

Find Pollinator-Friendly Plants

A simple guide for choosing flowers that keep bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds coming back

Look for a mix of bloom times, flower shapes, and plant heights. The best pollinator garden offers nectar and pollen from spring through fall - without making the space difficult to maintain.

Start With These Three Questions

1 SUNLIGHT

Does the spot get full sun, part sun, or mostly shade?

2 BLOOM SEASON

Which months need more flowers for visiting pollinators?

3 SPACE

Do you need a compact plant, a border plant, or a large shrub?

Strong Pollinator-Friendly Choices

PLANT	BEST LIGHT	BLOOM TIME	SIZE	VISITORS
Bee Balm	Full sun / Part sun	Summer	2-4 ft.	Bees, hummingbirds
Purple Coneflower	Full sun	Summer-Fall	2-4 ft.	Bees, butterflies
Butterfly Weed	Full sun	Summer	1-3 ft.	Butterflies
Milkweed	Full sun	Summer	2-5 ft.	Monarchs, bees
Black-eyed Susan	Full sun	Summer-Fall	2-3 ft.	Bees, butterflies
Blazing Star	Full sun	Summer-Fall	2-5 ft.	Butterflies, bees
Buttonbush	Sun / Part sun	Summer	5-8 ft.	Bees, butterflies
Butterfly Bush	Full sun	Summer-Fall	3-8 ft.	Butterflies, hummingbirds

Build a Better Pollinator Bed

- Choose at least 3 different bloom times.
- Plant in groups of 3 or more when space allows.
- Avoid spraying open flowers with insecticides.
- Leave some seed heads standing through winter.

Helpful Plant Search Words

- pollinator friendly
- attracts butterflies
- attracts hummingbirds
- native flowering plant
- summer blooming perennial
- full sun pollinator shrub