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Pollinator Plants

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<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Anise Hyssop	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-5' (3')	Violet	June- September	Mesic-Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Gravel	NI	Many bees, flies, butterflies, and moths	n/a
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	1-2' (1.5')	Lavender	July- August	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Sand	FAC-	Anthophorine bees, Halictid bees	n/a
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	Forb	Prairie	3-6' (4')	Pink	August- September	Wet-Mesic	Loam/Sand	OBL	Many bees, flies, wasps, plus Swallowtail butterflies, Greater Fritillary butterflies, Monarch butterflies, and skippers	Monarch butterfly, Swamp Milkweed Leaf Beetle
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	1-3.5' (2')	Orange	June- August	Mesic-Dry	Loam/Sand	UPL	Many bees, and wasps plus butterflies, including Fritillaries, Swallowtails, and Monarchs	Monarch butterfly, Unexpected Cyrcnia moth, Curve-tailed Bush Katydid
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Sand Coreopsis	Forb	Prairie	1.5-3' (2')	Yellow	May- August	Dry Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam	FACU	Many bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, skippers, day-flying moths, and beetles	Dimorphic Gray, Wavy-lined Emerald, and Common Tan Wave moths
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Purple Prairie Clover	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	1.5-3' (2')	Violet	June- September	Mesic-Dry	Loam/Sand	UPL	Many bees, wasps, flies, small butterflies, skippers, beetles, and plant bugs. Plasterer bees <i>Colletes albescens</i> and <i>Colletes robertsonii</i> are specialists.	Southern Dogface butterfly
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pale Purple Coneflower	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-4' (3')	Lavender	June- July	Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand	UPL	Long-tongued bees, butterflies, and skippers	Silvery Checkerspot butterfly, Wavy-Lined Emerald moth, Common Eupithecia moth
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-5' (4')	Violet	June- September	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Sand	UPL	Many bees, butterflies, and skippers including Monarchs, Fritillaries, Painted Ladies, Swallowtails, Sulfurs, and Whites	Silvery Checkerspot butterfly, Blackberry Looper moth, Common Eupithecia moth, Wavy-Lined Emerald moth, Sunflower moth
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prairie Blazing Star	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-4' (4')	Violet	June- September	Wet-Mesic	Clay/Loam/Peat	FAC-	Many bees and butterflies including Monarchs, Swallowtails, Painted Ladies, Sulfurs, and Whites	Glorious Flower moth
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-4' (3')	Blue	July- October	Wet-Mesic	Loam/Peat/Sand	FACW+	Bumblebees and other long-tongued bees plus Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, large butterflies, and Halictid bees	n/a
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	3-5' (4')	Lavender	June- September	Wet Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand	FACU	Long-tongued bees, bee flies, butterflies, skippers, and hummingbird moths. A small black bee (<i>Dufourea monardae</i>) is a specialist.	Hermit Sphinx moth, Gray Marvel moth
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Spotted BeeBalm	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	1-3' (2')	Lavender	June- September	Dry Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand	UPL	Many bees and butterflies, including the endangered <i>Lycaenides melissa samuelis</i> , or Karner Blue	Pyralid moths, Gray Marvel moth

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<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	3-6' (4')	Yellow	August- October	Wet Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Gravel	FACU-	Many bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, and beetles. Monarch butterflies are especially attracted to the flowers	Many moths
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	Forb	Prairie	3-5' (4')	White	June- September	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Peat/Sand	UPL	Many bees, wasps, flies, beetles, and plant bugs.	n/a
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	Forb	Tolerates All	2.5-5' (3')	White	June- July	Mesic-Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Sand	FAC-	long-tongued bees, including Anthophorine bees, Miner bees, Mason bees, and large Leaf-Cutting bees	Chalcedony Midget moth
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Common Mountain Mint	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	1-4' (3')	White	June- September	Wet-Dry Mesic	Loam/Sand	FACW+	Many bees, wasps, flies, plus Pearl Cresecent butterflies	n/a
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	3-6' (5')	Yellow	June- September	Mesic-Dry Mesic	Loam/Peat/Sand	UPL	Many wasps, flies, small butterflies, and beetles	Silvery Checkerspot butterfly), Wavy-Lined Emerald moth, Common Eupithecia moth
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Showy Black-eyed Susan	Forb	Prairie	2-4' (3')	Yellow	June- September	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Peat/Sand	OBL	Many bees, flies, beetles, small butterflies, and skippers	Blackberry Looper moth, Common Eupitheciamoth), Wavy-Lined Emerald moth, Sunflower moth
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	Grass	Prairie/ Savanna	2-3' (3')	N/A	Warm Season	Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand/Gravel	FACU-	n/a	Dusted Skipper, Cobweb Skipper, Ottoe Skipper, Indian Skipper, Swarthy Skipper, Crossline Skipper butterflies, leafhoppers, grasshoppers
<i>Scrophularia marilandica</i>	Late Figwort	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	5-7' (6')	Green	July- October	Mesic-Dry Mesic	Loam/Sand	FACU-	Many bees and wasps, plus Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	Chalcedony Midget moth
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	3-6' (5')	Yellow	August- October	Mesic-Dry	Loam/Sand	UPL	Many bees, ants, beetles, and the occasional moth or butterfly	Many moths
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Northern Dropseed	Grass	Prairie/ Savanna	1-2.5' (3')	N/A	Warm Season	Wet Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand	FACU-	n/a	uncommon leafhoppers: <i>Alflexia rubranura</i> , Red-Tailed Leafhopper, and the recently described <i>Memnonia panzeri</i>
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth Blue Aster	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2.5-5' (4')	Blue	August- October	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam	UPL	Many bees, wasps, flies, Sphecid wasps, butterflies, and skippers	Many moths, plus Short-winged Meadow Katydid, Pearl Crescent butterfly
<i>Symphyotrichum oolentangiense</i>	Sky Blue Aster	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-5' (3')	Blue	August- October	Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand/Gravel	UPL	Many bees, small to medium-sized butterflies, and skippers	Many moths, plus Silvery Checkerspot butterfly
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	Ohio Spiderwort	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-4' (3')	Blue	May- July	Wet Mesic-Dry	Clay/Loam/Sand/Gravel	FACU+	Long-tongued bees, especially bumblebees, plus Halictine bees and Syrphid flies	n/a
<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Hoary Vervain	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	1-3' (2')	Blue	June- September	Dry Mesic-Dry	Loam/Sand/Gravel	UPL	Many bees, thread-waisted wasps, flies, butterflies, and skippers. <i>Calliopsis verbenae</i> , Verbena Bee, is a specialist.	Fine-Lined Sallow moth, Verbena moth
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-5' (5')	White	June- August	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Sand	FAC	Many bees, Sphecid wasps, butterflies, moths, and Syrphid flies	n/a
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	Forb	Prairie/ Savanna	2-4' (3')	Yellow	April- June	Wet Mesic- Dry Mesic	Clay/Loam/Peat	FAC+	Many bees, wasps, small butterflies and true bugs. Andrenid bee, <i>Andrena ziziae</i> is a specialist.	Black Swallowtail butterfly, Ozark Swallowtail butterfly, Rigid Sunflower Borer moth

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