

Gardening for Pollinators

Why Native Plants?

How to Incorporate Natives

Gardening Best Practices

Pollination and Native Bees

Host Plants for Specialist Bees by Season

[2024 Gardening for Pollinators Resources.pdf](#)

Resources & Additional Information:

Where to find them:

Delaware County Master Gardener Association	https://www.delcomga.org/
Guide to Specialist Bees of Ohio	Specialist Bees
Specialist Pollinators of Edible Plants	Xerces blog on delectable native plants
Other Xerces Society Resources	https://xerces.org/resources
OSU Factsheets and Bulletins from the Bee Lab	beelab/osu-factsheets-and-bulletins
Pollinator Quick Guide	pollinators-17jqsw.pdf
Cornell Guide to Gardening for Specialist Bees	pollinator garden
OSU CFAES “Living Landscapes” Series Recordings of sessions with Doug Tallamy, Marne Titchenell, and Debra Knapke	https://u.osu.edu/certify/living-landscape-speaker-series/
Doug Tallamy’s “Bringing Nature Home,” “Nature’s Best Hope,” and “The Nature of Oaks”	Your favorite bookstore or library
Ohio Native Plant Month	https://www.ohionativeplantmonth.org/
Delaware County Soil and Water Tree Sale	soilandwater.co.delaware.oh.us
Ohio Invasive Plants Council	oipc.info
Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association	onapa.org
Biota of North America Program	BONAP/
ODNR State Nature Preserves	ODNR
CFAES Attracting Pollinators	ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/ENT-47
Benefits of Managing Your Property for Wildlife	woodlandstewards.osu.edu
Picking Plants for Pollinators	xerces.org/blog/cultivar-conundrum
Native Plants of Ohio and their pollinators, compiled by Hope Taft and Debra Knapke	A Selection for Ohio Gardens

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Selected Plants for Specialist Bees by Season (these will also attract other pollinators)

SPRING

Genus *Claytonia*, Spring Beauties

Genus *Cardamine*, Toothworts: Cut-leaved toothwort (*C. concatenata*), Crinkleroot (*C. diphylla*)

Genus *Geranium*, Wild Geranium (*G. maculatum*)

Genus *Polemonium*, Jacob's Ladder (*P. reptans*)

Genus *Zizia*, Golden Alexander (*Z. aurea*), Heartleaf Golden Alexanders (*Z. aptera*)

SUMMER

Ceanothus americanus, New Jersey Tea

Genus *Penstemon*, Beardtongues: Foxglove Beardtongue (*P. digitalis*), Hairy Beardtongue (*P. hirsutus*)

Campanula rotundifolia, Harebell

Genus *Ratibida*, Coneflowers: Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Orange Coneflower (*R. fulgida*)

Genus *Rudbeckia*, Coneflowers: Mexican Hat (*Ratibida columnifera*), Gray-headed Coneflower (*R. pinnata*)

Monarda Punctata, Spotted Bee Balm or Spotted Horsemint

FALL

Genus *Vernonia*, Ironweeds

Genus *Solidago*, Goldenrods: Stout Goldenrod (*S. squarrosa*), Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod (*S. rugosa*),
Zigzag Goldenrod (*S. flexicaulis*), Blue-stemmed Goldenrod (*S. caesia*)

Genus *Euthamia*, Goldenrods (also called Golden Tops or Grass-leaved Goldenrod)

Genus *Oligoneuron*, Goldenrods: Stiff Goldenrod (*O. rigidum*), White Goldenrod (*O. alba*),
Riddell's Goldenrod (*O. riddellii*)

Genus *Symphotrichum*, Asters: Heath Aster (*S. ericoides*), Calico Aster (*S. lateriflorum*),
Aromatic Aster (*S. oblongifolium*), Silky Aster (*S. sericeum*)

ALL YEAR

Composites – additional plants in the Asteraceae family such as sunflower, thistle, coreopsis, rosinweed, boneset,
Joe Pye weed, yarrow