

# SAVE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY & POLLINATORS BY PLANTING MICHIGAN NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR HOME GARDEN



## Pollinator Brunch

A committee of  
Rochester City Beautiful Commission

### RESTORE OUR NATURAL HABITAT BY PLANTING A POLLINATOR GARDEN

Butterflies and other pollinators have experienced significant declines across the globe. The Monarch butterfly population alone has decreased up to 75%-90% depending upon the year. Habitat loss, increased pesticide use, and introduced diseases and a vast majority of land that has been altered that includes the creation of millions of acres of lawns has all contributed.

#### WHY NATIVE PLANTS?

- Require less water due to their deep roots
- No pesticides for our pollinator plants to survive
- They grow back every year
- They feed our local pollinators, birds and us!

#### WHAT WOULD WE MISS?

Nearly 90% of all flowering plants, including many fruit and vegetable crops, benefit from pollinators. This means that most of our favorite foods would either totally disappear or be extremely rare and expensive.

- Honey
- Avocados
- Cherries
- Tequila
- Coffee
- Apple Pie
- Lemonade
- Raspberries
- Tomatoes

#### YOU CAN HELP!

#### PLANT A POLLINATOR GARDEN

The best way to help our native species is by planting a pollinator garden or simply incorporating a few key plants into a preexisting space. Providing plants that bloom throughout early spring into late fall is essential to keeping these delicate creatures well fed during the pollination season. By choosing these landscape-worthy Michigan natives featured in this handout you can help save our ecosystem one pollinator at a time.

#### WHERE TO BUY

##### WIEGAND'S NURSERY

Macomb, MI  
586-286-3655

##### FOGLER'S GREENHOUSE

Rochester, MI  
278-652-3614

##### WILDTYPE NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Mason, MI  
517-244-1140

<https://www.wildtypeplants.com/>

##### PRAIRIE NURSERY

NATIVE PLANTS & SEEDS

<https://www.prairienursery.com/>

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#### KEY

BLOOMING PERIOD



SUMMER



SUMMER TO FALL



FALL

LIGHT REQUIREMENT



SUN



SUN-SHADE



SHADE

POLLINATORS



ATTRACTS HUMMINGBIRDS



BUTTERFLY HOST PLANT

May-July



**COLUMBINE**

*Aquilegia canadensis*

Red  
1'- 3' tall



May-Aug



**GOLDEN ALEXANDER**

*Zizia aurea*

Yellow  
2'- 3' tall



June-July



**BUTTERFLY MILKWEED**

*Asclepias tuberosa*

Orange  
1'- 3' tall



June-July



**BEARDTONGUE**

*Penstemon digitalis*

White  
3'- 4' tall



June-Aug



**PURPLE CONEFLOWER**

*Echinacea Purpurea*

Pink  
3'- 4' tall



June-Aug



**ROSE MILKWEED**

*Asclepias incarnata/deer resistant*

Pink  
3'- 4' tall



July-Aug



**CARDINAL FLOWER**

*Lobelia cardinalis*

Red  
2'- 4' tall



July-Aug



**MARSH BLAZING STAR**

*Liatris spicata*

Pink  
3'- 4' tall



June-Sept



**BLACK-EYED SUSANS**

*Rudbeckia hirta*

Yellow  
1'- 3' tall



Aug-Sept



**TURTLEHEAD**

*Chelone glabra*

White  
3'- 5' tall



Sept-Oct



**NEW-ENGLAND ASTER**

*Aster novae-angliae*

Purple  
3'- 6' tall



Sept-Oct



**RIDDELL'S GOLDEN ROD**

*Oligoneuron riddellii*

Yellow  
2'- 4' tall



MONARCH BUTTERFLY HOST PLANT FOR MONARCHS TO LAY EGGS- WITHOUT MILKWEED, THERE WILL BE NO MONARCHS