



# Bobby & Lynn's Plant Farm

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The Practical Garden Guide Series



## Pollinator-Friendly Plant Guide

Easy-to-grow favorites that help feed bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

### 1 Top Pollinator-Friendly Plants

| Try | Plant             | What It Attracts                            | Bloom Time            | Best Growing Conditions                                        | My Notes |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|     | Bee Balm          | Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds             | Summer                | Full sun to part sun; moist, well-drained soil                 |          |
|     | Purple Coneflower | Bees, butterflies; seedheads feed birds     | Summer to fall        | Full sun; average to dry soil                                  |          |
|     | Butterfly Bush    | Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds             | Summer to fall        | Full sun; well-drained soil; deadhead for more blooms          |          |
|     | Milkweed          | Monarch caterpillars and many pollinators   | Late spring to summer | Full sun; choose a species suited to your region               |          |
|     | Buttonbush        | Bees, butterflies, other beneficial insects | Summer                | Full sun to part sun; handles moist or wet soil                |          |
|     | Abelia            | Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds             | Late spring to fall   | Full sun to part sun; adaptable, well-drained soil             |          |
|     | Summersweet       | Bees and butterflies                        | Mid to late summer    | Part sun to sun; moist soil; fragrant blooms                   |          |
|     | Bluebeard         | Bees and butterflies                        | Late summer to fall   | Full sun; well-drained soil; drought tolerant once established |          |
|     | Rose of Sharon    | Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds             | Summer to early fall  | Full sun; average, well-drained soil                           |          |

### 2 Plant for Blooms Across the Season

Spring

Summer

Fall

### 3 Make Your Pollinator Garden More Useful

Plant several of the same flower together so pollinators can find them easily.

Choose a mix of flower shapes and bloom times from spring through fall.

Include native plants whenever practical, especially native milkweed for monarchs.

Avoid spraying open flowers, and use pesticides only when truly necessary.

Provide a shallow water source with stones or pebbles for safe landing spots.

My Pollinator Garden Notes