

## **Pollinator Garden Menu Card**

This "menu card" helps you select a combination of plants that will provide what native bees and other pollinating insects look for in your garden: pollen and nectar. The plants included here exhibit a variety of flower colors, shapes, sizes, and bloom times that will attract pollinators to your garden throughout the growing season.

Black and yellow bumble bee on wild bergamot

**How many different kinds of plants should I choose for my garden?** Optimize the usefulness of your garden for pollinators by choosing a minimum of three plant species from the menu below per season, so something is in bloom from spring to frost.

How many plants of each species should I plant? Plant at least one of each. If you can plant more, great!

**How big should my garden be?** Your garden can be any shape, but try for at least 15 sq ft or 18 sq ft to start. You can achieve this size with a 3' x 5' or a 3' x 6' garden.

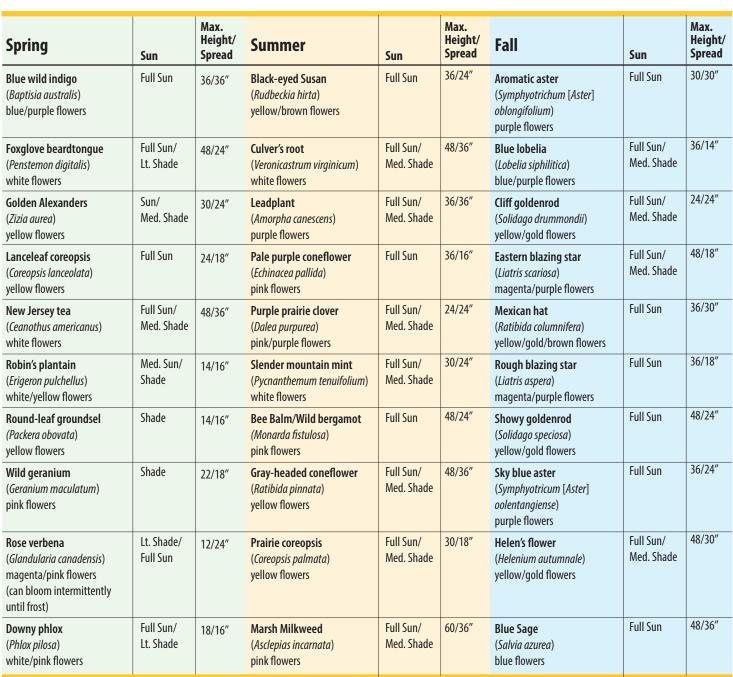
If you have room, add additional species from the list below, and even some small flowering trees/ shrubs like prairie willow (*Salix humilis*), wild plum (*Prunus americana*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*) and chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*). All four flower in spring and attract many bees. Make sure the shrubs/trees you add do not shade other plants in your garden that need full sun.



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