'</i>	Nectar for insects and hummingbirds, alternative to invasive Burning Bush.
Butterfly weed (milkweed)	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Nectar for many insects; host plant for monarch butterfly and milkweed tussock moth. Provides food for milkweed bugs and beetles
Buttonbush 'Sugar Shack'	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis 'Sugar Shack'</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects. Host plant to some of our largest and showiest moths: titan sphinx, the hydrangea sphinx, and the royal walnut.
Calico aster	<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	Late season nectar, host plant for pearl crescent butterfly and others
Canadian goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Abundant pollen and nectar in early fall, attracts a variety of insects, host plant for 8 moths in our region
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Nectar for hummingbirds
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia speciosa Starship™ Blue</i>	Nectar for hummingbirds
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia x speciosa 'Starship (TM) Deep Rose'</i>	Nectar for hummingbirds
Chrysanthemum	<i>Chrysanthemum 'Hillside Sheffield Pink'</i>	Very late season nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Early spring nectar for long tongued bees and hummingbirds
Common hop	<i>Humulus lupulus 'Aureus'</i>	Abundant pollen, nectar for butterflies, host plant for question mark, comma, gray hairstreak and red admiral butterflies and a variety of moths; vine for vertical interest
Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Nectar for many insects; host plant for monarch butterfly and milkweed tussock moth. Provides food for milkweed bugs and beetles
Coral or trumpet honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler'</i>	Nectar for hummingbirds, host plant for snowberry clearwing hummingbird moth, vine for vertical interest
Creeping phlox 'Woodlander Lilac'	<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Early season nectar
Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Already in place
Dutchman's pipevine	<i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i>	Host plant for pipevine swallowtail, unique flower shape
False indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Early season nectar, host plant for clouded sulphur, Orange Sulphur and eastern tailed blue butterflies

Figwort (early bloomer)	<i>Scrophularia lanceolata</i>	Prolific nectar, attracts hummingbirds, native bees, wasps
Figwort (late bloomer)	<i>Scrophularia marilandica</i>	Prolific nectar, attracts hummingbirds, native bees, wasps
First light swamp sunflower	<i>Helianthus salicifolius</i> 'First Light'	Late season nectar
Garden phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Jeana'	Nectar, favorite of hummingbird moth and eastern tiger swallowtail.
Garden phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Laura'	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects, example of 'nectar guides'
Golden alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Nectar, host plant for black swallowtail butterfly
Golden ragwort	<i>Packera aurea</i>	Early spring nectar
Great blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Nectar for large strong native bees
Heartleaf foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Nectar, tolerates shade
Heath aster	<i>Aster ericoides</i> 'Snow Flurry'	
Heath aster	<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i> 'Snow Flurry'	Late season nectar, host plant for pearl crescent butterfly, unique color of flowers
Highbush blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> 'Blue Crop'	Nectar
Hot lips salvia	<i>Salvia microphylla</i> 'Hot Lips'	Nectar, attracts bees and hummingbirds
Indian Pinks	<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Attracts humming birds, butterflies, and bees; does well in shade
Joe Pye weed	<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Late summer nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Lanceleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Nectar, possible host plant to silvery checkerspot butterfly

Lance-leaf loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia lanceolata</i> 'Burgendy Mist'	Nectar, flowering ground cover option
Little Joe Pye weed	<i>Eutrochium dubium</i> 'Little Joe'	Late summer nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Longflower alumroot	<i>Heuchera longiflora</i>	Nectar
Meadow sage	<i>Salvia nemerosa</i>	butterflies/nectar
Mexican hat flower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Nectar, unusual flower shape
Mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Prolific nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Narrowleaf ironweed	<i>Vernonia lettermannii</i>	Nectar
New England aster	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i> 'Andenken an Alma Potschke'	Late season nectar,
New York ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	Nectar
Oneleaf onion	<i>Allium unifolium</i>	Early season nectar
Parsley	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Host plant for black swallowtail
Passionflower	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Nectar for a variety of insects, host plant for variegated fritillary butterfly, vine for vertical interest
Pennsylvania sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Ground cover in shady area, seeds for birds
Perennial sage	<i>Salvia nemorosa</i> 'Spring King'	early nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds. Flowers spring through late summer if deadheaded
Perennial sunflower 'lemon queen'	<i>Helianthus</i> 'Lemon Queen'	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Purple lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Shelter for butterflies and other insects
Rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Attracts a large number of native bees
Rough goldenrod	<i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks'	Abundant pollen and nectar in early fall, attracts a variety of insects, host plant for 8 moths in our region

Sedum 'Neon'	<i>Hylotelephium spectabile 'Neon'</i>	Late summer nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Senna	<i>Senna marilandica</i>	Nectar for bumblebees; host plant for cloudless sulfur and sleepy orange butterflies (and others), birds consume seeds.
Smallhead blazing star	<i>Liatris microcephala</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Smooth hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens 'Haas Halo'</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Snow crocus	<i>Crocus chrysanthus 'Cream Beauty'</i>	Early season nectar
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Early spring nectar, host plant for spicebush swallowtail butterfly
Spike Speedwell	<i>Veronica spicata 'Red Fox'</i>	Nectar/Butterflies
Spotted beebalm	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Nectar, attractive to many bees and wasps
Stokes' aster	<i>Stokesia laevis 'Honeysong Purple'</i>	Nectar
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum album 'Coral Carpet'</i>	Late spring nectar, attracts butterflies
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum ternatum 'Larinem Park'</i>	Late spring nectar, attracts butterflies
Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Nectar for insects and hummingbirds, seeds for birds
Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Nectar for many insects; host plant for monarch butterfly and milkweed tussock moth. Provides food for milkweed bugs and beetles
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum 'Hot Rod'</i>	Shelter for butterflies and other insects
Tall coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis triptera</i>	Nectar, Host plant to blue azure and duskywing butterflies
Threadleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'</i>	Nectar, flowers for 3 seasons, attracts a variety of insects

Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis 'Fall Sensation' 'Sunny Side'</i>	Nectar
Tulip	<i>Tulipa</i>	Early season nectar
Vervain	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Nectar, attracts a variety of insects
Violets	<i>Viola sororia</i>	Nectar, host plant for fritillary butterfly
White turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	Nectar, host plant for Baltimore checkerspot
Whorled milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Nectar for many insects; host plant for monarch butterfly and milkweed tussock moth. Provides food for milkweed bugs and beetles
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Nectar, attracts hummingbirds and a variety of insects
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Wild Indigo	<i>Baptisia tinctoria 'Wild Indigo'</i>	Early season nectar
Woodland tobacco	<i>Nicotiana sylvestris</i>	Nectar for hummingbirds, host plant for many moths including hornworms
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium 'PP31755' 'Sassy Summer Taffy'</i>	Nectar, flat topped inflorescence