

## Pollinator-Friendly Garden Plants

*This list contains common garden plants that attract a range of pollinators. Make sure that any plants purchased have not been treated with neonicotinoids (neonics) or other pesticides. When possible, select native plant species or heritage varieties of garden plants. Native plants are best adapted to local growing conditions and our native pollinators are adapted to native plants. Heritage flowers often have more nectar than recent varieties developed for their showiness.*

### Perennials

#### Most common (native and 'near-native')

- Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
- Butterfly weed (a milkweed, not native to NB, but native to e N Am; *Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Echinacea (Purple coneflower; *Echinacea sp.*)
- Lanceleaf coreopsis
- Large-leaf Aster (*Aster macrophyllus* or *Eurybia macrophylla*)
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium sp.*)
- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- New England Aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago sp.*)
- Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*) -
- Common Columbine (*Aquilegia sp.*) – part shade/shade
- Trumpet Honeysuckle - climbing vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*)
- Bluebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)

### Other good native species

- Virgin's Bower – climbing vine, native (*Clematis virginiana*)
- Fireweed (*Chamerion angustifolium*)
- Canada Lily (*Lilium canadense*) – susceptible to deer
- White Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*) – wetland species
- Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)
- White top fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*) – sometimes grows as a biennial
- Evening Primrose (*Oenothera biennis*) – biennial, can be aggressive
- Lavender (*Agastache foeniculum*)
- Round Leaf Thimbleweed (*Anemone canadensis*)

### Shrubs & Trees (these are just a few...)      S = shrub   T = tree

- Carolina Rose (S)                      *Rosa carolina*
- Viburnum, Nannyberry (S)        *Viburnum lentago*
- Showy Mountain Ash (S,T)        *Sorbus decora*
- Red Osier Dogwood (S)            *Cornus sericea* - try to get the wild type (not variegated)
- Low Bush Blueberry (S)            *Vaccinium angustifolium*
- Narrow Leaved Meadowsweet (S)   *Spiraea alba*
- Broad Leaved Meadowsweet (S)    *Spiraea alba* var. *latifolia*
- Hardhack Spiraea (S)                *Spiraea tomentosa*

Here's another list from the David Suzuki Foundation, with plants listed by their blooming times. These are for bees, in particular, but will also attract other pollinators. They are also just a few of the species that attract bees:

<b>Early</b>	<b>Mid-season</b>	<b>Late</b>
Blueberry	Blackberry	Aster (perennial)
Cotoneaster	Cat mint	Beggar's tricks
Crabapple	Catnip	Borage
Cranberry	Chives	Coneflower
Crocus	Dahlia	Cornflower
Foxglove	Hyssop	Cosmos
Heliotrope	Lavender	Goldenrod
Hazelnut	Raspberry	Pumpkin
Heather	Sunflower	Sedum
Primrose	Yarrow	Squash
Willow		

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/food-and-our-planet/create-a-bee-friendly-garden/>