



Perilous Plight
of the

Pollinators

Wet Sites

High Value Pollinator Plants

This fact sheet contains information about highly valued pollinator plants to consider when designing your landscapes and gardens. The plants include native flowers, shrubs, trees, and grasses. An effective pollinator planting has at least three species blooming at one time, i.e.: 3-early, 3-mid and 3-late, during the growing season. This would include flowers, shrubs and trees. Bunch grasses are listed since they provide nesting habitat for bumble bees.

Native IL Prairie Flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name	Light Needs	Bloom
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	FS	mid
Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris	FS	very early
Turtlehead	Chelone glabra	FS	late
Common Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	SH	late
Bottle gentian	Gentiana andrewsii	FS	mid
Sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	SH	late
Marsh Blazingstar	Liatris spicata	FS	mid
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis	SH	mid-late
Blue Lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	FS	late
Winged Loosestrife	Lythrum alatum	FS	mid
Mountain Mint	Pycnanthemum virginianum	SH	mid
Cup Plant	Silphium perfoliatum	SH	mid
Riddell's Goldenrod	Solidago riddellii	FS	very late
New England Aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	FS	very late
Common Ironweed	Vernonia fasciculata	FS	late
Culver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum	SH	mid

SH = Shade, FS = Full Sun

Native IL Shrubs

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom
False Indigo	Amorpha fruticosa	early-mid
Button bush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	late
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin	early

Native IL Prairie Bunch Grass

Common Name	Scientific Name
Wool Grass	Scirpus cyperinus

Native IL Tree

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom
Willow	Willow Species	very early