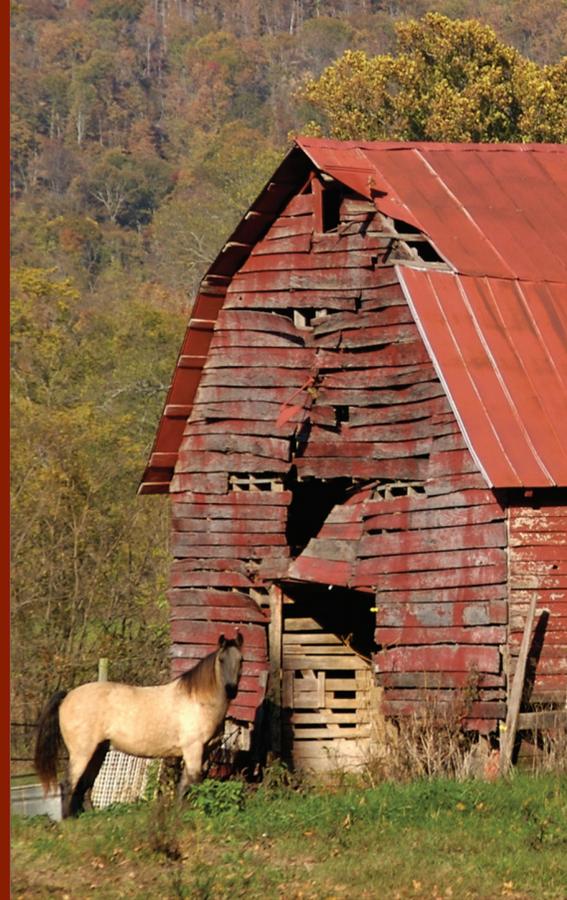




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WHY SUPPORT POLLINATORS?

IN THEIR 1996 BOOK, *THE FORGOTTEN POLLINATORS*, Buchmann and Nabhan estimated that animal pollinators are needed for the reproduction of 90% of flowering plants and one third of human food crops. Each of us depends on these industrious pollinators in a practical way to provide us with the wide range of foods we eat. In addition, pollinators are part of the intricate web that supports the biological diversity in natural ecosystems that helps sustain our quality of life.

Abundant and healthy populations of pollinators can improve fruit set and quality, and increase fruit size. In farming situations this increases production per acre. In the wild, biodiversity increases and wildlife food sources increase.

Strawberries, cucumbers, blueberries, and melons are some of the crops raised in the Ozark Broadleaf Forest that rely on honey bees and native bees for pollination. Domestic honey bees pollinate approximately \$10 billion worth of crops in the U.S. each year.

Unfortunately, the numbers of both native pollinators and domesticated bee populations are declining. They are threatened by habitat loss, disease, and the excessive and inappropriate use of pesticides. The loss of commercial bees to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has highlighted how severe the issues of proper hive management are to reduce stresses caused by disease, pesticide use, insufficient nutrition, and transportation practices. Currently, the pollination services that the commercial beekeeping industry provides are receiving much needed research and conservation resources. The efforts to understand the threats to commercial bees should help us understand other pollinators and their roles in the environment as well.

It is imperative that we take immediate steps to help pollinator populations thrive. The beauty of the situation is that by supporting pollinators' need for habitat, we support our own needs for food and support diversity in the natural world.

Thank you for taking time to consult this guide. By adding plants to your landscape that provide food and shelter for pollinators throughout their active seasons and by adopting pollinator friendly landscape practices, you can make a difference to both the pollinators and the people that rely on them.



Val Dolcini
President & CEO
Pollinator Partnership

“**FARMING FEEDS
THE WORLD, AND
WE MUST REMEMBER
THAT POLLINATORS
ARE A CRITICAL
LINK IN OUR FOOD
SYSTEMS.**”

-- PAUL GROWALD,
CO-FOUNDER,
POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP



THIS REGIONAL GUIDE IS just one in a series of plant selection tools designed to provide information on how individuals can influence pollinator populations through choices they make when they farm a plot of ground, manage large tracts of public land, or plant a garden. Each of us can have a positive impact by providing the essential habitat requirements for pollinators including food, water, shelter, and enough space to allow pollinators to raise their young.

Pollinators travel through the landscape without regard to property ownership or state boundaries. We've chosen to use R.G. Bailey's classification system to identify the geographic focus of this guide and to underscore the connections between climate and vegetation types that affect the diversity of pollinators in the environment.

Bailey's Ecoregions of the United

States, developed by the United States Forest Service, is a system created as a management tool and is used to predict responses to land management practices throughout large areas. This guide addresses pollinator-friendly land management practices in what is known as the Ozark Broadleaf Forest, Meadow Province.

This 6,400 square mile province in northern Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma includes low mountains dissected with narrow, steep valleys of plains with hills and open hills. Elevations range from 650 to 2,600 feet with local relief ranging from 100 to 1500 feet. The climate is hot continental with hot summers and cold winters. Average annual temperature ranges from 58° to 64°F. Annual rainfall ranges from 41 to 52 inches.

This province is characterized as oak-hickory forest and oak-hickory-pine forest. The low elevation

and submontane zone vegetation is primarily broad-leaved, cold-deciduous forest that includes oak and hickory. There are lesser areas that include evergreen needle-leaved trees. Short-leaf pine and oak occur on the shallow soils of disturbed drier areas on the south- and west-facing slopes.

Long before there were homes and farms in this area, the original, natural vegetation provided continuous cover and adjacent feeding opportunities for wildlife, including pollinators. In choosing plants, aim to create habitat for pollinators that allow adequate food shelter, and water sources. Most pollinators have very small home ranges. You can make a difference by understanding the vegetation patterns of the farm, forest, or neighbor's yard adjacent to you and by making planting choices that support the pollinators' need for food and shelter as they move through the landscape.

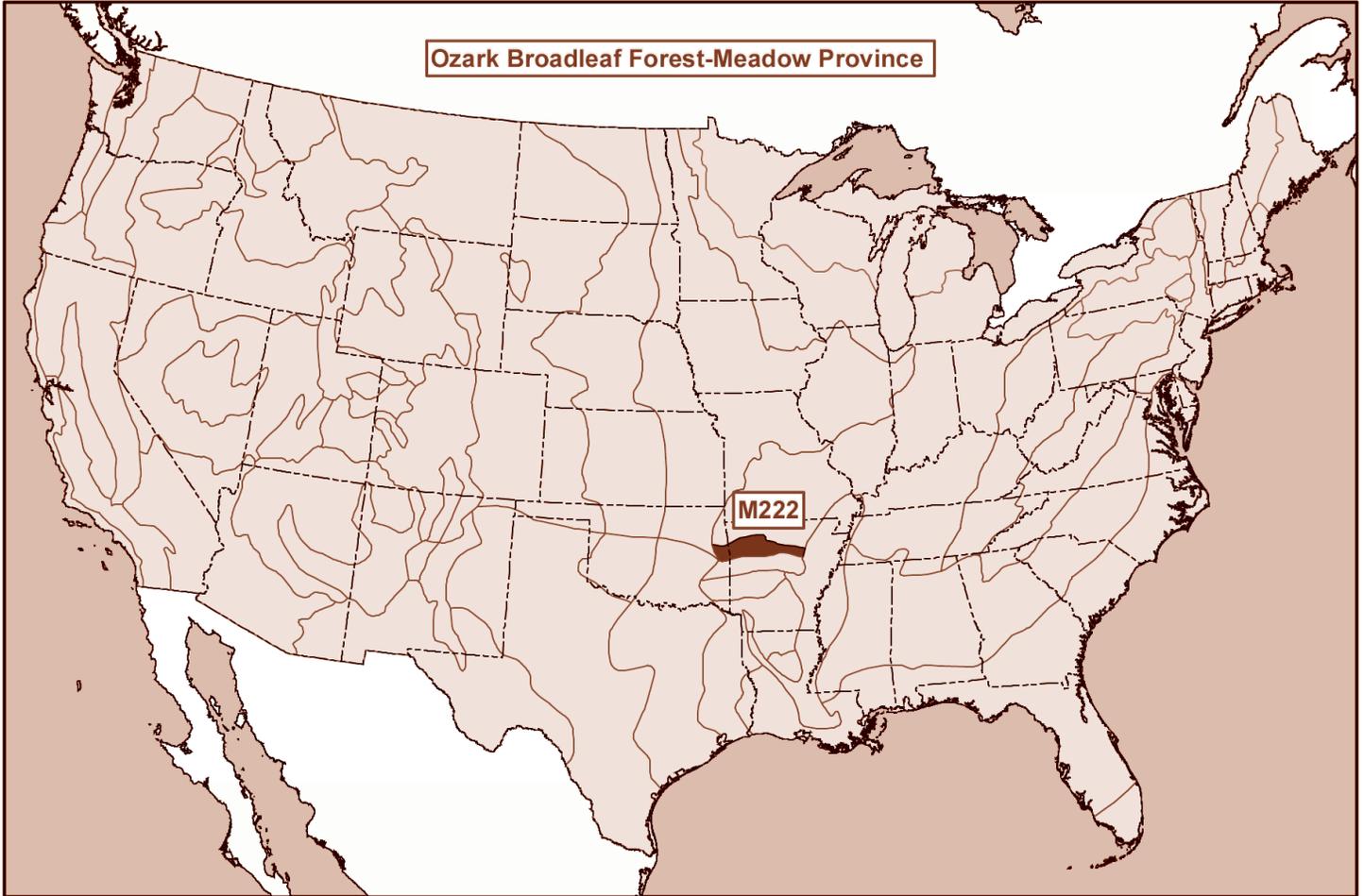
UNDERSTANDING THE OZARK BROADLEAF FOREST



- ✿ This region is designated **number M222** in the Baileys' Ecosystem Provinces. To see a map of the provinces go to: www.fs.fed.us/colorimagemap/ecoreg1_provinces.html
- ✿ Not sure about which bioregion you live or work in? Go to www.pollinator.org and click on **Ecoregion Locator** for help.
- ✿ 6,400 square miles in northern Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma.
- ✿ Primarily low mountains and valleys.
- ✿ Elevations ranging from 650 to 2,600 feet.
- ✿ Average annual temperatures from 58°F to 64°F.
- ✿ Average year-round precipitation between 41-52 inches.
- ✿ USDA Hardiness Zones 6b-7a.

CHARACTERISTICS

- ✿ Dominated by oak-hickory and oak-chickory-pine forest.
- ✿ Common tree species include northern red oak, white oak, pignut hickory, mockernut hickory, shortleaf pine, and eastern red cedar.
- ✿ Significant blocks of intact habitat remain at upper elevations, but ecosystem dynamics are largely fragmented outside those blocks.



The Ozark Broadleaf Forest Meadow Province includes parts of:

Arkansas and Oklahoma

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—LEE MCDANIEL, FARMER AND PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

MEET THE POLLINATORS



Photo Lew Scharpf



Viceroy butterfly.

WHO ARE THE POLLINATORS?

BEES

Bees are well documented pollinators in the natural and agricultural systems of the Ozark Broadleaf Forest. A wide range of crops including strawberries, cucumbers, blueberries, and melons are just a few plants that benefit from bee pollinators.

Most of us are familiar with the colonies of honey bees that have been the workhorses of agricultural pollination for years in the United States. They were imported from Europe almost 400 years ago.

There are nearly 4000 species of native ground and twig nesting bees in the U.S. Some form colonies while others live and work a solitary life. Native bees currently pollinate many crops and can be encouraged to do more to support agricultural endeavors if their needs for nesting habitat are met and if suitable sources of nectar, pollen, and water are provided. Bees have tongues of varying lengths that help determine which flowers they can obtain nectar and pollen from.

The bumble bee (*Bombus* spp.) forms small colonies, usually underground. They are generalists, feeding on a wide range of plant material from February to November and are important pollinators of tomatoes. The sweat bee (family *Halictidae*) nests underground. Various species are solitary while others form loose colonies.

Solitary bees include carpenter bees (*Xylocopa* spp.), which nest in wood; digger, or polyester bees (*Colletes* spp.), which nest underground; leafcutter bees (*Megachile* spp.), which prefer dead trees or branches for their nest sites; and mason bees (*Osmia* spp.), which utilize cavities that they find in stems and dead wood. Cactus bees (*Diadasia* spp.) are also solitary ground nesters.

BUTTERFLIES

Gardeners have been attracting butterflies to their gardens for some time. These insects tend to be eye-catching, as are the flowers that attract them. Position flowering plants where they have full sun and are protected from the wind. Also, you will need to provide open areas (e.g. bare earth, large stones) where butterflies may bask, and moist soil from which they may get needed minerals. By providing a safe place to eat and nest, gardeners can also support the pollination role that butterflies play in the landscape. It might mean accepting slight damage to the plants, known as host plants, that provide food for the larval stage of the butterfly.

A diverse group of butterflies are present in garden areas and woodland edges that provide bright flowers, water sources, and specific host plants. Numerous trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants support butterfly populations.

Butterflies are in the Order *Lepidoptera*. Some of the species in the Ozark Broadleaf Forest are

Ruby-throated hummingbird.



Photo Lew Scharpf



Baltimore, Harvester, Spicebush Swallowtail, Wild Indigo Duskywing, and Viceroy butterflies. They usually look for flowers that provide a good landing platform.

Wet mud areas provide butterflies with both the moisture and minerals they need to stay healthy. Butterflies eat rotten fruit and even dung, so don't clean up all the messes in your garden!

MOTHS

Moths are most easily distinguished from butterflies by their antennae. Butterfly antennae are simple with a swelling at the end. Moth antennae differ from simple to featherlike, but never have a swelling at the tip. In addition, butterflies typically are active during the day; moths at night. Butterfly bodies are not very hairy, while moth bodies are quite hairy and more stout.

Moths, generally less colorful than butterflies, also play a role in pollination. They are attracted to flowers that are strongly sweet smelling, open in late afternoon or night, and are typically white or pale colored.

BEETLES

Over 30,000 species of beetles are found in the United States and many of them can be found on flower heads. Gardeners have yet to intentionally draw beetles to their gardens, possibly because beetle watching isn't as inspiring

as butterfly or bird watching. Yet beetles do play a role in pollination. Some have a bad reputation because they can leave a mess behind, damaging plant parts that they eat. Beetles are not as efficient as some pollinators. They wander between different species, often dropping pollen as they go.

Beetle pollinated plants tend to be large, strong scented flowers with their sexual organs exposed. They are known to pollinate Magnolia, sweetshrub (*Calycanthus*), paw paws, and yellow pond lilies.

FLIES

It may be hard to imagine why one would want to attract flies to the garden. However, like beetles, the number of fly species and the fact that flies are generalist pollinators (visit many species of plants), should encourage us all to leave those flies alone and let them do their job as pollinators.

Recent research indicates that flies primarily pollinate small flowers that bloom under shade and in seasonally moist habitats. The National Research Council's *Status of Pollinators in North America* study states that flies are economically important as pollinators for a range of annual and bulbous ornamental flowers.

Plants pollinated by the fly include the American pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), dead horse arum (*Helicodiceros muscivorus*), skunk

cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*), goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.), and members of the carrot family like Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*).

BIRDS

Hummingbirds are the primary birds which play a role in pollination in North America. Their long beaks and tongues draw nectar from tubular flowers. Pollen is carried on both the beaks and feathers of different hummingbirds. The regions closer to the tropics, with warmer climates, boast the largest number of hummingbird species and the greatest number of native plants to support the bird's need for food. White-winged doves (*Zenaidura asiatica*) are also pollinators of the saguaro cactus (*Carnegeia gigantea*) in the south central United States.

Bright colored tubular flowers attract hummingbirds to gardens throughout the United States. Hummingbirds can see the color red; bees cannot. Red buckeye growing in the Ozark Broadleaf Forest attracts Ruby-throated Hummingbirds.

BATS

Though bats in the Nevada-Utah Mountains Semidesert are not pollinators, bats play an important role in the pollination of agave, organ pipe and saguaro cacti. The long-nosed bats' head shape and long tongue allows it to delve into flower blossoms and extract both pollen and nectar.



PLANT TRAITS

WHICH FLOWERS DO THE POLLINATORS PREFER?

NOT ALL POLLINATORS ARE found in each North American province, and some are more important in different parts of the United States. Use this page as a resource to understand the plants and pollinators where you live.

Plants can be grouped together based on the similar characteristics of their flowers. These floral characteristics can be useful to predict the type of pollination method or animal that is most effective for that group of plants. This association between floral characteristics and pollination method is called a pollination syndrome.

The interactions of animal pollinators and plants have influenced the evolution of both groups of organisms. A mutualistic relationship between the pollinator and the plant species helps the pollinator find necessary pollen and nectar sources and helps the plant reproduce by ensuring that pollen is carried from one flower to another.

Plant Trait	Bats	Bees	Beetles
Color	Dull white, green or purple	Bright white, yellow, blue, or UV	Dull white or green
Nectar guides	Absent	Present	Absent
Odor	Strong musty; emitted at night	Fresh, mild, pleasant	None to strongly fruity or fetid
Nectar	Abundant; somewhat hidden	Usually present	Sometimes present; not hidden
Pollen	Ample	Limited; often sticky and scented	Ample
Flower Shape	Regular; bowl shaped – closed during day	Shallow; have landing platform; tubular	Large bowl-like, Magnolia

This chart and more information on pollinator syndromes can be found at:



AND THE POLLINATORS THEY ATTRACT

Pollinator

Birds	Butterflies	Flies	Moths	Wind
Scarlet, orange, red or white	Bright, including red and purple	Pale and dull to dark brown or purple; flecked with translucent patches	Pale and dull red, purple, pink or white	Dull green, brown, or colorless; petals absent or reduced
Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
None	Faint but fresh	Putrid	Strong sweet; emitted at night	None
Ample; deeply hidden	Ample; deeply hidden	Usually absent	Ample; deeply hidden	None
Modest	Limited	Modest in amount	Limited	Abundant; small, smooth, and not sticky
Large funnel like; cups, strong perch support	Narrow tube with spur; wide landing pad	Shallow; funnel like or complex and trap-like	Regular; tubular without a lip	Regular; small and stigmas exerted

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/syndromes.shtml>



DEVELOPING LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS THAT PROVIDE POLLINATOR HABITAT

WHETHER YOU ARE A FARMER of many acres, land manager of a large tract of land, or a gardener with a small lot, you can increase the number of pollinators in your area by making conscious choices to include plants that provide essential habitat for bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, hummingbirds and other pollinators.

FOOD:

Flowers provide nectar (high in sugar and necessary amino acids) and pollen (high in protein) to pollinators.

Fermenting fallen fruits also provide food for bees, beetles and butterflies.

Specific plants, known as host plants, are eaten by the larvae of pollinators such as butterflies.

- Plant in groups to increase pollination efficiency. If a pollinator can visit the same type of flower over and over, it doesn't have to relearn how to enter the flower and can transfer pollen to the same species, instead of squandering the pollen on unreceptive flowers.
- Plant with bloom season in mind, providing food from early spring to late fall. (see Bloom Periods pp.16-17)
- Plant a diversity of plants to support a variety of pollinators. Flowers of different color, fragrance, and season of bloom on plants of different heights will attract different pollinator species and provide pollen and nectar throughout the seasons.
- Many herbs and annuals, although

not native, are very good for pollinators. Mint, oregano, garlic, chives, parsley and lavender are just a few herbs that can be planted. Old fashioned zinnias, cosmos, and single sunflowers support bees and butterflies.

- Recognize weeds that might be a good source of food. For example, dandelions provide nectar in the early spring before other flowers open. Plantain is alternate host for the Baltimore Checkerspot.
- Learn and utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices to address pest concerns. Minimize or eliminate the use of pesticides.

SHELTER:

Pollinators need protection from severe weather and from predators as well as sites for nesting and roosting.

- Incorporate different canopy layers in the landscape by planting trees, shrubs, and different-sized perennial plants.
- Leave dead snags for nesting sites of bees, and other dead plants and leaf litter for shelter.
- Build bee boxes to encourage solitary, non-aggressive bees to nest on your property.
- Leave some areas of soil uncovered to provide ground nesting insects easy access to underground tunnels.
- Group plantings so that pollinators can move safely through the landscape protected from predators.
- Include plants that are needed

by butterflies during their larval development.

WATER:

A clean, reliable source of water is essential to pollinators.

- Natural and human-made water features such as running water, pools, ponds, and small containers of water provide drinking and bathing opportunities for pollinators.
- Ensure the water sources have a shallow or sloping side so the pollinators can easily approach the water without drowning.

Your current landscape probably includes many of these elements. Observe wildlife activity in your farm fields, woodlands, and gardens to determine what actions you can take to encourage other pollinators to feed and nest. Evaluate the placement of individual plants and water sources and use your knowledge of specific pollinator needs to guide your choice and placement of additional plants and other habitat elements. Minor changes by many individuals can positively impact the pollinator populations in your area. Watch for - and enjoy - the changes in your landscape!

- **CAUTION:** Remember that pesticides are largely toxic to pollinators. Extreme caution is warranted if you choose to use any pesticide. Strategically apply pesticides only for problematic target species.



FARMS

Strawberries, cucumbers, blueberries, and melons are a few of the food crops in the Ozark Broadleaf Forest Province that will benefit from strong native bee populations that boost pollination efficiency. Incorporate different plants throughout the farm that provide food for native populations when targeted crops are not in flower.

Farmers have many opportunities to incorporate pollinator-friendly land management practices on their land which will benefit the farmer in achieving his or her production goals:

- Manage the use of pesticides to reduce the impact on native pollinators. Spray when bees aren't active (just after dawn) and choose targeted ingredients.
- Carefully consider the use of

herbicides. Perhaps the targeted weeds can provide needed food for pollinators.

- Minimize tillage to protect ground nesting pollinators.
- Ensure water sources are scattered throughout the landscape.
- Choose a variety of native plants to act as windbreaks, riparian buffers, and field borders throughout the farm.
- Plant unused areas of the farm with temporary cover crops that can provide food or with a variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers that provide both food and shelter for pollinators.
- Check with your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office to see what technical and financial support might be available to assist you in your effort to provide nectar, pollen, and larval food sources for pollinators on your farm.

“**FOOD SUPPLIES FOR BEES ARE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING STRONG HIVES FOR ALMOND POLLINATION THE FOLLOWING WINTER.**”

-- DAN CUMMINGS, CHICO, CALIFORNIA ALMOND GROWER.



Illustrations by Carolyn Vibbert

PUBLIC LANDS

“FROM HUMMINGBIRDS TO BEETLES, TO BUTTERFLIES, NATURE’S POLLINATORS HELP KEEP MIDWIN’S TALLGRASS PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS FULL OF DIVERSE FLOWERING PLANTS. INSECT MONITORING PROVIDES A KEY MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS.”

-- LOGAN LEE
PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR, MIDWIN
NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE



Public lands are maintained for specific reasons ranging from high impact recreation to conservation. In the Ozark Broadleaf Forest, forests have been converted from hardwood to pine, and cut for the development of second homes, resorts, and agriculture. Less disturbed natural areas can be augmented with plantings of native plant species. Existing plantings around buildings and parking areas should be evaluated to determine if pollinator-friendly plants can be substituted or added to attract and support pollinators. Public land managers have a unique opportunity to use their plantings as an education tool to help others understand the importance of pollinators in the environment through signs, brochures, and public

programs.

In an effort to increase populations of pollinators the land manager can:

- Inventory and become knowledgeable of local pollinators.
- Provide connectivity between vegetation areas by creating corridors of perennials, shrubs, and trees that provide pollinators shelter and food as they move through the landscape.
- Maintain a minimum of lawn areas that support recreational needs.
- Restrict the use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Provide water sources in large open areas.
- Maintain natural meadows and openings that provide habitats for sun-loving wildflowers and grasses.
- Remove invasive species and encroaching shrubs and trees.



“ A GARDEN IS ONLY AS RICH AND BEAUTIFUL AS THE INTEGRAL HEALTH OF THE SYSTEM; POLLINATORS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SYSTEM - MAKE YOUR HOME THEIR HOME. ”

-- DERRY MACBRIDE
NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND
LEGISLATION CHAIRWOMAN,
GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Gardeners have a wide array of plants to use in their gardens. Native plants, plants introduced from years of plant exploration from around the world, and plants developed by professional and amateur breeders can be found in garden centers, in catalogs, and on web-sites. Use your knowledge of pollinator needs to guide your choices.

- Choose a variety of plants that will provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season.
- Resist the urge to have a totally manicured lawn and garden. Leave bare ground for ground nesting bees. Leave areas of dead wood and leaf litter for other insects.
- Strive to eliminate the use of all pesticides.
- Find local resources to help you in your efforts. Contact your local county extension agent or native plant society. Visit your regional botanic gardens and arboreta.

The scale of your plantings will vary but it is important to remember that you are trying to provide connectivity to the landscape adjacent to your property. Don't just look within your property boundaries. If your neighbor's property provides an essential element, such as water, which can be utilized by pollinators visiting your land, you may be able to devote more space to habitat elements that are missing nearby. It is best to use native plants which have evolved to support the needs of specific native pollinators. Some pollinators, however, are generalists and visit many different plants, both native and non-native. Be sure that any non-native plants you choose to use are not invasive. Remember that specialized cultivars sometimes aren't used by pollinators. Flowers that have been drastically altered, such as those that are double or a completely different color than the wild species, often prevent pollinators from finding and feeding on the flowers. In addition, some altered plants don't contain the same nectar and pollen resources that attract pollinators to the wild types.

- **CAUTION:** Take time to evaluate the source of your plant material. You want to ensure you get plants that are healthy and correctly identified. Your local native plant society can help you make informed decisions when searching for plants.



BLOOM PERIODS

FOR THE OZARK BROADLEAF FOREST



The following chart lists plants and the time they are in bloom throughout the growing seasons. Choose a variety of flower colors and make sure something is blooming at all times! Note for all charts: When more than one species of the same genus is useful, the genus name is followed by "spp."

Botanical Name	Common Name	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Trees & Shrubs									
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio buckeye		yellow-green	yellow-green					
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	red buckeye		red	red					
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	common serviceberry	white	white						
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	pawpaw		reddish purple	reddish purple					
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American beautyberry				white	white			
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey tea			white	white				
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	redbud	pink	pink						
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	white fringetree		white	white					
<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	cockspur hawthorn		white	white					
<i>Fothergilla major</i>	mountain witchalder		white	white					
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	ozark witchhazel	yellow, red							
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	American witchhazel								
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	wild hydrangea		creamy white	creamy white					
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	shrubby St. Johnswort				yellow	yellow			
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	possumhaw		white	white					
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	northern spicebush	yellow	yellow						
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Yellow Poplar		greenish yellow, orange	greenish yellow, orange					
<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	umbrella-tree			white	white				
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	common ninebark		white	white					
<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	Chickasaw plum		white	white					
<i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i>	early azalea		pink	pink					
<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	swamp azalea		white	white					
<i>Rosa carolina</i>	Carolina rose			pink	pink	pink			
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	coralberry				pink	pink			
<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>	farkleberry			white	white				
<i>Vaccinium pallidum</i>	blue ridge blueberry			white	white				
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	southern arrowwood		white	white					
<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	rusty nannyberry		white	white					
Perennial Flowers									
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	wild false indigo			purple	purple				
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	eastern bluestar		pale blue	pale blue					
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	eastern columbine	red, yellow	red, yellow						
<i>Asclepias hirtella</i>	green milkweed			green	green	green	green		
<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	purple milkweed			purple	purple	purple			
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed			orange, yellow	orange, yellow	orange, yellow			
<i>Asclepias variegata</i>	white milkweed			white	white	white			
<i>Baptisia alba</i>	white wild indigo			white	white	white			
<i>Baptisia sphaerocarpa</i>	yellow wild indigo			yellow	yellow	yellow			
<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	Atlantic camas			pale blue	pale blue				
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	partridge pea					yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	blue mist flower						blue	blue	blue
<i>Dalea candida</i>	white prairie clover			white	white	white			
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	purple prairie clover			purple	purple	purple			
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	pale purple coneflower			pale purple	pale purple				
<i>Echinacea paradoxa</i>	Bush's coneflower			yellow	yellow				
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	eastern purple coneflower			purple	purple				

Botanical Name	Common Name	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
<i>Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus</i>	joe-pye-weed						pinkish purple	pinkish purple	pinkish purple
<i>Gaura longiflora</i>	longflower beeblossum			pink, white	pink, white	pink, white			
<i>Gentiana saponaria</i>	soapwort gentian								blue
<i>Glandularia canadensis</i>	rose mock vervain		pink	pink	pink	pink			
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	swamp sunflower						yellow	yellow	yellow
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed						yellow	yellow	yellow
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	hepatica	white, pink, pale blue							
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i>	smooth rose-mallow			white, red	white, red	white, red	white, red	white, red	
<i>Ipomoea pandurata</i>	white morning-glory			white, red	white, red	white, red	white, red	white, red	
<i>Iris cristata</i>	dwarfed crested iris		blue, yellow	blue, yellow					
<i>Iris virginica</i>	Virginia iris			blue, yellow	blue				
<i>Lespedeza hirta</i>	hairy lespedeza			pink, white	pink, white	pink, white			
<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>	slender lespedeza			pink, white	pink, white	pink, white			
<i>Liatis aspera</i>	tall blazing star					pinkish purple	pinkish purple	pinkish purple	
<i>Liatis squarrosa</i>	scaly blazing star					pinkish purple	pinkish purple	pinkish purple	pinkish purple
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower							red	red
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia							blue	blue
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot			violet	violet	violet	violet		
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	spotted beebalm			pink	pink	pink	pink		
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	devil's tongue			yellow	yellow				
<i>Oxalis stricta</i>	common yellow oxalis		yellow	yellow	yellow				
<i>Oxalis violacea</i>	violet woodsorrel		violet	violet	violet	violet			
<i>Penstemon arkansanus</i>	Arkansas penstemon			white	white	white			
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	beard-tongue			white	white	white			
<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	black raspberry	white	white						
<i>Rubus trivialis</i>	southern dewberry	white	white						
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	black-eyed susan			yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	brown-eyed susan				yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown	yellow, brown
<i>Salvia azurea</i>	azure blue sage				blue	blue	blue	blue	blue
<i>Silene virginica</i>	fire pink			red					
<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	rosinweed				yellow	yellow	yellow		
<i>Solidago caesia</i>	wreath goldenrod							yellow	yellow
<i>Solidago odora</i>	anisescented goldenrod							yellow	yellow
<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	wrinkleleaf goldenrod							yellow	yellow
<i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	elmleaf goldenrod							yellow	yellow
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	indian pink		red	red					
<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	calico aster							white	white
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster							purple	purple
<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	aromatic aster							pale blue	pale blue
<i>Symphotrichum patens</i>	late blue aster							blue	blue
<i>Symphotrichum pilosum</i>	common white aster							white	white
<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i>	goat's rue			yellow, pink	yellow, pink				
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	bluejacket		pink, blue	pink, blue					
<i>Verbena stricta</i>	hoary verbena			purple	purple	purple	purple	purple	purple
<i>Verbesina helianthoides</i>	yellow crownbeard						yellow	yellow	yellow
<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Missouri ironweed						purple	purple	purple
<i>Viola pedata</i>	bird's-foot violet		violet	violet					

Vines

<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	cross vine		orange, yellow	orange, yellow	orange, yellow				
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	yellow jasmine	yellow	yellow	yellow					
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	red trumpet honeysuckle		red	red	red	red	red	red	red
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper				greenish yellow	greenish yellow			
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	passion flower				white, purple	white, purple	white, purple	white, purple	white, purple
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	American wisteria		purple, white	purple, white	purple, white				

PLANTS THAT ATTRACT POLLINATORS

FOR THE OZARK BROADLEAF FOREST

The following chart lists plants that attract pollinators. It is not exhaustive, but provides guidance on where to start. Annuals, herbs, weeds, and cover crops provide food and shelter for pollinators, too.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Color	Ht.	Flower Season	Sun	Soil	Visitation by Pollinator
Trees & Shrubs							
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio buckeye	yellow-green	20-30'	April-May	partial shade, shade	moist	bees
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	red buckeye	red	4-16'	April-May	partial sun to shade	moist, rich soil	hummingbirds, bees
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	common serviceberry	white	15-20'	March-April	sun to partial sun	moist	bees
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	pawpaw	reddish purple	20'	April-May	shade	moist, rich soil	flies
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American beautyberry	white	1.5-6'	June-July	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies, flies
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey tea	white	12-24"	May-June	sun to partial shade	dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	redbud	pink	8-15'	March-April	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	white fringetree	white	12-20'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist, well-drained	moths
<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	cockspur hawthorn	white	12-20'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, flies
<i>Fothergilla major</i>	mountain witchalder	white	4-6'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist, well-drained	bees
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	ozark witchhazel	yellow, red	8-12'	Jan-March	partial shade, shade	wet to moist	moths
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	American witchhazel	yellow	12-20'	Nov-Dec	shade	moist to dry, well-drained	moths
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	wild hydrangea	creamy white	3-4'	April-May	shade	moist, rich soil	bees, beetles, flies
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	shrubby St. Johnswort	yellow	2-3'	June-July	sun	moist, well-drained	bees, beetles, flies
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	possumhaw	white	15-20'	April-May	sun	moist, well-drained	flies
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	northern spicebush	yellow	5-7'	March-April	partial shade to shade	moist	bees, butterflies
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Yellow Poplar	greenish-yellow, orange	120'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist	beetles
<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	umbrella-tree	white	30'	May-June	partial shade to shade	moist, well-drained	beetles
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	common ninebark	white	4-6'	April-May	sun to shade	moist	bees, beetles, flies
<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	Chickasaw plum	white	12-16'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i>	early azalea	pink	5-9'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	swamp azalea	white	2-15'	April-May	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees
<i>Rosa carolina</i>	Carolina rose	pink	10-18"	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, flies
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	coralberry	pink	2-4'	June-July	partial shade to shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>	farkleberry	white	4-8'	May-June	sun to partial shade	dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Vaccinium pallidum</i>	blue ridge blueberry	white	10-18"	May-June	partial shade to shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	southern arrowwood	white	10-16'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, beetles, flies
<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	rusty nannyberry	white	10-20'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, beetles, flies
Perennial Flowers							
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	wild false indigo	purple	8-12'	May-June	partial shade to shade	wet to moist	bees
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	eastern bluestar	pale blue	24-36"	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist	bees
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	eastern columbine	red, yellow	14-22"	March-April	partial shade to shade	moist	hummingbirds, bees
<i>Asclepias hirtella</i>	green milkweed	green	18-26"	May-Aug	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, wasps, butterflies
<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	purple milkweed	purple	30-40"	May-July	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, wasps, butterflies
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed	orange, yellow	16-28"	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, wasps, butterflies, hummingbirds
<i>Asclepias variegata</i>	white milkweed	white	30-36"	May-July	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies
<i>Baptisia alba</i>	white wild indigo	white	30-60"	May-July	sun	moist to dry	bees
<i>Baptisia sphaerocarpa</i>	yellow wild indigo	yellow	30-36"	May-July	sun	moist to dry	bees
<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	Atlantic camas	pale blue	18-24"	May-June	sun to partial shade	moist to dry	bees, beetles, flies, hawkmoths
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	partridge pea	yellow	36-60"	July-Oct	sun	moist	bees
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	blue mist flower	blue	24-36"	Aug-Oct	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees, beetles, flies, butterflies
<i>Dalea candida</i>	white prairie clover	white	12-18"	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	purple prairie clover	purple	12-18"	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	pale purple coneflower	pale purple	20-30"	May-June	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies
<i>Echinacea paradoxa</i>	Bush's coneflower	yellow	20-30"	May-June	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies

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<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	eastern purple coneflower	purple	20-30"	May-June	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies
<i>Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus</i>	joe-pye-weed	pinkish-purple	6-10'	Aug-Oct	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees, beetles, flies, butterflies
<i>Gaura longiflora</i>	longflower beeblossum	pink, white	6-8'	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, moths, hummingbirds
<i>Gentiana saponaria</i>	soapwort gentian	blue	24-36"	Oct-Nov	sun to partial shade	moist	bees
<i>Glandularia canadensis</i>	rose mock vervain	pink	20-24"	April-July	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, wasps, hawkmoths
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	swamp sunflower	yellow	5-6"	Aug-Oct	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, butterflies
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed	yellow	20-30"	Aug-Oct	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, butterflies
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	hepatica	white, pink, pale blue	2-4"	March	partial shade to shade	moist	bees
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i>	smooth rose-mallow	white, red	5-6'	May-Sept	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees, hummingbirds
<i>Ipomoea pandurata</i>	white morning-glory	white, red	5-10'	May-Sept	sun	moist	bees
<i>Iris cristata</i>	dwarfed crested iris	blue, yellow	3-5"	April-May	shade	moist, well-drained	bees
<i>Iris virginica</i>	Virginia iris	blue	2-3'	May-June	sun to partial shade	wet	bees
<i>Lespedeza hirta</i>	hairy lespedeza	pink, white	3-4'	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>	slender lespedeza	pink, white	18-24"	May-July	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	tall blazing star	pinkish-purple	3-5'	July-Sept	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies, flies
<i>Liatris squarrosa</i>	scaly blazing star	pinkish-purple	2-3'	July-Oct	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies, flies
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	red	2-5'	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia	blue	2-5'	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	wet to moist	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot	violet	3-6'	May-Aug	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies, hawkmoths
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	spotted beebalm	pink	30-36"	May-Aug	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	devil's tongue	yellow	4-12"	May-June	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Oxalis stricta</i>	common yellow oxalis	yellow	6-12"	April-June	partial shade to shade	moist	bees
<i>Oxalis violacea</i>	violet woodsorrel	violet	3-4"	April July	partial shade to shade	moist	bees
<i>Penstemon arkansanus</i>	Arkansas penstemon	white	24-30"	May-July	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	beard-tongue	white	24-36"	May-July	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds
<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	black raspberry	white	36-40" arching	March-April	sun to partial shade	moist	bees
<i>Rubus trivialis</i>	southern dewberry	white	3-5' trailing	March-April	sun to partial shade	moist	bees
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	black-eyed susan	yellow brown	18-24"	May-Sept	sun to partial shade	moist to dry	bees, flies, butterflies, beetles
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	brown-eyed susan	yellow, brown	3-5'	June-Sept	sun to partial shade	moist to dry	bees, flies
<i>Salvia azurea</i>	azure blue sage	blue	4-6'	June-Oct	sun	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Silene virginica</i>	fire pink	red	12-16"	May	partial shade to shade	moist to dry, well-drained	butterflies, hummingbirds
<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	rosinweed	yellow	4-6'	June-August	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Solidago caesia</i>	wreath goldenrod	yellow	24-36"	Sept-Oct	partial shade to shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, butterflies
<i>Solidago odora</i>	anisescented goldenrod	yellow	24-36"	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, butterflies
<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	wrinkleleaf goldenrod	yellow	4-6'	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, butterflies
<i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	elmleaf goldenrod	yellow	24-36"	Sept-Oct	partial shade to shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, beetles, butterflies
<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	indian pink	red	16-24"	April-May	sun to shade	moist, well-drained	hummingbirds
<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	calico aster	white	30-36"	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist, well-drained	bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, beetles
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster	purple	30-40"	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist, well-drained	bees, butterflies, flies
<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	aromatic aster	pale blue	30-36"	Sept-Oct	partial shade to shade	moist, well-drained	bees, butterflies, flies
<i>Symphotrichum patens</i>	late blue aster	blue	24-36"	Sept-Oct	partial shade to shade	moist, well-drained	bees, butterflies, flies
<i>Symphotrichum pilosum</i>	common white aster	white	36-48"	Sept-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist, well-drained	bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, beetles
<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i>	goat's rue	yellow, pink	24-30"	May-June	sun to partial shade	dry, well-drained	bees
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	bluejacket	pink, blue	16-20"	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist, well-drained	bees, flies
<i>Verbena stricta</i>	hoary verbena	purple	18-24"	May-Sept	sun to partial shade	moist to dry, well-drained	bees, wasps, flies, butterflies
<i>Verbesina helianthoides</i>	yellow crownbeard	yellow	36-48"	August-Oct	partial shade to shade	moist	bees, wasps
<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Missouri ironweed	purple	4-6'	August-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist to dry	bees, butterflies
<i>Viola pedata</i>	bird's-foot violet	violet	2-4"	April-May	sun to partial shade	dry, well-drained	bees, butterflies
Vines							
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	cross vine	orange, yellow	to 50'	April-June	partial shade to shade	moist	hummingbirds
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	yellow jasmine	yellow	to 8'	March-May	sun to partial shade	moist	bees
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	red trumpet honeysuckle	red	to 12'	April-Oct	partial shade to shade	moist	hummingbirds
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper	greenish yellow	to 50'	June-July	sun to partial shade	moist	beetles
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	passion flower	white, purple	to 20'	June-Oct	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, flies, beetles
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	American wisteria	purple, white	to 30'	April-June	sun to shade	moist	bees

HABITAT HINTS

FOR THE OZARK BROADLEAF FOREST

HABITAT REQUIREMENTS FOR BEE-POLLINATED GARDEN FLOWERS AND CROPS

	Bumble	Digger	Lg Carpenter	Sm Carpenter	Squash/Gourd	Leafcutter	Mason	Sweat	Plasterer	Yellow-faced	Andrenid
FLOWERS											
Catalpa			x								
Catnip	x	x					x				
Clover		x									x
Columbine	x										
Cow parsley										x	
Goldenrod	x	x				x		x			
Impatiens	x										
Irises	x		x								
Lavender	x	x	x			x					
Milkwort								x			
Morning glory				x							
Penstemon	x	x					x				
Passion flowers			x								
Phacelia	x	x		x		x	x	x	x		x
Potentilla										x	
Rose	x		x				x	x		x	
Salvia	x	x	x			x	x				
Saxifrages								x		x	
Sorrel				x							
Sunflowers	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		x
Violet								x			x
Wild Mustard		x							x		
Willow catkins									x		x
CROPS											
Almond	x						x				x
Apple							x				
Blueberry	x	x									x
Cherry							x				x
Eggplant	x		x					x			
Gooseberry	x										x
Legumes	x	x				x		x			
Water melon	x							x			
Squash/Pumpkins/Gourds			x		x						
Tomatoes	x	x	x					x			
Thyme	x	x					x	x		x	



HABITAT AND NESTING REQUIREMENTS:

Bumble Bees:

Abandoned mouse nests, other rodent burrows, upside down flower pots, under boards, and other human-made cavities. Colonies are founded by a queen in the spring and don't die out in the fall. New queens mate then and overwinter in a sort of hibernation. Bumble bees are usually active during the morning hours and forage at colder temperatures than honey bees, even flying in light rain.

Large carpenter bees:

Soft dead wood, poplar, cottonwood or willow trunks and limbs, structural timbers including redwood. Depending on the species, there may be one or two brood cycles per year. These bees can be active all day even in the hottest weather.

Digger bees:

Sandy soil, compacted soils, bank sides. Anthophorid bees (now in the Apidae) are usually active in the morning hours, but can be seen at other times.

Small carpenter bees:

Pithy stems including roses and blackberry canes. These bees are more active in the morning but can be found at other times.

Squash and Gourd bees:

Sandy soil, may nest in gardens (where pumpkins, squash and gourds are grown) or pathways. These bees are early risers and can be found in pumpkin patches before dawn. Males often sleep in the wilted flowers.

Leafcutter bees:

Pre-existing circular tunnels of various diameters in dead but sound wood created by emerging beetles, some nest in the ground. Leave dead limbs and trees to support not just pollinators but other wildlife. Leafcutter bees can be seen foraging throughout the day even in hot weather.

Mason bees:

Pre-existing tunnels, various diameters in dead wood made by emerging beetles, or human-made nesting substrates, drilled wood boards, paper soda straws inserted into cans attached to buildings. Mason bees are generally more active in the morning hours.

Sweat bees:

Bare ground, compacted soil, sunny areas not covered by vegetation. Like most bees, sweat bees forage for pollen earlier in the morning and then for nectar later.

Plasterer or cellophane bees:

Bare ground, banks or cliffs. Colletid bees can be active in the morning or later in the day.

Yellow-faced bees:

In dead stems. These bees are more active during morning hours.

Andrenid bees:

Sunny, bare ground, sand soil, under leaf litter or in soil in banksides and cliffs. These generally spring-active bees are most commonly seen on flowers during the morning when pollen and nectar resources are abundant.



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BUTTERFLIES
NEVER FAIL TO
CATCH THE
VISITOR’S EYE
AND ALWAYS
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A TEACHABLE
MOMENT.”**

-- LOGAN LEE,
PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS
PRAIRIE

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH POLLINATORS IN YOUR LANDSCAPE.

- ✿ Watch for activity throughout the day and the seasons.
- ✿ Keep a simple notebook of when and what comes to your garden.
NOTE: It is not necessary to identify each species when you first get started. Simply note if it is a bee that likes the yellow flower that blooms in the fall.
- ✿ Consult a local field guide or web site when you are ready to learn more details.

ADD NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT MORE NATIVE POLLINATORS.

- ✿ List the plants you currently have in your landscape.
- ✿ Determine when you need additional flowers to provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season.
- ✿ Add plants that provide additional seasons of bloom, create variable heights for shelter, and attract the types of pollinators you want.
- ✿ Don't forget to include host plants that provide food and shelter for larval development.
- ✿ Contact your local native plant society or extension agent for more help.

USE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE POLLINATORS YOU ATTRACT.

- ✿ Use Integrated Pest Management Practices to address pest concerns.
- ✿ Tolerate a little mess – leave dead snags and leaf litter, keep areas bare for ground nesting insects, and leave some weeds that provide food for pollinators.
- ✿ Provide safe access to clean water.

NOTICE THE CHANGES THAT YOU HAVE HELPED TO CREATE!



RESOURCES

Many books, websites, and people were consulted to gather information for this guide. Use this list as a starting point to learn more about pollinators and plants in your area.

BAILEY'S ECOREGION MAPS

USDA Forest Service

http://www.fs.fed.us/land/ecosysmgmt/ecoreg1_home.html

POLLINATION/POLLINATORS

Pollinator Partnership

www.pollinator.org

Coevolution Institute

www.coevolution.org

Natural Resources Conservation Service

www.nrcs.usda.gov

North American Pollinator Protection Campaign

www.nappc.org

USDA Forest Service

www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/

Wild Farm Alliance

www.wildfarmalliance.org

Xerces Society Pollinator Program

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