

The Great Pollinator Challenge



Rotary

District 6400



*Be a
Difference
Maker* ★



Garden Inspiration

Your garden's location, cost, size, design, and plants will be as unique as the gardeners themselves.

New Gardens

Create NEW pollinator gardens appropriate to their environment. Use best practices by selecting native, non-invasive plants. Choose milkweed for Monarchs. Combine your own creativity with inspiration from online checklists, resources, etc. Consult with local plant and pollinator experts in your community.

Club Collaboration

Consider collaborating with another club to amp up your volunteer-power. This will help to ensure the long-term maintenance and success of the garden.



Community Partners

Identify and partner with other organizations such as land management agencies, garden clubs, schools, faith communities, etc. to build a new garden. Plant a sign honoring all the participants in the project.

Make a Difference

Tell the story of the difference your garden is making in your community. Include location, photos, video (horizontal only please) Track your volunteer hours, plants planted, and cost of project.

*"The love of
gardening is a seed
once sown that never
dies."*

-Gertrude Jekyll

Sign the Pledge



- **Signing the pledge to begin your commitment to pollinators.**

Locate



- **Consult with experts for location. Consider sun, soil, water, human interaction, maintenance.**
- **Reach out to landowners or public entities for your site.**
- **Think about visibility! Town entrance, EV charging stations, Rotary Parks.**
- **Identify other pollinator gardens in the area to enhance the “garden highway.” Bees don’t travel far.**

Design & Prep



- **With the help of experts, select the best plants for pollinators, especially native, non-invasive plants.**
- **Choose a variety of plants for different types of insects, early and late season blooms, most resilient.**
- **Will your location need fencing or other pathway or furniture features?**
- **Where will you get the plants and seeds?**
- **Make a maintenance plan.**

Plant



- Set a date
- Gather the volunteers. Include club members, experts, youth groups. Bring friends and colleagues.
- Volunteer-swap with your partner organizations
- Gather supplies
- PLANT!



Enjoy!

- Share before and after photos and video with District 6400's Action Group for Environmental Sustainability.

*"My garden is
my most beautiful
masterpiece"
- Claude Monet*



Native Plant List

Spring Blooming

Summer Blooming

Fall Blooming

Balcony Garden

Prairie Smoke
Wild Geranium
Wild Columbine
Wild Strawberry

Nodding Wild Onion
Pearly-everlasting
Lance-leaved Coreopsis
Black-eyed Susan
Hoary Vervain
False Sunflower

Heath Aster
New England Aster

Community Garden (Sunny, consistent moisture)

Prairie Smoke
Downy Yellow Violet
Golden Alexander
Wild Strawberry

Purple Giant Hyssop
Pearly Everlasting
Swamy Milkweed
White Turtlehead
Sweet Joe Pye Weed
Bee Balm
Cup Plant
Early Goldenrod

Fireweed
Cardinal Flower
Great Blue Lebelia
Rough Stemmed Goldenrod
New England Aster

High Density Residential (co-ops, condos, apartments)

Kinnikinnik
Hairy Beardtongue
Downy Phlox
Canada Anemone

Nodding Wild Onion
Swamp Milkweed
Boneset
Black-eyed Susan
False Sunflower
Dense Blazing Star
Wild Bergamot
Hoary Vervain

Grass Leaved Goldenrod
White Snakeroot
Heath Aster
Large Leaved Aster
Woodland Sunflower

Public Patch (Community Center, library, parks. Plants can withstand some neglect.)

Kinnikinnik
Prairie Smoke
Ohio Spiderwort

Butterfly Milkweed
Pale Purple Coneflower
False Sunflower
Spotted Joe Pye
Culver's Root
Shrubby St. Johns Wort
Blue Vervain
Evening Primrose
Wild Bergamot
Black-eyed Susan

White Snakeroot
Tall Goldenrod
Stiff Goldenrod
Calico Aster
Large Leaved Aster
Woodland Sunflower



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Spring Blooming

Summer Blooming

Fall Blooming

Residential Garden (in sun)

Blue-eyed Grass
Wild Columbine
Golden Alexander
Smooth Beardtongue

Yellow Wild Indigo
Canada Milkvetch
Virginia Mountain Mint
Canada Tick Trefoil
Cylindrical Blazing Star
Wile Blue Lupine
Blue Vervain

Bottle Benthian
Silverrod
Still Goldenrod
Heath Aster
Calico Aster
Sky Blue Aster
Woodland Sunflower

Residential Garden (in shade)

Blood Root
Dutchman's Breeches
Virginia Bluebells
Virginia Waterleaf
Sharp Lobed Hepatica
Blue Cohosh
Red Baneberry
Large Flowered Bellwort
Serviceberry (tree)
Alternate Leaved
Dogwood (tree)

Virgins Bower (vine)
Fly Honeysuckle (shrub)
Purple Flowering
Raspberry
False Solomon's Seal
Wild Sasparilla
Tall White Lettuce
Tall Meadow Rue

Large Leaved Aster
ZigZag Goldenrod

Rain Garden

Blue Flag Iris
Prairie Smoke
Wild Geranium
Virginia Bluebells

Cardinal Flower
Blazing Star
Great Blue Lobelia
Foxglove Beardtongue
Spotted Joe Pye
Ironweed
Swamp Milkweed
Virginia Mountain Weed
White Turtlehead

Blue Vervain
Bottle Gentian
Boneset
Smooth Blue Aster
Sneezeweed (Helens
Flowers)



Resources

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