

People & Pollinators Action Network




























NATIVE PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS

	PLANT	SIZE (W X H)	SEASON	HABITAT	POLLINATOR ATTRIBUTES	NOTES	PET SAFE?
1	 Showy Milkweed <i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	1-3' x 3'				One of the least toxic milkweed varieties	
2	 Butterfly Weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2' x 2'				Drought tolerant	
3	 Narrow-Leaf Fireweed <i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>	2' x 1-2'				Grows well in disturbed habitats; may spread	
4	 Little Sunflower <i>Helianthus pumilus</i>	2' x 1-2'				Drought tolerant	
5	 Dotted Gayfeather <i>Liatris punctata</i>	1' x 1-3'				Deer resistant; drought tolerant; tolerates alkaline soils	
6	 Prairie Coneflower <i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	1' x 1-3'				May spread; drought tolerant	
7	 Black-Eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	1-2' grows in clumps				Deer resistant; may spread	
8	 Tahoka Daisy <i>Machaeranthera tanacetifolia</i>	1+ x 3'				May spread; tolerates rocky, disturbed environments	
9	 Rocky Mountain Bee Plant <i>Cleome serrulata</i>	4' x 6'				Edible seeds and tender leaves; tolerates dry, sandy environments; annual	
10	 Colorado Four O'Clock <i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	6' x 3'				Prefers dry, rocky soil	
11	 Firecracker Penstemon <i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	2' x 5'				Drought tolerant; deer resistant; mildly toxic leaves; tolerates sand/rocks	
12	 White Prairie Clover <i>Dalea candida</i>	<1' x 1-2'				Drought tolerant	
13	 Wild Mint <i>Mentha arvensis</i>	1' x 1-2'				Edible, fragrant leaves; small fruits toxic if large quantities consumed	
14	 Bee Balm <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	4' x 4'				Leaves are aromatic and usable like oregano	
15	 Switchgrass <i>Panicum virgatum</i>	1' x 3-6'				Deer resistant; provides fall/winter pollinator nesting material	

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16	 Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	1' x 2'	 	 			
17	 Alkali Sacaton <i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	2' x 3'	 	 		Tolerates alkaline environments	
18	 White Sagebrush <i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	1-3'x3'	 	 	 	May spread	
19	 Western Sand Cherry <i>Prunus pumila</i>	4-6' x 1-3'	 	 	  	Tolerates sandy environments	
20	 Golden Currant <i>Ribes aureum</i>	2-4' x 3-6'		 	 	Drought tolerant	
21	 Woods' Rose <i>Rosa woodsii</i>	2-3' x 3-5'	 	 	 		
22	 Silver Buffaloberry <i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Variable to 12'		 	 	Fixes soil nitrogen; edible berries	
23	 Western Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Variable to 12'	 	 	  	Edible berries; leaves are toxic if consumed in large quantities	
24	 Rabbitbrush <i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	6' x 6'	 	 	 	Easy to grow; drought tolerant; encourages pollinators to nest nearby	
25	 Rocky Mountain Maple <i>Acer glabrum</i>	Variable to 30'	-	 		May attract deer; tolerates rocky environments	
26	 American Plum <i>Prunus americanus</i>	Variable to 30'	-	 		May attract deer; may spread; fruit often used in jams and preserves	
27	 Gambel Oak <i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Variable to 30'	-	 	 	May attract deer; cold and drought tolerant	
28	 Chokecherry <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Variable to 30'	-	 	 	Edible berries (MUST be pitted); toxic leaves; may attract tent caterpillars	

ICON LEGEND

	= Flowers		= Spring		= Full sun		= Dry soil		= Bees		= Safe
	= Flowering Herbs		= Summer		= Part shade		= Moist soil		= Butterflies		= Likely safe
	= Grasses		= Fall		= Full shade				= Birds		= Likely toxic
	= Shrubs								= Hummingbirds		= Toxic
	= Trees								= Moths		= Unknown
									= Beetles		
									= Host plant for pollinator larvae		

(Two symbols together indicate a range of acceptable conditions)