
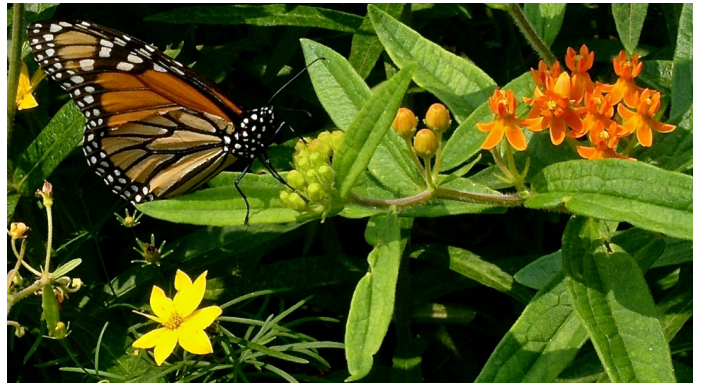


# Tried and True Native Plants That Attract Pollinators

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Attracting bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators is a joy in itself and also a benefit for nearby wild and agricultural plant communities.

Trees	Rufous Hummer on <i>Lonicera</i> ; Monarch on <i>Asclepias</i>
Downy Serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> ) attracts native bees and butterflies. Host plant for the Red-Spotted Purple butterfly.	
Eastern Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> ) attracts bees, butterflies, and moths. Host plant for Henry's Elfin butterfly and the lo moth.	
Flowering Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> ) attracts butterflies and hosts the Spring Azure butterfly. Other <i>Cornus</i> species (such as Gray and Silky Dogwoods) also have high wildlife value.	
Shrubs	
Buttonbush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> ) attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Host plant for Hydrangea and Titan sphinx moths.	
Sweet Pepper Bush ( <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> ) attracts native bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.	
Perennials	
Wild Columbine ( <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> ) attracts bees, butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds.	
Butterfly Weed, Swamp Milkweed ( <i>Asclepias</i> spp.) attract a wide variety of beneficial insects. The only host plants for the Monarch butterfly.	Black-eyed Susan, Orange Coneflower ( <i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and syrphid flies. Host plant of Silvery Checkerspot butterfly.
Turtleheads ( <i>Chelone</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. <i>C. glabra</i> is host plant for the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly.	Goldenrods ( <i>Solidago</i> spp.) attract a wide variety of pollinators and beneficial insects and host numerous moth species.
Threadleaf Coreopsis ( <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> ) attracts bees, syrphid flies, and butterflies.	Asters ( <i>Symphotrichum</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and syrphid flies. Host plant for Pearl Crescent and Silvery Checkerspot butterflies.
Hyssop-leaf Thoroughwort, Joe-Pye Weed ( <i>Eupatorium</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.	Blue Vervain ( <i>Verbena hastata</i> ) attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Host plant for the Common Buckeye butterfly.
Gayfeathers ( <i>Liatris</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.	New York Ironweed ( <i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i> ) attracts bees and butterflies. Host plant for the American Lady butterfly.
Virginia Bluebell ( <i>Mertensia virginica</i> ) attracts bees, butterflies, sphinx moths and hummingbirds.	
Beebalm and Bergamot ( <i>Monarda</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.	
Garden and Woodland Phlox ( <i>Phlox</i> spp.) attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.	
	Vines
	Trumpet Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> ) attracts butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds. Host plant for the Snowberry Clearwing and Hummingbird Clearwing moths.

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