

Recommended Regional Native Plant List For Starter Gardens

(typically easy to grow, not aggressive)

What plants would be good for starting a small pollinator garden? Depends on amount of sunlight, soil moisture, soil type. These are some favorites.

Sunny Spots (more than 6 hours direct sun): **Perennials:** Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*; stays clumped unlike Common Milkweed which spreads by deep rhizomes), any of the Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum*) species, Bee Balms-Bergamots (any *Monarda* species), Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*), Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*), Gayfeather (Blazing Star) (*Liatris spicata*), Lance-leaved Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*), Tall Coreopsis (*Coreopsis tripteris*), Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*), Royal Catchfly (*Silene regia*), Azure Sage (*Salvia azurea*), Downy Skullcap (*Scutellaria incana*), Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*), Missouri Primrose (*Oenothera macrocarpa*), False Blue Indigo (*Baptisia australis*), Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*). **Annuals:** Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*), **Shrubs:** Shrubby St. John's Wort (*Hypericum prolificum*), Golden St. John's Wort (*Hypericum frondosum*), Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*), Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* species for our region), Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*), Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*); American Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*). Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*); Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*); Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*); Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*); Virginia Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*); Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) **Vines:** Coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) in red and yellow varieties.

Shadier Spots (at least 4 hours bright not hot light): Most of these species are native to our Eastern Deciduous Forests. **Perennials:** Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), Great Waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum appendiculatum*, a biennial actually), Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*), Yellow Wood Poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*), Indian Pink (*Spigelia marilandica*), Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*), Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), Shooting Star (*Dodecatheon meadia*), Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), Prairie Trillium (*Trillium recurvatum*), Large-flowered Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*), Creeping Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*), Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*). Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*). **Shrubs:** American Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*- with more light (6 hours), more blooms), Spice Bush (*Lindera benzoin*), Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*); Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*); Wild Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*).

Where can I get more information about native plants and suitability for my garden?

Louisville Nature Center has a garden on display year-round with many natives, so you can see plants

Wild Ones Native Plants and Natural Landscapes, Louisville Chapter on Facebook. National Headquarters at www.wildones.org

Missouri Botanical Garden Plantfinder website:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>

Xerces Society: http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/SoutheastPlantList_web.pdf