*POLLINATOR WILDFLOWER MIX*

Your packet may contain:

Colorado Natives: Prairie Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, Milkweed varieties, Gaillardia, Gayfeather, Cowpen Daisy, Rocky Mountain Bee Plant, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Yarrow, Goldenrod, Sunflower, Purple Prairie Clover, Hairy False Goldenaster, Colorado Desert Four O’Clock, Tansyleaf tansy aster, and Engelmann Daisy, Missouri evening primrose. Non-natives: Cosmos, Decorative Onion, Gloriosa Daisy, Bachelor Button (these can reseed easily, so deadhead if you do not want them to spread.)

Instructions:

1. **Refrigerate these seeds and plant after Thanksgiving (most natives need the cold winter weather to help them germinate in spring). Choose a spot that will receive at least 6 hours of sun per day, or at least 4 hours of afternoon sun.**
2. **Prepare your soil by clearing the area of all existing growth.**
3. **Do not fertilize the soil, but add compost and/or very small stones to heavy clay soils to increase drainage.**
4. **Spread by hand, being careful to separate seeds.**
5. ***Cover (rake over*) with 1/8” light soil and a light mulch such as straw; some seeds will need light to germinate.**
6. **After spreading and covering the seed, compress the seed into the soil. (The better seed-to-soil contact, the better chance of germination.) Let winter do the work of watering.**
7. **In spring, keep seed bed consistently moist *(but not soaking wet) until seedlings are about 4-6" tall.* After that, water deeply but infrequently, especially during heat and drought, as the plants signal to you: If plants are wilted in the morning, water deeply. NOTE: Be patient! Some native plants take two years to flower. And others can be reluctant to germinate. Keep trying!**