

Native Plant List for Indiana Pollinators

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Plant Information: The table provides information about many plant species. The **Plant Information** columns provide **Sun** and **Soil Moisture** requirements, plant **Height**, plant **Flower Color**, and plant **Bloom Time**.

If checked, the **Hard to Find** column designates a species that may be difficult to find for sale, but are both very important to pollinators, and very common in remnant forests. These hard-to-find species may already be on your land, so watch for them and conserve them if possible.

If checked, the **Ephemeral** column refers to species that come up each year in the spring, produce flowers and fruits, and then die-back by late May. While they are only aboveground for a few months each year, these ephemerals are particularly important to pollinators, because so few species are in bloom in early spring.

Pollinator Connection: The **Pollinator Connection** columns indicate which pollinator groups (**Bees**, **Beetles**, **Butterfly/Moths**, **Flies**, **Hummingbirds**, and **Wasps**) use each plant species.

The **Special Notes** column notes whether a plant is a host for larval butterflies or moths or if it attracts specialist bees (those bees which only pollinate a few plant species).

The **Pollinator Magnets** column, if checked, indicates a plant species that attracts an abundance of pollinators, or a very high diversity of pollinators, based on literature and field experience.

Where Can I Buy These Plants? Many of these plant species may be available from any plant retailer. Others will require you to find a business that specializes in native plants.

The Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society (INPAWS), lists of businesses with a wide selection of native plants online at www.inpaws.org/landscaping/sources-of-indiana-native-plants. Note that a few of these businesses sell only wholesale, and that native plants may also be available through many landscape professionals.

Common Name	Latin Name	Plant Information										Pollinator Connection								
		Sun		Soil Moisture				Height	Flower Color	Bloom Time	Hard to find	Ephemeral	Bee	Beetle	Butterfly/Moth	Fly	Hummingbird	Wasp	Special Notes	Pollinator Magnets
		Full Sun	Part Shade	Shade	Wet	Wet Mesic	Mesic													
Wildflowers*																				
Sweet Flag	<i>Acorus calamus</i>							2'-3'	Green	spring			•							
Nodding Wild Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>							1'-2'	Pink	summer		•								
Rue Anemone	<i>Anemonella thalictroides</i>							<1'	White	spring		•								
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>							1'-3'	Red - yellow	spring		•	•		•					
Goat's Beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>							4'-6'	White	spring		•	•	•				Dusky Azure host	*	
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>							<1'	Maroon	spring					•					
Marsh Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>							3'-4'	Pink	summer		•	•	•				Monarch host	*	
Sullivant's Milkweed	<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>							3'-4'	Pink	summer		•	•	•				Monarch host		
Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>							3'-5'	Pink	summer		•	•	•				Monarch host		
Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>							1'-2'	Orange	summer		•		•				Monarch host		
Whorled Milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>							1'-2'	White	summer		•		•				Monarch host		
Sky-Blue Aster	<i>Aster azureus</i>							1'-2'	Blue	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Heart-Leaved Blue Wood Aster	<i>Aster cordifolius</i>							1'-3'	Blue	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Heath Aster	<i>Aster ericoides</i>							1'-2'	White	fall		•	•	•	•	•		Pearl Crescent host	*	
Shining Aster	<i>Aster firmus</i>							3'-4'	Lavender	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Smooth Aster	<i>Aster laevis</i>							3'-5'	Blue	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Calico Aster	<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>							1'-3'	White	fall		•	•		•	•		Pearl Crescent host		
New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>							3'-5'	Purple	fall		•	•	•	•			Pearl Crescent host		
Swamp Aster	<i>Aster puniceus</i>							3'-6'	Lavender	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Short's Aster	<i>Aster shortii</i>							2'-3'	Purple	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Flat-Topped Aster	<i>Aster umbellatus</i>							3'-5'	White	fall		•	•					Pearl Crescent host		
Blue False Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>							2'-4'	Blue	spring		•						Silver-Spotted Skipper host		
White False Indigo	<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>							3'-4'	White	summer		•								
Cream False Indigo	<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>							1'	Cream	spring		•								

