



# 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\*  
Pearly Everlasting  
Rosy Pussytoes  
Red Columbine  
Showy Milkweed\*  
Arrowleaf Balsamroot  
Harebell  
Paintbrush\*  
Fireweed\*  
Purple Prairie Clover  
Purple Coneflower  
Ballhead Sandwort  
ALL Fleabane Species  
Sulfur Buckwheat  
Showy Aster  
Blanketflower  
Sticky Geranium  
Helenium

*Agastache urticifolia*  
*Anaphalis margaritacea*  
*Antennaria rosea*  
*Aquilegia formosa*  
*Asclepias speciosa*  
*Balsamorhiza sagittata*  
*Campanula rotundifolia*  
*Castilleja* spp.  
*Chamerion angustifolium*  
*Dalea purpurea*  
*Echinacea angustifolia*  
*Eremogone congesta*  
*Erigeron* spp.  
*Eriogonum umbellatum*  
*Eurybia conspicua*  
*Gaillardia aristata*  
*Geranium viscosissimum*  
*Helenium autumnale*

FORBS

Maximilian Sunflower  
 Showy Goldeneye  
 Golden Aster  
 Alumroot  
 Scarlet Gilia\*  
 Dotted Blazing Star  
 Blue Flax  
 ALL Lupine Species  
 Beebalm\*  
 Yellow Evening Primrose  
 ALL Penstemon Species\*  
 Rocky Mountain Beeplant  
 Silky Phacelia  
 Yellow Prairie Coneflower  
 ALL Goldenrod Species\*  
 ALL Aster Species  
 Yucca

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

SHRUBS

Rocky Mountain Maple  
 Thinleaf Alder  
 Serviceberry  
 ALL Sage Species  
 Fernbush  
 Red-osier Dogwood  
 Black Hawthorn  
 Silverberry  
 Rubber Rabbitbrush  
 ALL Honeysuckle Species\*  
 Mock Orange  
 Western Sand Cherry  
 Chokecherry  
 ALL Currant Species  
 ALL Rose Species  
 ALL Willow Species  
 Blue Elderberry  
 Buffaloberry  
 Douglas Spirea  
 Snowberry

*Acer glabrum*  
*Alnus incana*  
*Amelanchier alnifolia*  
*Artemisia spp.*  
*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*  
*Cornus sericea*  
*Crataegus douglasii*  
*Elaeagnus commutata*  
*Ericameria nauseosa*  
*Lonicera spp.*  
*Philadelphus lewisii*  
*Prunus besseyi*  
*Prunus virginiana*  
*Ribes spp.*  
*Rosa spp.*  
*Salix spp.*  
*Sambucus cerulea*  
*Shepherdia canadensis*  
*Spiraea douglasii*  
*Symphoricarpos albus*

GROUNDCOVERS

Kinnikinnick\*  
 Oregon Grape  
 ALL Strawberry Species  
 Birch-leaved Spirea

*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
*Berberis repens*  
*Fragaria spp.*  
*Spiraea betulifolia*

GRASSES

Little Bluestem  
 Sideoats Grama  
 Blue Grama  
 Tufted Hairgrass  
 Prairie Junegrass

*Andropogon scoparium*  
*Bouteloua curtipendula*  
*Bouteloua gracilis*  
*Deschampsia cespitosa*  
*Koeleria macrantha*

TREES

Paper Birch  
 Quaking Aspen  
 Black Cottonwood  
 Bur Oak

*Betula papyrifera*  
*Populus tremuloides*  
*Populus trichocarpa*  
*Quercus macrocarpa*

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\*Indicates species that specifically support hummingbirds.