












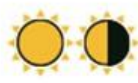




GSWA Plants for Pollinators Sale 2024

Available plants descriptions and care requirements

<p>Description Key: Flower Color: see color box Season: bloom time Height: in feet. Plants may exceed typical height if the area is fertilized.</p> <p>Garden Kits: Best Behaved (BB), Deer Resistant (DR), Dry Sun (DSu), Wet Sun (WSu), Dry Shade (DSh), Wet Shade (WSh), and Ind are sold as individual species units. Bolded species are new to the Native Plant Program.</p>	<p>Icon Key:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Full Sun</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Part-Sun Part-Shade</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Shade</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Dry</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Average to Moist</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Wet</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Very deer resistant</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Moderately deer resistant</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">NOTE: No plant is fully deer proof and may still be browsed on.</p>
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	Common Name Scientific Name	Kit	Description	Growing Conditions and Info				
1	Anise Hyssop <i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	DR	Long blooming lavender-bluish flower spikes begin in mid-summer and persist as beautiful seed heads into winter. 2-4 ft. tall plants are excellent for pollinators, and finches eat winter seeds. Fragrant leaves are deer resistant and can be used to make herbal teas. Sun to part shade average to moist soil.				Jul - Sept	 2-4'
				Color	Light	Moisture	Season	Height
2	Blue Flag Iris <i>Iris versicolor</i>	WSh	A native Iris with bluish-purple blooms with pale lemon centers above sword shaped blue-green leaves reaching 2-3 ft. Blooms May-June, attracting bees and butterflies. Sun to part shade, moist to wet soil. Can tolerate shallow standing water.				May- Jun	 2-3'
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3	Blue Wood Aster <i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	DSh	Numerous, small ½ inch lavender daisy-like flowers cover the plant in the fall. The lavender-blue flower attracts many pollinators including bees, skippers, and butterflies. The branching plant grows 2-3' tall. In the spring, the low heart-shaped leaves provide good ground cover. Does well in both sun or shade, dry to moist soils.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Aug - Nov	2-3'	
4	Broom Sedge <i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	DSu	A perennial warm season grass, broom sedge will provide both habitat and winter interest to your garden. Growing up to 4ft tall, this grass can be used in dried flower arrangements. Host to the Zabulon skipper as well as winter seed source to smaller birds. Prefers full to part sun, and medium to moist soils.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	June - Sept	2-4'	
5	Butterfly Milkweed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	BB	Striking long-lasting orange blooms in flat-topped clusters followed by attractive seedpods. Many bee species and other insects flock to this flower for its nectar. Host to many butterflies including monarch, queen and gray hairstreak butterflies. Deep taproot makes it drought tolerant, but hard to transplant. Prefers full sun, dry soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	June - Aug	1-3'	
6	Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	WSH	Showy, scarlet-red spikes of flowers, 2-5 ft. tall bloom July through September. A late-summer nectar source used especially by hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. Short lived perennial but will repopulate if seed meets slightly disturbed soil. Sun to part shade, moist to wet soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Jul - Sept	2-5'	

















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7	Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	DSu	Drooping bell-shaped red and yellow bi-colored flowers 2-3ft tall float over delicate feathery foliage in April and May. Provides nectar for hummingbirds and early pollinators and is a larval host plant for butterflies and moths as well. Mixes well with other early bloomers. Sun to part shade, average to moist soil.	   Apr - May 2-3'	
8	Coralbells <i>Heuchera americana</i>	BB	A low mounding, 1-3 ft evergreen produces cream-colored flowers on dainty stalks in spring. The tiny, tubular flowers attract both native bees and hummingbirds, while the evergreen basal leaves provide cover year-round. Prefers dry to moist soils and dappled sunlight but grows in full sun to shade.	   Apr - May 1- 3'	
9	Curly Wood Sedge <i>Carex rosea</i>	DSh	Semi-evergreen, this small mounding native sedge with dark green foliage provides food for a variety of songbirds. Green star-shaped sparse-looking flowers bloom in the late spring. Host to skippers and other insects. Does best in sun to part shade and average soils but copes with dry to wet conditions. Can be used as a low groundcover.	   Apr - Jul 1-2'	
10	Dense Blazing Star <i>Liatis spicata</i>	BB	Spikes of tufty, fluffy, purple flowers on rigid stalks 3-4 ft. tall, bloom from July into August. Dense Blazing Star is a valuable nectar source for native bees and butterflies. Larval host plant to multiple species of moths. Plant in masses or as vertical accents. Sun to part sun, average to wet soil.	   Jul - Aug 3-4'	

















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11	Fire Pink <i>Silene virginica</i>	DSh	This beautiful spring bloomer grows just 1 ft tall with bright, star-shaped 1.5 inch flowers. A member of the catchfly genus, the sticky hairs on the fire pink can trap small insects. The bright red flower will attract hummingbirds, its primary pollinator. Grows well in both sun and shade and prefers dry to moist soils.	   	Apr - June	1'
12	Foamflower <i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Ind	Tiny, pink buds open into delicate foot-tall clusters of white flowers in late spring. This plant spreads to form colonies and works well as a groundcover in shade. Good early nectar source for pollinators. Part shade to shade, average to moist soil.	   	Apr - Jun	1'
13	Foxglove Beardtongue <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	DR	Tubular white flowers with pale pink throat on elegant 3-4 ft. stalks from April to June. Important species for bees, as well as specialist species like the pollen collecting moth and species of mason bees. Hummingbirds and hummingbird moths can also be seen collecting nectar. Host to the chalcidony midget moth. Low basal rosette when not in bloom. Full sun, part shade, dry to moist soil.	   	May- Jun	3-4'
14	Golden Alexander <i>Zizia aurea</i>	WSu	Flat round yellow clusters bloom late spring on tidy, 1-2.5 ft. tall stalks. Relatively low growing plants with glossy basal leaves providing a taller ground cover. Provides nectar and pollen for early pollinators and specialist mining bee species. Host plant for black swallowtail butterflies. Sun to part shade, average moist soil.	   	May- Jun	1-3'

















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15	Golden Ragwort <i>Packera aurea</i>	Ind	Lush, low green groundcover sends up many thin 2 ft. high stems topped with yellow, daisy-like, 1" flowers in March and April. Mass plantings look like a floating sea of yellow. After blooming, remaining basal foliage is an alternate groundcover alternative to non-native pachysandra, vinca, or Ivy. Flowers are important to early pollinators and is a host plant for the gem moth. A prolific seeder, golden ragwort can spread rapidly. Seed heads can be pruned after flowering to minimize spreading, or can be left for the birds to eat. Sun to part shade, average to wet soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Mar - Apr Season	 2' Height
16	Great Blue Lobelia <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Ind	Spikes of dense blue, tubular flowers in whorled clusters reaching 1-3ft. tall. Nectar source for hummingbirds and bees. Prefers part shade but is adaptable to almost any light with moist to wet soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Aug - Oct Season	 1-3' Height
17	Lanceleaf Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Ind	Large, golden sunny daisy-like flowers on rigid 1-2 feet stems bloom for weeks on end on this valuable pollinator magnet. Bees and butterflies pollinate this plant, while finches love the ripe seeds. Endlessly adaptable, this plant is good for new meadow plantings. It will slowly move around the yard, through self-seeding. Prefers dry to moist soils and full sun.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	May- Jul Season	 1'-3' Height
18	Longsepal Beardtongue <i>Penstemon calycosus</i>	DSh	Growing 2-3ft tall, this adaptable plant's long, lilac, tubular flowers attract long-tongued bees and hummingbirds in late spring and early summer. Host to the chalcid midget. Grows well in sun to part sun gardens, with dry to moist soils.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	May- June Season	 2-3' Height

















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19	Marsh Marigold <i>Caltha palustris</i>	WSh	Reaching 2 ft tall, marsh marigold bloom in early spring and are primarily pollinated by hoverflies. Like its name suggests, marsh marigold grows best in wet areas. It's toxic leaves make it unpalatable for deer and other herbivores. Prefers moist to wet soils, partial sun to shade. CAUTION: This plant contains poisonous parts that can be toxic in large quantities.	   Apr - May Color Light Moisture Season Height 
20	Monkey Flower <i>Mimulus rigens</i>	Ind	Named for the flower's resemblance to a monkey's head, monkey flower stands 1-3 ft tall and is typically found flowering in late summer in marshes and open swamps. Larval host to the Baltimore checkerspot and common buckeye and commonly pollinated by bumblebees. Prefers moist to wet soils and sun to part sun.	   July - Sept Color Light Moisture Season Height 
21	Narrowleaf Mountain Mint <i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	DR	A pollinator magnet of the highest order, narrowleaf mountain mint is beloved by numerous native bee and other insect pollinators and larval host to the wavy-lined emerald moth. With minty fragrant leaves on a clumping form reaching 1-3 ft, and tiny whitish-cream flower clusters on the tips of stems, this plant, is unpalatable to deer and rabbits. Spreads through rhizomes and at times may be aggressive. Sun to part sun, dry to moist soils.	   June - Aug Color Light Moisture Season Height 
22	NY Ironweed <i>Veronia noveboracensis</i>	WSu	Deep purple with notes of pink, these thistle-like flowers explode from dark purple and green stems reach up to 6ft in early fall. Often found growing in wet or moist meadows, this plant is a great addition to a rain garden or other low-lying portion of a garden. In late fall and winter, seeds of ironweed provide forage for small mammals and songbirds. Grows best in moist to occasionally wet soils and full sun.	   Aug - Oct Color Light Moisture Season Height 

















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23	Obedient plant <i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	DSu	Spikes of tubular, 2-lipped snapdragon-like pink flowers bloom in summer. Showy, long-lasting blooms, 3-4 ft high are good for cut flowers. Nectar source for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Host to Henry's elfin butterfly. Sun to part sun, dry to moist soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Jun - Sept Season	3-4' Height	
24	Parasol Whitetop <i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	DR	Also known as flat-topped aster, in fall bunches of daisy-like white flowers sit atop a dark red stem reaching up to 3 ft tall. Pairs well with other meadow plantings or as a standalone in a more formal garden setting. This perennial provides food for both songbirds and pearly crescent larva. Grows in moist soils and full sun.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Aug - Sept Season	2-3' Height	
25	Prairie Dropseed <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Ind	Delicate, drooping blades of the prairie dropseed is sure to add year-round interest as well as habitat to your garden. In fall, this warm season grass can have an orange hue as winter approaches. Drought resistant and grows well in full sun, making a great addition to those areas of your garden with difficult conditions. Host plant to several species of skippers. Grows in dry to medium soils and full sun.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	June - Aug Season	2-3' Height	
26	Rattlesnake Master <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	DSu	Unique white, golf-ball sized, globular flowers cluster on the branch ends of this 3-5 ft. tall plant. Mid-summer blooms last about a month, but they are attractive before and after bloom, providing visual interest from early summer into fall with yucca-like leaves. High value to pollinators and important larval food plant to the rattlesnake borer moth. Deadhead to prevent self-seeding, as it can be an aggressive spreader at times. Sun to part sun, moist to dry soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Jul - Sept Season	2-5' Height	
















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27	River Oats <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	WSh	Also known as fish-on-a-fishing-pole, this beautiful grass displays large, showy oat-like seed heads in late summer. In winter, seeds are eaten by small mammals and birds. Larval host to the pepper & salt skipper butterfly and multiple species of roadside skipper butterflies. Salt tolerant and provides year-round habitat. Grows best in dappled sunlight with average to occasionally wet soils.	 Color  Light  Moisture June - Sept Season 2-4' Height 
28	Scarlet Beebalm <i>Monarda didyma</i>	WSu	Stand forming showy crown-like clusters of spectacular, tubular lipped red flowers beloved by hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. Deadhead to prolong blooming. Susceptible to powdery mildew, this plant will grow best with good air circulation. Spreads through rhizomes and can sometimes be aggressive. Sun to part-shade and average to occasionally wet soils. Prefers growing conditions with some air circulation.	 Color  Light  Moisture May- Aug Season 2'-4' Height 
29	Seaside Goldenrod <i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	DSu	Dense showy deep-yellow flowers bloom throughout the fall. Varying height from 2-6ft. Salt tolerant. Valuable nectar-pollen source and host plant to gall larvae. Birds feed on both the seeds as well as the gall larvae. Attracts predatory insects which prey on garden pests. Full sun is best, dry to moist soil.	 Color  Light  Moisture Aug - Nov Season 2-6' Height 
30	Smooth Blue Aster <i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	BB	Billowing panicles of blue-violet blooms open on 3 ft tall plants in late summer and autumn. Important to late season pollinators and hosts over 100 species of Lepidoptera. Favored by deer and rabbits, protection such as fencing during establishment is recommended. Sun to part shade, average to moist soil.	 Color  Light  Moisture Aug-Oct Season 2-3' Height

















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31	Spotted Beebalm <i>Monarda punctata</i>	BB	Interesting, lilac leaf-like bracts draw in pollinators all around in late spring and throughout summer reaching up to 3ft. Deer tend to avoid this aromatic plant. Long blooming and great for cut flower arrangements. Grows well in dry to average soils and full sun.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	May- Aug Season	 2-3' Height
32	Stiff Goldenrod <i>Solidago rigida</i>	DR	Reaching 3-4 ft and blooming in late summer, the yellow flowers of stiff goldenrod provide pollen and nectar for numerous species of pollinators. Host to the wavy-lined emerald and other moths, as well as many gall wasps. In late fall, songbirds and small mammals eat its seeds. Also goes by <i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> with the recent reclassifications. Prefers dry to moist soils and full sun.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Aug - Sept Season	 3-4' Height
33	Swamp Milkweed <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	WSu	Fragrant Pink blooms July to August with large, interesting seed pods in fall. Grows up to 4ft tall and is beloved by bees, wasps, moths, butterflies and more. Larval host to monarch and queen butterflies. Caterpillars may defoliate but the plant will rebound to feed more caterpillars! Sun to part sun. Moist to wet soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Jul - Aug Season	 3-4' Height
34	Swamp Sunflower <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	WSu	Bright, two-inch yellow flowers will attract both generalist pollinators as well as specialized species including mining bees, blooming in fall until first frost. As the name suggests, swamp sunflower grows best in wet conditions and can sometimes grow up to 8 ft tall when conditions are perfect. Host to the silvery checkerspot and seeds provide winter forage for mammals and overwintering birds. Does well in moist to wet soils and sun to partial shade.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Aug - Nov Season	 3-6' Height













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35	Tall Anemone <i>Anemone virginiana</i>	DSH	Delicate white, single flowers rise on long stalks 3 ft above mounds of dark green foliage. Flowering in spring and early summer, this plant produces pollen for many native bees. The low growing leaves can also be used as ground cover. Provides winter interest with its thimble like seed heads, and can grow in both sun and shade, dry or moist soils.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	May- Jun Season	 1'-3' Height
36	White Turtlehead <i>Chelone glabra</i>	WSh	Tight clusters of white tubular, 2-lipped flowers resembling turtle heads bloom 2-3 ft. high in summer. Larval host of the Baltimore Checkerspot. Attracts butterflies, moths, and Hummingbirds and is beloved by bumblebees. Part sun to shade, moist to wet soil.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	Jul - Sept Season	 2-3' Height
37	Whorled Milkweed <i>Asclepias verticilata</i>	Ind	In summer, small, white flowers sit atop a slender-leaved whorled stem reaching 2-3ft high. Like all milkweeds, this plant is loved by numerous bees, moths, and butterflies and is a host plant to the beloved monarch. One of the most poisonous species of milkweed, this plant is very unpalatable to deer; however, be sure to plant in areas away from livestock graze. Prefers dry soils but will grow in moist soils and full to part sun.	 Color	 Light	 Moisture	June - Aug Season	 2-3' Height

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Best Behaved	25 plugs: Butterfly Milkweed Coralbells Dense Blazing Star Smooth Blue Aster Spotted Beebalm	This kit is for gardeners who love the idea of natives but want to have a pollinator garden that doesn't necessarily look like a pollinator garden! We have selected interesting, well-behaved plants that are lower growing and less spreading in growth habit. The evergreen coralbells provide foliage year-round while cream colored flowers add spring interest. Long-blooming spotted bee balm then takes off in late spring and joins with the feathery purple flowers of dense blazing star and bright orange blooms of butterfly milkweed in the summer to attract an array of bees, wasps and butterflies. By fall, smooth blue aster explodes with profuse, lavender flowers that will provide a winter seed source for overwintering songbirds. These plants grow best in dry to moist soils and full to part sun.	
Deer Resistant	25 plugs: Anise Hyssop Foxglove Beardtongue Narrowleaf Mountain Mint Parasol Whitetop Stiff Goldenrod	While many native perennials are adapted to herbivore browse, there is no denying that some species are less favored than others by deer and other native herbivores. In this kit, we have assembled some of these unpalatable plants to make a more deer resistant kit; however, if hungry enough, deer may still browse on these plants. In spring, the long, tubular white flowers of foxglove beardtongue will be sure to appease hungry spring pollinators. During the summer months, your garden will be buzzing from the bee-magnet flowers of narrowleaf mountain mint and the purple blooms of anise hyssop. As fall approaches, your garden will burst with yellow and white blooms of stiff goldenrod and parasol whitetop. This kit does best in dry to moist soils with sun to part-sun.	

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<p>Dry Shade</p>	<p>25 plugs: Curly Wood Sedge Fire Pink Blue Wood Aster Longsepal Beardtongue Tall Anemone</p>	<p>This kit is made for well-drained, drier, shade in the gardens where plants typically have difficulty surviving. Fiery red blooms of fire pink are sure to attract hummingbirds to your garden in spring. By early summer, the ground covering tall anemone will produce creamy white flowers a foot above its foliage will pair well with the tubular lilac flowers of longsepal beardtongue. Fall will bring numerous small flowers of blue wood aster that will delight not only late season pollinators but also the small mammals and songbirds that feed on its seeds in late fall. Lastly, curly wood sedge provides habitat and cover for wildlife all year round. Plants in this kit do best in part-sun to shade (but not deep shade) and dry to moist soils.</p>	
<p>Dry Sun</p>	<p>25 plugs: Broom Sedge Columbine Obedient Plant Rattlesnake Master Seaside Goldenrod</p>	<p>Here is a group of hardy natives that can not only survive in tough, full sun, dry garden conditions, but will thrive! In early spring, watch as hummingbirds and early pollinators flock to blooming columbine. By mid-summer, the snapdragon-like purple flowers of obedient plant and the unique white flowers of the rattlesnake master is sure to intrigue both pollinators and the passersby. The brilliant yellow blooms of seaside goldenrod will bring your garden into fall until the first frost. By winter, broom sedge will provide winter interest while also providing forage for overwintering birds. These plants would do well in both a hellstrip or a container garden. This kit does best in full sun and dry to moist soils.</p>	

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Wet Shade	25 plugs: Blue Flag Iris Cardinal Flower River Oats Marsh Marigold White Turtlehead	This kit is perfect for those who have a shaded, low-lying area or a partly shaded rain garden basin. Marsh marigold will kick off spring with beautiful greens leaves and golden flowers, appeasing the hungry early pollinators. By late spring, the blue flag iris will provide elegance with its attractive blue flowers and sword-like leaves. As the summer heats up, bumblebee loving white turtlehead and the electric red of cardinal flower will draw in hummingbirds and other pollinators. By fall, the beautiful weeping seed heads of river oats will add both fall interest and seeds for small mammals and songbirds. This kit does best in dappled sunlight but will grow in part-sun to shade (but not deep shade) and moist to wet soils.	
Wet Sun	25 plugs: Golden Alexander NY Ironweed Scarlet Beebalm Swamp Milkweed Swamp Sunflower	This selection of plants is perfect for the bottom of a rain garden or a wet swale. In late spring, golden alexander will add a pop of yellow to the garden as well as larval food swallowtails. Long-blooming scarlet beebalm will attract hummingbirds to your garden from spring into late summer, while light pink blooms of swamp milkweed will attract and provide food for pollinators and their larvae. By fall, the deep purple thistle-like flowers of NY ironweed will complement the yellow daisy-like flowers of the swamp sunflower that will continue blooming until frost as a grand finale. This kit grows well in moist to wet soils and sun to part sun.	

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