

## RainScapes Plants for Pollinator Insects: Native Bees and Butterflies

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✓	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild columbine	June-Aug	red and yellow	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, moist-dry	2'	1'	✓	attracts butterflies, deer resistant
✓	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	June-Aug	pink	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-wet	2 - 4'	2'	✓	provides food for Monarch butterflies and caterpillars, deer resistant
✓	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	May-Aug	pale purple	Sun	Moist	3.5 - 6.5'	2'		provides food for Monarch butterflies and caterpillars, deer resistant
✓	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed	may-june	orange	Sun	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-med	1 - 3'	1-2'	✓	provides food for Monarch butterflies and caterpillars, deer resistant
✓	<i>Aster novae angliae</i>	New England Aster	Aug-Oct	purple	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Med-wet	2' - 6'	2'-3'	✓	deer resistant
	<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	New York Aster		light blue	Sun		3-4'	3'		deer resistant
✓	<i>Aster divaricatus</i>	White Wood Aster	Jul-Oct	white	pt Shade-sh	dry-med wet	0.5 - 3'	1-2'		spreads freely
✓	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Blue Indigo	may-june	blue, purple	Sun-Shade	sand, loam	3 - 5'	1-2'	✓	deer resistant
	<i>Chelone glabra/obliqua</i>	Turtlehead	aug-oct	white/pink	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-med	1 - 4'	12-18"		host plant to Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, MD state insect
	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	Pink Turtlehead	aug-oct	white/pink	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-med	1 - 4'	12-18"		host plant to Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, MD state insect
✓	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf Coreopsis	jun-oct	yellow	Sun, PS	dry-med wet, loam	1 - 3.5'	1-2'		attracts butterflies, deer resistant
	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Kim's Knee-Hi'	Dwarf Purple Coneflower	May-Aug	pink	Sun	dry	15"	12"		provides nectar for butterfly, deer resistant
✓	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Magnus'	Magnus Purple Coneflower	May-Aug	dark pink	Sun	dry-moist	24"	15"		provides nectar for butterfly, deer resistant

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	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Razzmatazz'	Razzmatazz Purple Coneflower	June-Aug	dark Pink Double	Sun	dry	24"	15"		butterfly attractor, deer resistant
✓	<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	Mistflower	Jul-Oct	blue-purple	pt Shade- sh	dry to wet; clay, loam	1 - 3.5'	1-2'		butterfly attractor, deer resistant
✓	<i>Eupatorium dubium</i>	Coastal Joe-pye Weed ('Little Joe' )		pink, dk pink	Sun, PS	moist	3-4'	2'		butterfly attractor
	<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	Common Joe-pye weed	Jul-sep	pink	Sun	moist-dry	1.5-6'	2'		butterfly attractor
	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset	Jul-Oct	white	Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, med-wet	3 - 4'	1-2'		butterfly attractor, deer resistant
✓	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe-pye weed	July-Sept	pink-dk pink	Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, moist	5 - 6'	1-2'		butterfly attractor
	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed	Jul-Nov	yellow	sun-pt shade	med. wet, clay, loam, sand	1.5 - 6'	1-2'		deer resistant
	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	Aug-Oct	yellow	Sun	moist	1.5 - 5.5'	2-3'		deer resistant
✓	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Marsh Mallow		pink	Sun	wet-dry	3'	2'	✓	hummingbirds like this plus butterflies
✓	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing Star	Jul-Aug	purple	Sun-pt shade	clay, loam, sand	1 - 6.5'	1-2'	✓	admirals and smaller butterflies, deer resistant
	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	July-Oct	red	Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, med-wet	2' - 4'	1'-2'	✓	don't mulch Place at entry points into the rain garden, hummingbird attractor
✓	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	July-Sept	blue	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, med-wet	2' - 3'	1'-2'		Bumblebees
✓	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm	June-sept	pink	full Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Med-wet	12 - 18"	1'		many bees, deer resistant
✓	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	Jul-Aug	pink, purple	Sun-pt Shade	Moist-Dry	1.5 - 5'	1-2'		many pollinators, deer resistant

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✓	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Beardtongue	Jun-Aug	white	Sun-pt Shade	dry-med wet; clay, loam, sand	2 - 5'	1-2'		long tongue bees, deer resistant
✓	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	aug-sep	pink, purple	Sun	moist-dry	3'	2'	✓	attracts butterflies, deer resistant
✓	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Orange Coneflower	jul-oct	yellow- orange	Sun-pt Shade	med wet	1.5'	1-2'		butterflies like this; seeds are attractive to goldfinches
✓	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	Jun-Oct	yellow	Sun, PS	Dry-Moist	2-3'	2'		butterflies like this; seeds are attractive to goldfinches
	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Green-headed Coneflower	jul-sep	yellow	Sun-pt Shade	moist	1.5 - 9'	2'		many flies and bees like this
✓	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	Gray Goldenrod	Jul-Nov	yellow	Sun-pt Shade	Med-Dry	0.5 - 3'	1-2'	✓	deer resistant
	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod	Aug-Nov	yellow	Sun-pt shade	med-wet, loam, sand	1 - 6.5'	1-2'	✓	deer resistant
✓	<i>Solidago sphacelata</i>	Autumn Goldenrod	August- Sept	yellow	Sun-pt shade		18"		✓	Golden Fleece' is smaller version; monarchs like nectar
✓	<i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	Elm leaf Goldenrod	Aug-Sept	yellow	Sun- pt.shade	med-dry	18"	18"	✓	Wildlife plant
	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foamflower	May	White	pt shade- shade	med-dry	12" flowe r, 6" plant	8"		Groundcover
✓	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Spiderwort	June, reblooms if cut back after first flowering	blue	Sun-pt shade	med-wet, clay, loam, sand	1 - 5.5'	1-2'	✓	Long blooming perennial , many cultivars
	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York Ironweed	Aug-Oct	purple	Sun-pt shade	med, wet	3.5-8'	2'		attracts bees and butterflies

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	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	summer flowers	white	Sun	Sand, Loam, med- dry	4 - 6'	2-3'		tiny bees love this
	<i>Viola labridorica</i>	Labrador Violet	June	purplish foliage and violet flowers	Sun-pt shade	Sandy, med-dry	4"	6"		Great Spangled Fritillary will lay eggs on Violets
	<b>GRASSES</b>									
✓	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	jul-aug		Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Med-wet	2' - 3'	1'	✓	Host plant for Northern Broken-Dash Butterfly
	<b>Shrubs</b>									
✓	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	July-Aug	white	sun-PS	moist-wet	3 - 10'	4'		great wildlife/ butterfly magnet for flowers in July
	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Hummingbird'	Sweet Pepper Bush	July-Aug						✓	dwarf form of summersweet,bumblebees and other like it
✓	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Ruby Spice'	Ruby Spice Summersweet, Pink dwarf Sweet Pepperbush	Spring	pink					✓	Pink Flowers, upright, dwarf, yellow fall color
✓	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	late Spring	yellow	shade-pt shade	moist-dry	6 - 10'			Spicebush Swallowtail grows on this plant, deer resistant
	<i>Rosa carolina</i>	Pasture Rose	May-June	pale pink	shade-pt shade	dry to medium	3'	3'		attracts bees and butterflies
	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	April-June	white	sun-shade	dry to wet	6 - 12'			host for Henry's Elfin Butterfly
	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Mapleleaf viburnum	May	white	pt shade	dry				host for Henry's Elfin Butterfly

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	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw	Apr-May	white	sun-pt shade	dry to moist	20'			purple fruit-wildlife
	<b>Trees</b>									
✓	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Serviceberry; shadbush	May-July	white	PS to shade	moist-wet	15 - 25'			early food for bees
✓	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud	April-May	pink	sun-PS	dry	20 - 35'			Host for Henry's Elfin Butterfly
✓	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly		white	sun-PS	dry-moist	65'			host for Henry's Elfin Butterfly
	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Chokecherry	May-June	white	Sun	dry	30'			Larval host plant for the Red-spotted Purple Butterfly
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