

Bee Garden Plants

Asclepias syriaca

Common Name: Common Milkweed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 2-6.5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-August

Sun: Full Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist



Baptisia alba

Common Name: White Wild Indigo

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: April-July

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry, Moist



Baptisia australis

Common Name: Blue Wild Indigo

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Purple, Blue

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: April-August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Well-Drained, Moist



Baptisia bracteata var. *leucophaea*

Common Name: Longbract Wild Indigo

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-4.5 ft.

Bloom Period: March-June

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Well-Drained, Moist



Ceanothus americanus

Common Name: New Jersey Tea

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths, Flies, Beetles, Wasps

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-July

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry, Well-Drained, Moist



Delea purpurea

Common Name: Purple Prairie Clover

Pollinators: Butterflies, Flies, Beetles, Wasps

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 1-3 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Echinacea pallida

Common Name: Pale Purple Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Birds

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist



Echinacea purpurea

Common Name: Eastern Purple Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: April-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Eupatorium purpureum

Common Name: Sweetscented Joe Pye Weed

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 4-7 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist



Glandularia canadensis

Common Name: Rose Mock Vervain

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Pink

Height: 0.5-2 ft.

Bloom Period: February- September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry, Well-Drained



Hamamelis virginiana

Common Name: American Witchhazel

Pollinators: Moths

Bloom Color(s): Orange, Yellow, Green

Height: 10-20 ft.

Bloom Period: September- December

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry, Well-Drained



Hibiscus lasiocarpus

Common Name: Rosemallow

Pollinators: Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): White, Pink

Height: 3-7 ft.

Bloom Period: April-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Liatris pycnostachya

Common Name: Prairie Blazing Star

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-December

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist, Dry



Lobelia cardinalis

Common Name: Cardinalflower

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees,
Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Red

Height: 1-6 ft.

Bloom Period: May-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Lobelia siphilitica

Common Name: Great Blue Lobelia

Pollinators: Bees, Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 2-3 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Monarda fistulosa

Common Name: Wild Bergamot

Pollinators: Bees, Hummingbirds,
Butterflies, Moths, Flies

Bloom Color(s): Purple, White, Pink

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry



Oligoneuron rigidum

Common Name: Stiff Goldenrod

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist, Dry



Penstemon cobaea

Common Name: Cobaea Beardtounge

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies,
Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): White, Pink

Height: 1-2 ft.

Bloom Period: April-May

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Penstemon digitalis

Common Name: Foxglove Beardtounge

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies,
Hummingbirds, Moths

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: April-July

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry, Moist



Pycnathemum tenuifolium

Common Name: Narrowleaf Mountainmint

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies,

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 2-3 ft.

Bloom Period: June-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry, Moist



Salvia azurea

Common Name: Azure Blue Sage

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Blue

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Symphotrichum novae-angliae

Common Name: New England Aster

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 1.5-6 ft.

Bloom Period: August-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Tradescantia occidentalis

Common Name: Prairie Spiderwort

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 1-2 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Verbena hastata

Common Name: Blue Vervain

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Purple, Blue

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: June- September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Vernonia fasciculata

Common Name: Prairie Ironweed

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Purple, Pink

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Vernonicastrum virginicum

Common Name: Culver's Root

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths, Wasps

Bloom Color(s): White, Pink, Blue

Height: 2-7 ft.

Bloom Period: May- August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist



Bird Garden Plants

Echinacea pallida

Common Name: Pale Purple Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist



Helianthus occidentalis

Common Name: Fewleaf Sunflower

Pollinators: Butterflies, Birds

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: August-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Liatris aspera

Common Name: Tall Blazing Star

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Lilium michiganense

Common Name: Michigan Lily

Pollinators: Bees, Moths, Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Orange

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Lobelia cardinalis

Common Name: Cardinalflower

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees,
Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Red

Height: 1-6 ft.

Bloom Period: May-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Monarda fistulosa

Common Name: Wild Bergamot

Pollinators: Bees, Hummingbirds,
Butterflies, Moths, Flies

Bloom Color(s): Purple, White, Pink

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry



Monarda punctata

Common Name: Dotted Horsemint

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): White, Pink

Height: .5-4 ft.

Bloom Period: April-August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Silphium integrifolium

Common Name: Wholeleaf Rosinweed

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths,
Wasps, Flies, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Butterfly Garden Plants

Asclepias sullivantii

Common Name: Prairie Milkweed

Pollinators: Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Pink

Height: 2-3 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Asclepias syriaca

Common Name: Common Milkweed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 2-6.5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-August

Sun: Full Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist



Asclepias tuberosa

Common Name: Butterfly Milkweed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Beetles, Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Orange, Yellow, Red

Height: 1-2.5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry, Moist, Well-Drained



Asclepias viridis

Common Name: Green Milkweed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): White, Green

Height: 1-2 ft.

Bloom Period: April-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist, Well-Drained



Coreopsis lanceolata

Common Name: Lanceleaf Tickseed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-2 ft.

Bloom Period: May-July

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Dry, Moist



Coreopsis palmata

Common Name: Stiff Tickseed

Pollinators: Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-3 ft.

Bloom Period: May-July

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Echinacea pallida

Common Name: Pale Purple Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Birds

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist



Echinacea purpurea

Common Name: Eastern Purple Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies,
Hummingbirds, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: April-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Eupatorium perfoliatum

Common Name: Common Boneset

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Wasps

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: June-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Heianthus pauciflorus

Common Name: Stiff Sunflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Beetles, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Lobelia cardinalis

Common Name: Cardinalflower

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Red

Height: 1-6 ft.

Bloom Period: May-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Monarda fistulosa

Common Name: Wild Bergamot

Pollinators: Bees, Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Moths, Flies

Bloom Color(s): Purple, White, Pink

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry



Oenothera macrocarpa

Common Name: Bigfruit Evening Primrose

Pollinators: Hummingbirds, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: .75-1.5 ft.

Bloom Period: April-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Oligoneuron rigidum

Common Name: Stiff Goldenrod

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist, Dry



Ratibida pinnata

Common Name: Yellow Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Beetles,
Wasps, Flies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry



Salvia azurea

Common Name: Azure Blue Sage

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Blue

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Silphium laciniatum

Common Name: Compassplant

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Flies, Wasps

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 3-12 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Solidago ulmifolia

Common Name: Elmleaf Goldenrod

Pollinators: Bees, Beetles, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1.25-4.5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Symphotrichum novae-angliae

Common Name: New England Aster

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 1.5-6 ft.

Bloom Period: August-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Vernonia fasciculata

Common Name: Prairie Ironweed

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Purple, Pink

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Zizia aurea

Common Name: Golden Zizia

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-3 ft.

Bloom Period: April-August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist



Monarch Garden Plants

Asclepias incarnata

Common Name: Swamp Milkweed
Pollinators: Hummingbirds, Butterflies
Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple
Height: 3-6 ft.
Bloom Period: June-October
Sun: Sun, Partial Shade
Soil: Moist



Asclepias sullivantii

Common Name: Prairie Milkweed
Pollinators: Butterflies
Bloom Color(s): Pink
Height: 2-3 ft.
Bloom Period: June-August
Sun: Sun
Soil: Moist



Asclepias syriaca

Common Name: Common Milkweed
Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Beetles
Bloom Color(s): Purple
Height: 2-6.5 ft.
Bloom Period: May-August
Sun: Full Sun
Soil: Dry, Moist



Asclepias tuberosa

Common Name: Butterfly Milkweed
Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Beetles, Hummingbirds
Bloom Color(s): Orange, Yellow, Red
Height: 1-2.5 ft.
Bloom Period: May-September
Sun: Sun, Partial Shade
Soil: Dry, Moist, Well-Drained



Asclepias viridis

Common Name: Green Milkweed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): White, Green

Height: 1-2 ft.

Bloom Period: April-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist, Well-Drained



Coreopsis lanceolata

Common Name: Lanceleaf Tickseed

Pollinators: Butterflies, Beetles

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-2 ft.

Bloom Period: May-July

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Dry, Moist



Echinacea pallida

Common Name: Pale Purple Coneflower

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Birds

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: June-August

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry, Moist



Eupatorium perfoliatum

Common Name: Common Boneset

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Wasps

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: June-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Eupatorium purpureum

Common Name: Sweetscented Joe Pye Weed

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 4-7 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist



Helenium autumnale

Common Name: Common Sneezeweed

Pollinators: Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Helianthus pauciflorus

Common Name: Stiff Sunflower

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 2-4 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Liatris aspera

Common Name: Tall Blazing Star

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Liatris punctata

Common Name: Dotted Blazing Star

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 6-30 in.

Bloom Period: August-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Liatris pycnostachya

Common Name: Prairie Blazing Star

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-December

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist, Dry



Liatris spicata

Common Name: Dense Blazing Star

Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees, Moths, hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry



Lobelia siphilitica

Common Name: Great Blue Lobelia

Pollinators: Bees, Hummingbirds

Bloom Color(s): Purple

Height: 2-3 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Moist



Monarda fistulosa

Common Name: Wild Bergamot

Pollinators: Bees, Hummingbirds,
Butterflies, Moths, Flies

Bloom Color(s): Purple, White, Pink

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: May-September

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist, Dry



Salvia azurea

Common Name: Azure Blue Sage

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Blue

Height: 3-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Symphotrichum cordifolium

Common Name: Common Blue Wood Aster

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Blue, Purple

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: September-October

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Dry



Symphotrichum lanceolatum

Common Name: White Panicle Aster

Pollinators: Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 2-5 ft.

Bloom Period: July-November

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

Common Name: New England Aster

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): Pink, Purple

Height: 1.5-6 ft.

Bloom Period: August-October

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Vernonia fasciculata

Common Name: Prairie Ironweed

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies, Moths

Bloom Color(s): Purple, Pink

Height: 2-6 ft.

Bloom Period: July-September

Sun: Sun

Soil: Moist



Viburnum prunifolium

Common Name: Blackhaw

Pollinators: Bees

Bloom Color(s): White

Height: 12-15 ft.

Bloom Period: April-June

Sun: Sun

Soil: Dry



Zizia aurea

Common Name: Golden Zizia

Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies

Bloom Color(s): Yellow

Height: 1-3 ft.

Bloom Period: April-August

Sun: Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Moist

