Pollinator Garden Menu Card

Black and yellow bumble bee on wild bergamot

This "menu card" helps you select a combination of plants that will provide what native bees and other pollinating insects look for in your garden: pollen and nectar. The plants included here exhibit a variety of flower colors, shapes, sizes, and bloom times that will attract pollinators to your garden throughout the growing season.

How many different kinds of plants should I choose for my garden? Optimize the usefulness of your garden for pollinators by choosing a minimum of three plant species from the menu below per season, so something is in bloom from spring to frost.

How many plants of each species should I plant? Plant at least one of each. If you can plant more, great!

How big should my garden be? Your garden can be any shape, but try for at least 15 sq ft or 18 sq ft to start. You can achieve this size with a 3' x 5' or a 3' x 6' garden.

If you have room, add additional species from the list below, and even some small flowering trees/shrubs like prairie willow (*Salix humilis*), wild plum (*Prunus americana*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*) and chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*). All four flower in spring and attract many bees. Make sure the shrubs/trees you add do not shade other plants in your garden that need full sun.

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Spring	Sun	Max. Height/ Spread	Summer	Sun	Max. Height/ Spread	Fall	Sun	Max. Height/ Spread
Blue wild indigo (*Baptisia australis*) blue/purple flowers	Full Sun	36/36"	Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) yellow/brown flowers	Full Sun	36/24"	Aromatic aster (*Symphyotrichum [Aster] oblongifolium*) purple flowers	Full Sun	30/30"
Foxglove beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*) white flowers	Full Sun/ Lt. Shade	48/24"	Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*) white flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	48/36"	Blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*) blue/purple flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	36/14"
Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*) yellow flowers	Sun/ Med. Shade	30/24"	Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*) purple flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	36/36"	Cliff goldenrod (*Solidago drummondii*) yellow/gold flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	24/24"
Lanceleaf coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) yellow flowers	Full Sun	24/18"	Pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*) pink flowers	Full Sun	36/16"	Eastern blazing star (*Liatris scariosa*) magenta/purple flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	48/18"
New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) white flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	48/36"	Purple prairie clover (*Dalea purpurea*) pink/purple flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	24/24"	Mexican hat (*Ratibida columnifera*) yellow/gold/brown flowers	Full Sun	36/30"
Robin's plantain (*Erigeron pulchellus*) white/yellow flowers	Med. Sun/ Shade	14/16"	Slender mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*) white flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	30/24"	Rough blazing star (*Liatris aspera*) magenta/purple flowers	Full Sun	36/18"
Round-leaf groundsel (*Packera obovata*) yellow flowers	Shade	14/16"	Bee Balm/Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) pink flowers	Full Sun	48/24"	Showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*) yellow/gold flowers	Full Sun	48/24"
Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*) pink flowers	Shade	22/18"	Gray-headed coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*) yellow flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	48/36"	Sky blue aster (*Symphyotricum [Aster] oolentangiense*) purple flowers	Full Sun	36/24"
Rose verbena (*Glandularia canadensis*) magenta/pink flowers (can bloom intermittently until frost)	Lt. Shade/ Full Sun	12/24"	Prairie coreopsis (*Coreopsis palmata*) yellow flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	30/18"	Helen's flower (*Helenium autumnale*) yellow/gold flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	48/30"
Downy phlox (*Phlox pilosa*) white/pink flowers	Full Sun/ Lt. Shade	18/16"	Marsh Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) pink flowers	Full Sun/ Med. Shade	60/36"	Blue Sage (*Salvia azurea*) blue flowers	Full Sun	48/36"

Find more information about native plants and pollinators, and the Grow Native! Resource Guide to suppliers of native plants, at www.grownative.org .