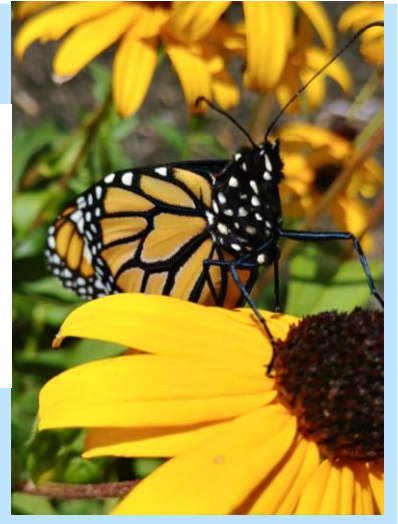




The Butterflyway Project



Planting Suggestions

I am a Ranger for *The Butterflyway Project* whose goal is to establish habitat for local bees and butterflies in communities throughout the country. As summer is around the corner, please consider buying **native plants**. Native plants provide shelter and food for wildlife and support pollinators. Native plants attract a variety of birds, pollinators, and other wildlife by providing diverse habitats and food sources.

Three tips to support pollinators:

1. Growing native plants* that bloom throughout the season is the most significant action you can take to support pollinators.
2. Avoid using pesticides, especially insecticides.
3. Spread the word!

**Use the Latin name when buying plants.*

Here are some suggestions of perennials that support our pollinators and have been successful in our area. Buy or ask a neighbour to share. Go slowly – one plant can make a difference!

Common Name	Latin name	Colour	Conditions
Early Blooms			
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Yellow	Full sun
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Yellow	Full to partial sun
Laceleaf tickseed	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Yellow	Full sun
Wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Pink	Full sun, light shade
Mid – Late Blooms			
Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Yellow	Full sun
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Purple	Sun
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple	Sun
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Red	Sun, partial shade
Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Pink	Full sun to partial shade
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Pink or purple	Full sun
Cutleaf coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Yellow	Full sun to partial shade
Late Blooms			
Calico aster	<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i>	White	Full sun
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera</i>	Yellow	Full sun to light shade
Joe-Pyeweed	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	Purple or pink	Full sun to partial shade
New England aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	Purple	Full sun to partial shade
Stiff goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	Yellow	Full sun

Pollinator Garden Tips



Create a new garden or add native plants to an existing garden



There is no minimum or maximum size (Small space? Plant your native plants on a balcony, along a fence or in containers)



Plants:

- Include locally sourced native plants & shrubs
- Choose species that bloom at different times from spring to fall
- Provide some host plants for butterflies (plants for laying eggs & feeding caterpillars)
- Include plants that provide shelter from predators & the elements (e.g., big bluestem, switchgrass)



Flowers:

- Select flowers with a single ring of petals around a central disc
- Colours that attract bees: bright white, yellow, purple & blue
- Colours that attract butterflies: bright colours including purple & red



Layout:

- Plant each species in clumps of 3 to 5 plants
- Include plants of various heights



Other features:

- Shallow water source with landing pads or perches (e.g., stones, water plants)
- Flat stones for butterflies to rest & bask in the sun
- Bare patch of ground (free of mulch or ground cover) for native ground-nesting bees
- Avoid use of pesticides, herbicides and insecticides