



### *Native IL Trees*

| <b>Common Name</b> | <b>Scientific Name</b> | <b>Bloom</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Redbud             | Cercis canadensis      | early        |
| Basswood           | Tilia americana        | mid          |
| Hawthorn           | Crataegus species      | early        |
| Willow             | Salix humilis          | very early   |

### *Native IL Prairie Bunch Grasses*

| <b>Common Name</b> | <b>Scientific Name</b>  |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Side-Oats Grama    | Bouteloua curtipendula  |
| June Grass         | Koeleria cristata       |
| Little Bluestem    | Schizachyrium scoparium |
| Prairie Dropseed   | Sporobolus heterolepis  |
| Wool Grass         | Scirpus cyperinus       |

### *Culinary Herbs*

| <b>Common Name</b> | <b>Scientific Name</b>  | <b>Bloom</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Oregano            | Origanum spp.           | mid          |
| Rosemary           | Rosemarinus officinalis | late         |
| Fennel             | Foeniculum vulgare      | mid          |
| Lavender           | Lavandula spp.          | early - late |
| Horehound          | Marrubium vulgare       | early - mid  |
| Chamomile          | Matricaria recutita     | early        |
| Spearmint          | Mentha spicata          | mid          |
| Catmint            | Nepeta spp.             | mid          |

For a complete listing of flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs, go to USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Biology Technical Note 23 found at:  
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/IL/BTechNote23.pdf>

### **Other Pollinator Resources**

Pollinator Partnership - [www.pollinator.org/](http://www.pollinator.org/)

Xerces - [www.xerces.org/](http://www.xerces.org/)

IL Master Gardener - [web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/)

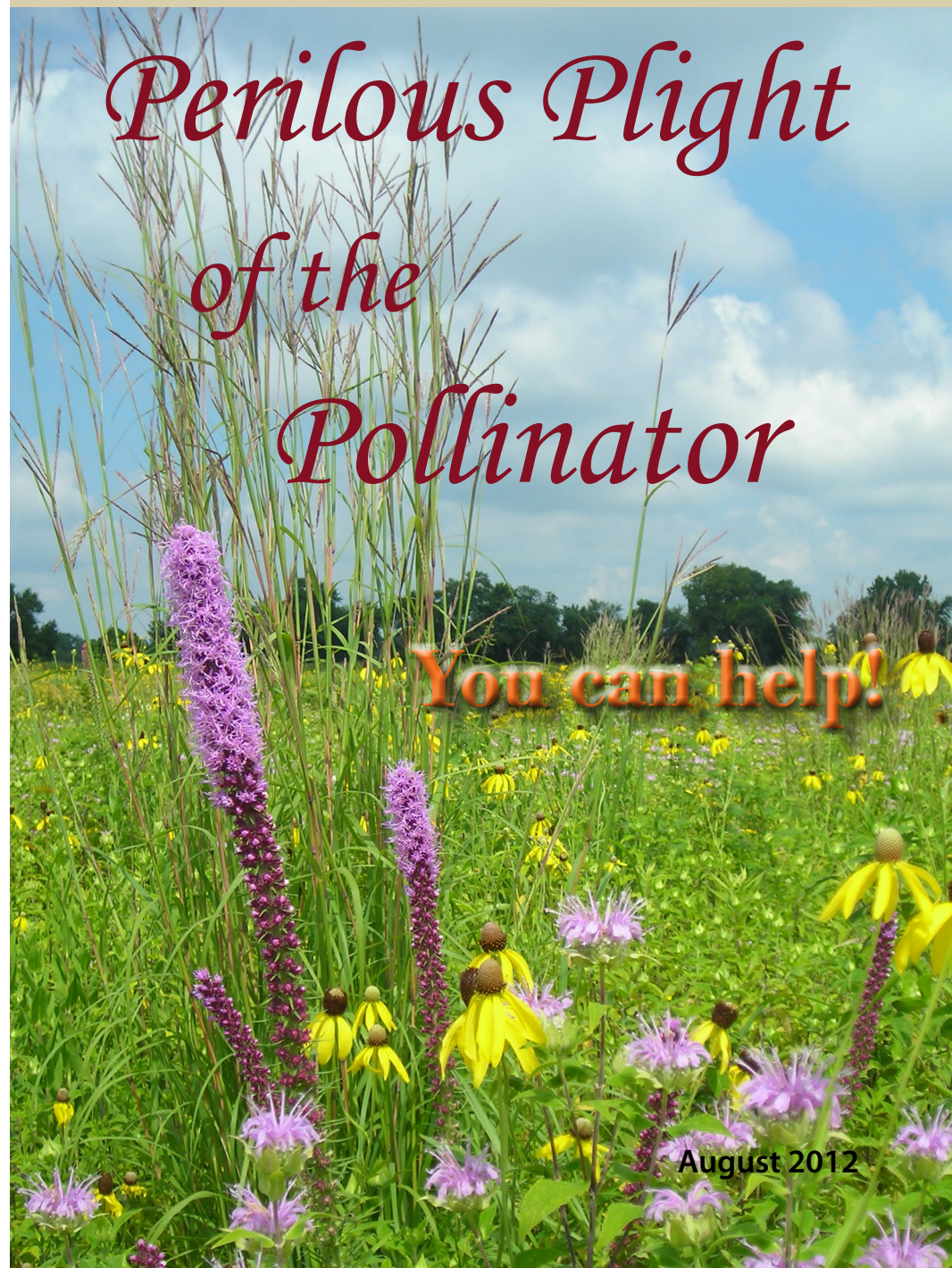
For more information on how you can help the pollinators through programs or technical assistance, contact your local USDA Service Center, NRCS and SWCD office or go to: [www.il.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov)

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# *Perilous Plight of the Pollinator*

**You can help!**

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# Let me tell you...

about the **P**erilous **P**light of the **P**ollinators.



Worldwide **P**ollinator populations are plummeting.



Perhaps too many Pesticides or Pesky **P**arasites like the varro mites.

The problem is **P**erplexing!

The **P**rofessionals report it seems many factors contribute

to the **P**ollinator decline,  
too many to Pinpoint.



**P**umpkins, potatoes and peppers would not be without  
our precious **P**ollinators.



Our **P**alletes would pout without the tasty fruits and  
vegetables the **P**ollinators provide.



To promote **P**ollinators in perpetuity we  
must provide the **P**roper habitat.

# What can you do?

You can create a positive environment with plants that provide a good habitat for our pollinating friends. Using a variety of native plants not only helps the pollinators, but will create beautiful landscape features that you can enjoy and share with others.

The most effective plantings for pollinators will have at least 3 different types of plants in each part of the growing season (early, mid and late) with as many colors as possible to attract a diversity of pollinators (bees, flies, butterflies and beetles). The following is a partial list of plants that provide abundant pollen and nectar from spring through fall.

## Native IL Prairie Flowers

| Common Name            | Scientific Name        | Light Needs | Bloom      |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Butterflyweed          | Asclepias tuberosa     | SH          | mid        |
| Whorled Milkweed       | Asclepias verticillata | FS          | mid        |
| Ohio Horse Mint        | Blephilia ciliata      | FS          | mid        |
| White Prairie Clover   | Dalea Candidum         | SH          | mid        |
| Purple Prairie Clover  | Dalea purpureum        | SH          | early-mid  |
| Pale Purple Coneflower | Echinacea pallida      | FS          | mid        |
| Showy Sunflower        | Helianthus laetiflorus | FS          | late       |
| Rough Blazingstar      | Liatris aspera         | SH          | late       |
| Prairie Blazingstar    | Liatris pycnostachya   | SH          | mid-late   |
| Wild Lupine            | Lupinus perennis       | SH          | early      |
| Showy Tick Trefoil     | Desmodium canadense    | SH          | mid-late   |
| Rattlesnake Master     | Eryngium yuccifolium   | FS          | mid-late   |
| Common Boneset         | Eupatorium perfoliatum | SH          | late       |
| Swamp Milkweed         | Asclepias incarnata    | FS          | mid        |
| Marsh Marigold         | Caltha palustris       | FS          | very early |
| Turtlehead             | Chelone glabra         | FS          | late       |

## Native IL Shrubs

| Common Name   | Scientific Name           | Bloom     |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| False Indigo  | Amorpha fruticosa         | early-mid |
| Button bush   | Cephalanthus occidentalis | late      |
| Spicebush     | Lindera benzoin           | early     |
| American Plum | Prunus americana          | early     |
| Sunshine Rose | Rosa arkansana            | mid       |