



Perilous Plight
of the

Moist Sites

Pollinators

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, grasses and herbs. 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
Purple Hyssop	Agastache scrophulariifolia	SH	mid
Butterflyweed	Asclepias tuberosa	SH	mid
White Wild Indigo	Baptisia leucantha	FS	mid
Cream Wild Indigo	Baptisia leucophaea	SH	early
Wild Senna	Cassia hebecarpa	SH	mid
Turtlehead	Chelone glabra	FS	late
White Prairie Clover	Dalea Candidum	SH	mid
Purple Prairie Clover	Dalea purpureum	SH	early-mid
Showy Tick Trefoil	Desmodium canadense	SH	mid-late
Pale Purple Coneflower	Echinacea pallida	FS	mid
Rattlesnake Master	Eryngium yuccifolium	FS	mid-late
Common Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	SH	late
Bottle gentian	Gentiana andrewsii	FS	mid
Wild Geranium	Geranium maculatum	SH	very early
Showy Sunflower*	Helianthus laetiflorus	FS	late
Tall Sunflower*	Helianthus giganteus	FS	late
Sawtooth Sunflower*	Helianthus grosseserratus	FS	late
Rough Blazingstar	Liatris aspera	SH	late
Prairie Blazingstar	Liatris pycnostachya	SH	mid-late
Marsh Blazingstar	Liatris spicata	FS	mid
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinals	SH	mid-late
Blue Lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	FS	late
Pale Spike Lobelia	Lobelia spicata	FS	mid
Winged Loostrife	Lythrum alatum	FS	mid
Bunchflower	Melanthium virginicum	FS	mid
Wild Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	SH	mid
Smooth Penstemon	Penstemon digitalis	SH	early-mid
Pale Penstemon	Penstemon pallidus	SH	early-mid
Obedient Plant	Physostegia virginiana	FS	mid-late
Mountain Mint	Pycnanthemum virginianum	SH	mid
Rosinweed	Silphium integrifolium	FS	mid-late
Compass Plant	Silphium laciniatum	FS	mid
Cup Plant	Silphium perfoliatum	SH	mid
Riddell's Goldenrod	Solidago riddellii	FS	very late
Stiff Goldenrod	Solidago rigida	SH	late
Showy Goldenrod	Solidago speciosa	SH	very late
Smooth Blue Aster	Symphotrichum laeve	FS	late
New England Aster	Symphotrichum novae-angliae	FS	very late
Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	SH	early-mid
Common Ironweed	Vernonia fasciculata	FS	late
Culver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum	SH	mid

*may be invasive

SH = Shade, FS = Full Sun

See reverse side for more moist site plants

More plants that will benefit the pollinator

Native IL Shrubs

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom
False Indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	early-mid
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	early
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	early
Sunshine Rose	<i>Rosa arkansana</i>	mid

Native IL Trees

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	early
Basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	mid
Willow	<i>Salix humilis</i>	very early

Native IL Prairie Bunch Grasses

Common Name	Scientific Name
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>

Culinary Herbs

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom
Anise Hyssop	<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	mid
Borage	<i>Borago officinalis</i>	early
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	mid
Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i> spp.	early - late
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	early - mid
Chamomile	<i>Matricaria recutita</i>	early
Spearmint	<i>Mentha spicata</i>	mid
Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i> spp.	mid
Basil	<i>Ocimum</i> spp.	mid
Thyme	<i>Thymus</i> spp.	mid

