



# Pollinators



**are responsible for 1/3 of the food we eat and for the reproduction of 90% of flowering plants.**

## **Why should you attract pollinators to your yard?**

The relationship between plants and pollinators is essential to life as we know it. Unfortunately, pollinator populations are declining. By providing more pollinator-friendly habitat you can contribute to a sustainable future for both pollinators and people.

## **Who are the insect pollinators?**

One of the rewards for planting a pollinator-friendly garden is seeing the pollinators! You will attract butterflies, beetles, native bees and flies to pollinate your flowers.

## **Tips for designing a pollinator friendly garden**

- Provide nectar sources through the whole season (see blooming period).
- Create diverse gardens by providing a variety of flower colors and plant heights.
- Provide shelter and nesting sites by leaving some bare soil, leaf litter and dead plants or snags.
- Don't use insecticides.

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## NATIVE PLANTS FOR INSECT POLLINATOR

These plants are native to Western Montana and require full sun and dry conditions.

PLANT LIST	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FLOWER COLOR	BLOOMING PERIOD	HEIGHT
<b>Shrubs/Small Trees</b>	Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	White	April - May	10-15'
	Antelope Bitterbrush	<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Yellow	April - Aug.	2-10'
	Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Yellow	May	3-6'
	Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	White	May - June	2-16'
	Woods Rose	<i>Rosa Woodsii</i>	Pink	June - July	3-6'
	Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	Yellow	Aug. - Oct.	2-4'
	Basin Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Yellow	Sept. - Oct.	4-8'
<b>Perennials</b>	Douglasia	<i>Douglasia montana</i>	Pink	March - April	1-2"
	Cut-Leaf Daisy	<i>Erigeron compositus</i>	White	April - May	4-10"
	Arrowleaf Balsamroot	<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	Yellow	May - June	6-24'
	Houndstooth Groundsel	<i>Packera cana</i>	Yellow	May - June	6-10"
	Penstemon - Eriantherus Penstemon	<i>Penstemon erianthus</i>	Light Blue - Lavendar	May - June	6"
	Rosy Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria microphylla</i>	White-Pink	May - June	2-4"
	Prairie Smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Pink	May - July	6-18"
	Silky Lupine	<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>	Blue to Purple	May - July	10-24"
	Sticky Geranium	<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	Pink	May - Aug.	1-3'
	Lewis' Flax; Blue Flax	<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue	May - Sept.	12-30"
	Bitterroot	<i>Lewisia rediviva</i>	Pink	June - July	2-3"
	Penstemon - Small Flowered Penstemon	<i>Penstemon procerus</i>	Blue	June - July	4-20"
	Twin-leaf Arnica	<i>Arnica sororia</i>	Yellow	June - July	6-14"
	Mountain Hollyhock; Maple Mallow	<i>Althaea rosea</i>	White	June - Aug.	2-6'
	Scarlet Gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	Red	June - Aug.	2-3'
	Hairy Golden Aster	<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>	Yellow	June - Sept.	6-12"
	Beebalm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Purple	July - Aug.	1-4'
	Blanketflower	<i>Gallardia aristata</i>	Yellow and Red	July - Sept.	1-3'
	Common Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	White	July - Sept.	1-3'
	Penstemon - Albert's Penstemon	<i>Penstemon albertinus</i>	Blue	Aug. - Oct.	12"
<b>Annuals</b>	Deerhorn Clarkia	<i>Clarkia pulchella</i>	Pink	June - July	2-12"
	Rocky Mountain Beeplant	<i>Cleome serrulata</i>	Pink	Aug.- Oct.	4-5'