

CREATING POLLINATOR GARDENS



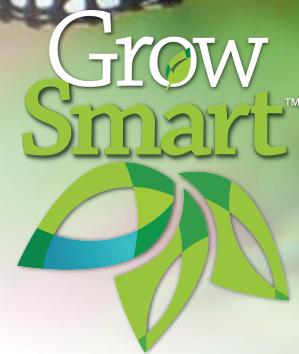
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WHY POLLINATORS NEED OUR HELP

- **HABITAT LOSS** - smaller, more fragmented green spaces
 - ATC is using the spaces under transmission lines to create contiguous corridors of pollinator-friendly habitat
 - Tracking Monarch migration and adjusting planting mixes accordingly
- **DISEASES, PREDATORS AND PARASITES TAKING OUT THE BEES**
- **PESTICIDES**
 - Insecticides, of course
 - Fungicides
 - May make beneficial insects more susceptible to disease
 - Impact on bees and their food source made native yeast and pollen
 - Herbicides
 - Kill weeds that beneficial insects nectar upon
 - 50 different pollinators feeding on dandelions and clover
 - Inert materials in pesticides - these may be harmful as well
 - Pesticides and Pollinators
 - Protecting Pollinators While Using Pesticides

CREATING THE HABITAT

• SHELTER, FOOD, WATER AND PLACE TO RAISE THEIR YOUNG

- Include multiple layers - trees, shrubs and perennials
- Snags, stones, leaf litter and dead plants (leave perennials stand for winter)
- Holes in trees, hollow plant stems and wide range of flowers
 - Leaf cutter bees
 - Solitary bees
 - Small carpenter bees
- Open spaces for ground nesting bees
- Underground cavities
 - Bumblebees
 - Small colonies

- Commercial and homemade nesting boxes
 - Mason bees - hollow stems...
 - Bumblebee houses
 - Water
 - Ponds, bird baths and water features
 - ♦ Shallow with sloping sides for easy access
 - Puddles, damp spot, damp sponge for bees and butterflies
 - ♦ Add a pinch of wood ash or sea salt
 - Warming stone
- CREATE A POLLINATOR PARADISE
 - CREATE A MONARCH WAYSTATION
 - HELPING NATIVE BEES

About ATC

ATC was formed in 2001, as the first multi-state, transmission-only utility in the United States. Unlike most other utilities, we have a single focus: transmission.

Our high-voltage transmission lines enable utilities to move power from a variety of different sources and locations to substations and lower-voltage lines that serve communities.

While we are required to keep trees and brush out of transmission rights-of-way, we do understand they are an important part of the landscape. Since 2013, we've donated over \$425,000 to support community planting projects and establish quality pollinator habitat within transmission rights of way.

Visit atcllc.com to learn more.



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businesses running and communities strong®

DESIGN STRATEGIES

• PLANT IN MASS

- Coneflower, Bee Balm, and Russian Sage
- Willow Amsonia, Aster, Little Bluestem (National Arboretum)
- Salvia, Prairie Dropseed, Sedges, Geranium (Northwind Perennial Farm)
 - For efficient pollination - continuous cover
 - Join forces with your neighbors (Rudbeckia, Allium...)
 - Even a window box will help (Ebert's Greenhouse Village)
 - ◆ Verbena, Calibrachoa, Baby Tut Papyrus, Sweet Potato Vine

• USE A WIDE VARIETY OF PLANTS

- Natives whenever possible and appropriate
- Different bloom times (nectar, pollen and foliage all season)
 - Grape Hyacinth (*Muscari*)
 - Coneflower, Agastache, Liatris, Crocosmia
 - Winter - leave perennials stand
 - ◆ Food, habitat and beauty
 - Seedheads for added interest and food for birds
- Include a few night bloomers
 - Nicotiana, Datura, Four O'Clocks, Night Phlox (*Zaluzianskya*), Night Scented Stocks (*Mattiola longipetala*)
- Various colors and flower shapes
 - Great Black Wasp on Milkweed
- Single flowers better than doubles
 - Painted Lady Butterfly on Cosmos

FOOD FOR VARIOUS POLLINATORS

• BUTTERFLIES

- Bright colors, including red and purple
- Narrow tube with spur or landing pad
 - Skipper on Russian Sage
 - Skipper on Salvia
- Rotten fruit for butterflies, bees and beetles
 - Viceroy Butterfly
- Butterfly feeders

• MOTHS

- Tend to feed in the evening, so pale or white, sweet smelling flowers
- Tubular, pale and dull red, purple, pink or white
 - Carolina Sphinx on Four O'Clock
 - Scape Moth on Milkweed
 - Hawk Moth on Night Blooming Jasmine

About Grow Smart®

ATC's Grow Smart® program encourages planting low-growing, native perennials within the transmission rights-of-way. This flowering vegetation can thrive within the rights-of-way, making utility corridors ideal for pollinators who benefit from the contiguous flight path.

Once established, the native vegetation beautifies the right-of-way and provides exceptional habitat for other species, while also maintaining the safety and reliability of the electric grid.

ATC is uniquely positioned to help establish habitat for pollinators because of the 9,921 miles of transmission line right-of-way we manage. Approximately 40% of our rights-of-way have been identified as having suitable pollinator habitat.

Visit atc-GrowSmart.com for low-growing, native plant suggestions.



- **BEES**

- Attracted to bright white, yellow, blue or UV
 - Sweat Bee on Gaillardia
- Native Bees
 - [Bees, Ants, Wasps and Similar Insects](#)
 - [Native Bees are Better Pollinators, More Plentiful Than Honeybees](#)
 - [Bee Basics](#)
 - [Native Bee Benefits](#)

- **BEETLES**

- Are generalists and not the best pollinators
- Dull white or green blooms
 - Large, strongly scented flowers like Canadian Ginger, Magnolia...
 - Goldenrod Soldier Beetle on invasive Queen Anne's Lace

INTERESTING COMBINATIONS

- Amsonia, Allium & Salvia
- Golden Alexander, Spiderwort & Salvia
- Switchgrass and Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- Rattlesnake Master and Russian Sage
- Red Hot Poker and Liatris
- Artichoke, Jolt Dianthus & Prairie Dropseed
- Russian Sage, Liatris & Roses

A FEW PLANTS TO CONSIDER

FINDING PLANTS FOR YOUR LOCATION

- [Selecting Plants for Pollinators](#)
- [Xerces Society](#)

*NATIVE TO MOST OF MIDWEST U.S. AND OTHER PARTS OF NORTH AMERICA

- **FLIES**

- Flies are also generalist
- Small flowers in shady, moist habitats
- Pale and dull, dark brown or purple
- Shallow, funnel-like or complex trap-like
 - Annuals, bulbs, Skunk Cabbage, Goldenrod

- **BIRDS (MAINLY HUMMINGBIRDS)**

- Bright colored tubular flowers
- Scarlet, orange, red or white
 - Cardinal Vine
 - Lady in Red Salvia



Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Stroll through 16 acres of outdoor display gardens and an indoor, tropical conservatory at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. In the outdoor gardens, visit the Thai Pavilion and Garden or other specialty gardens such as the Perennial Garden, Sunken Garden, and Herb Garden. Discover Olbrich's birch walk, embraced by more than 100 native paper birch, for a shady garden path that provides a quiet walk for visitors to stroll from one display garden to the next. Then, visit the tropics without leaving Madison! The Bolz Conservatory, a sunny 50-foot-high glass pyramid, houses a diverse collection of tropical plants, a rushing waterfall, free-flying birds, and blooming orchids. See the plants on which some very common foods grow, such as banana, coffee, and vanilla. Temperatures in the Conservatory range from 65 degrees to 95 degrees Fahrenheit year-round, making this a truly tropical escape! Olbrich Botanical Gardens is open daily, year-round.



A FEW LOW GROWING TREES & SHRUBS

*SERVICEBERRY

Amelanchier

- 3-25' tall
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun to shade
- Slow to establish
- Blooms in spring
- Edible fruit in June
- Fall color
- Smooth, gray bark
- Butterflies, birds, pollinators, host plant
- Obelisk - upright 10-15' tall x 4' wide
- Zones 3 to 9

*CHOKEBERRY - *Aronia*

- 12" to 8' tall
- Moist to wet well-drained soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms in spring
- **Persistent black or red fruit**
- Red fall color
- Butterflies, birds, pollinators
- Cultivars include Lowscape, Lowmound, Groundhug
- Zones 3 to 9

*SPICEBUSH - *Lindera benzoin*

- 6-12' tall and wide
- Moist, well-drained acid soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Early spring yellow flowers

- Fall color
- Red fruit
- Birds, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 4 to 9

*NINEBARK

Physocarpus opulifolius

- 3-10' tall
- Space 3-5'
- Well-drained soils
 - Drought tolerant
- Full sun to part shade
- Interesting bark
- Cultivars with colorful foliage
 - **Amber Jubilee**
 - Fireside

*BUTTONBUSH

Cephalanthus occidentalis

- 3-6'+ tall by 6'+ wide
- Moist to wet soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Summer flowers
- Fruit
- Birds, hummingbirds, pollinators
- Zones 3 to 11

*BUSH HONEYSUCKLE

Diervilla

- 3-4' tall
- **Well-drained to dry soils**
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms in summer
- **Cool Splash**
 - Compact, variegated leaves, shade
- Kodiak
 - Fast grower, spreads
- Hummingbirds, butterflies
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 7

*COMMON WITCHHAZEL

Hamamelis virginiana

- 20'+ tall band wide
- Moist soil
- Full sun to part shade
- Fall flowers
- Supports fall pollinators
- Zones 3b to 8



About Melinda

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*, the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, and *Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy*. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" program airing on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the latest *Food Gardening for Everyone* DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine, writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column and a nationally-distributed gardening column. She appears regularly as a guest expert on national and local television and radio shows.

Visit Melinda's website,
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PERENNIALS

*SPRING BEAUTY

Claytonia virginica

- 5" tall
- Space 4-6"
- Moist soils
- Shade
- Pale pink and white flowers March - April
- Wide variety of native bees and honeybees
- Zones 3 to 8

*YELLOW TROUT LILY

Erythronium americanum

- 6" tall
- Space 6-8"
- Moist soils
- Shade
- Yellow flowers April - May
- Bees
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9

*BLOODROOT

Sanguinaria canadensis

- 6-12" tall and wide
- Moist, well-drained, organically rich soils
- Part to full shade
- Dry shade tolerant (dormant mid summer)
- Black Walnut tolerant
- Early pollinators
- Zones 3 to 8

*GOLDEN ALEXANDER

Zizia aurea

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Clay, loam, sand soil - moist to dry
- Full sun to shade
- Yellow blooms May - June
- Butterflies, bees, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

*WILD COLUMBINE

Aquilegia canadensis

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Loam and sand soils
- Shade tolerant
- Blooms May - June (reseeds readily)
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

*GOLDEN GROUNDSSEL

Packera aurea

- 1-2' tall
- Space 1' (vigorous)
- Moist soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Yellow flowers May - June
- Pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9

SIBERIAN IRIS - *Iris sibirica*

- 2-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Moist soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms June
- Butterflies, hummingbirds
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Fall color
- Zones 3 to 9

*BLUE FLAG IRIS

Iris versicolor

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Blooms June - July
- Full sun to part shade
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Water gardens, naturalizing
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 2 to 7

ALLIUM

Native and non-native species

- Spring, summer and fall bloomers
- Full sun to part shade
- Most reseed readily
- Pollinator appeal
- Animal resistant

UPCOMING

APPEARANCES & WEBINARS

Check often as more information and webinars continue to be added.

June 9th Webinar

Sustainable Lawn and Landscape Care

June 10th Webinar

Gardening During the Summer Months

June 15th Webinar

Strategies for Adding Native Plants to Your Landscape

June 22nd Webinar

Low Growing Shrubs & Vines to Attract and Support Pollinators

July 18th

In-Person Appearance

Drought Tolerant Perennials and Shrubs for Southeastern Wisconsin

July 20th Webinar

Ask the Plant Doctor Q&A Session

*FOXGLOVE OR SMOOTH PENSTEMON

Penstemon digitalis

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Clay, loam, sand soil
 - * Tolerates clay better than other penstemons
- Full to part sun
- Blooms June - July for a month or longer
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

*THREADLEAF COREOPSIS

Coreopsis verticillata

- 2-3' tall
- Space 12 to 24"
- Blooms June - September
- Well-drained to dry soils
- Butterflies, birds
- Deer resistant
- **Divide** every few years to improve non-stop flowering without deadheading
- Zones 3 to 9

*GARDEN PHLOX

Phlox paniculata

- 2-4' tall by 2' wide
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Full sun
- Summer blooms, many are fragrant
- Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds
- Zones 4 to 8

*WILD QUININE

Parthenium integrifolium

- 3-5' tall
- Space 18"
- Moist, clay, loam and sand soils
- Full sun
- Blooms June - September
- Wide range of pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 8

*RATTLESNAKE MASTER

Eryngium yuccifolium

- 3-5' tall
- Space 12"
- Clay, loam, sand soils, tolerates dry soil
- Full sun
- Steel blue flowers June - August
- Butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 9

*BUGBANE / BLACK COHOSH

Actaea racemosa

- 4-6' tall
- Space 2-4'
- Moist, organic soils
- Part shade
- White flower spikes June - September
- Butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Scent repels some insects
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

CATMINT - *Nepeta x faassenii*

- 18 to 30" tall
- Space 18 to 24"
- Blooms June - August
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Fragrant foliage
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

CALAMINT

Calamintha nepeta nepeta

- 12-18"
- Space 12-24"
- Blooms June - September
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Fragrant foliage
- Butterflies, pollinators, bee favorite
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 4 to 9

*SWAMP OR RED MILKWEED

Asclepias incarnata

- 3-5' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Clay, loam, sand soil
- Full sun
- Blooms June - July (fragrant)
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, Monarch host plant
- Zones 3 to 9

*BUTTERFLY MILKWEED

Asclepias tuberosa

- 2-3' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Loam, sand soil
- Full sun
- Blooms June - August
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, Monarch host plant
- Deer resistant
- Slow to emerge in spring, so mark the location to avoid accidentally digging up the plant
- Zones 3 to 10

***COMMON MILKWEED**

Asclepias syriaca

- 2-4' tall
- Space 12"
- Spreads vigorously by rhizome and seed
- Sullivant's milkweed (*Asclepias sullivantii*) is a bit less aggressive
- Loam, sand soils, tolerates dry soil
- Full sun
- Blooms June - August
 - Fragrant
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, Monarch host plant
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

***PALE PURPLE CONEFLOWER**

Echinacea pallida

- 3-5' tall
- Space 1'
- Clay, loam and sandy soils
 - Highly adaptable to all but wet, poorly drained soil
- Full sun
- Blooms June - July
 - Earlier than Purple Coneflower
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 8

***LAVENDER HYSSOP**

Agastache foeniculum

- 2-4'
- Space 1'
- Loam and sand soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms July - September
- Hummingbirds, birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 2 to 6

***WILD BERGAMOT & BEE BALM** - *Monarda fistulosa*, *Monarda dydima*

- 2-5' tall
- Space 2'
- Clay, loam and sandy soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms July - September
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9

***PURPLE CONEFLOWER**

Echinacea purpurea

- 3-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Clay, loam and sand soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms July - September - 2 months or more
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 4 to 8

***BLACK-EYED SUSAN**

Rudbeckia hirta

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Clay, loam, sand soil
- Full sun
- Blooms June - September
- Biennial that self-sows, acting like a perennial
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 10
- Hybrids and cultivars resistant to leaf spot include *Rudbeckia x 'American Goldrush'* & *'Little Goldstar'*

***GAYFEATHER** - *Liatris* species

- 3-5' tall
- Space 6-12"
- Clay, loam and sand soils
- Full sun
- Blooms July - August
- Birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Zones 3 to 9

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***CARDINAL FLOWER**

Lobelia cardinalis

- 2-4' tall
- Space 6-12"
- Loam, sand soil - moist to wet
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms July - September
- Short lived, but self-seeds
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, host plant
- Zones 3 to 9

***GREAT BLUE LOBELIA**

Lobelia siphilitica

- 1-4' tall
- Space 1'
- Forms colonies if properly sited, not overly aggressive
- Clay, loam, sand soil - easier than cardinal flower
- Full sun
- Blooms July - September
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, host plant
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 9

***SHOWY GOLDENROD**

Solidago speciosa

- 1-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Loam, sand soil
- Full sun
- Blooms August - September
- Not as aggressive as some goldenrods
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 8

***NEW ENGLAND ASTER**

Sympyotrichum novae-angliae

- 3-6' tall
- Space 12-18"
- Clay, loam and sand soils
 - Prefers moist, rich soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms August - Frost
- Birds, butterflies, pollinators
- Pinch for sturdier growth or plant with sturdier plants
- Deer resistant
- Zones 3 to 7

***LITTLE BLUESTEM**

Schizachyrium scoparium

- 2-3' tall
- Space 1'
- Loam and sand soils
 - Flops in heavy soils
- Full sun
- Blooms August - October
- Birds, butterflies
- Great foliage
 - Blue-green, turning reddish-bronze with tufted seeds
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 3 to 10

***PRAIRIE DROPSEED**

Sporobolus heterolepis

- 2-3' tall
- Space 2'
- Loam, sand soil
- Full sun
- Blooms August - September
- Fragrant flowers
- Seeds coated with ice look like gems in the garden
- Foliage turns gold
- Birds, pollinators
- Zones 3 to 8

***SWITCHGRASS**

Panicum virgatum

- 3-8' tall
- Space 30-36"
 - Cultivars smaller footprint than species
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun
- Blooms July - September
- Birds, host plant
- **Northwind 2014 PPY**
- Deer and rabbit resistant
- Zones 4 to 9

ANNUALS

PANSIES - *Viola x wittrockiana*

- 4-8" tall
- Space 6-12"
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Best in cooler temperatures
 - Universal, Majestic Giants and a few others are more heat tolerant
- Pollinators
- **Cool Wave** hardy in Zone 5 (4)

BEGONIA - *Begonia*

DRAGON WING, WHOPPER, BIG

- 12-24"
- Space 1'
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun to shade
- Larger leaves and flowers
- Blooms all summer
- Hummingbirds

IMPATIENS

Impatiens wallerana

- 6-18"
- Space 6-12"
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full to part shade
- Downy mildew resistant cultivars include:
 - Beacon
 - SunPatiens
 - New Guinea Impatiens

SWEET ALYSSUM

Lobularia maritima

- 4-15" tall by 10-15" wide
- Full sun to part shade
- Fragrant blooms
- Frost tolerant, but may stop flowering in high temps
 - Continue proper care, trim back as needed and wait for cooler temps
- Great for early and late season pollinators

AGERATUM - *Ageratum*

- 6-24" tall
- Space 6-12"
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Blooms all summer
 - Minimal deadheading
- Butterflies, hummingbirds
- Deer resistant
- Blue Horizon tall cultivar

LANTANA - *Lantana camara*

- 12"+ tall by 12"+ wide
 - Shrub in milder climates
 - Invasive in a few Southern states
- Full sun
- Heat and drought tolerant
- Butterflies, bees

CIGAR PLANT - *Cuphea ignea*

- 12-24" tall
- Space 8-12"
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun
- Blooms all summer
- Hummingbird favorite
- Bat plant is a kid favorite

PENTAS - *Pentas*

- 12-24" tall
- Space 1'
- Evenly moist, well-drained soils
- Full sun
- Blooms all summer
- Hummingbird and butterfly favorite

FLOWERING TOBACCO

Nicotiana alata

- 8-60" tall by 6-24" wide
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Full to part sun
- Some have fragrant flowers
- Butterflies, bees, moths, hummingbirds

COSMOS - *Cosmos bipinnatus*

- 12-72" tall by 12-24" wide
- Well-drained soil
- Full sun
- Avoid over fertilization that leads to floppy growth and poor flowering
- Butterflies, bees, birds eat the seeds

ANISE SAGE

Salvia guaranitica

- 2-5' tall and wide
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Full sun to part shade
- Hummingbird and bee magnet
- Black & Blue, Wendy's Wish...

ZINNIA - *Zinnia*

- 6-36" tall
- Space 8-15"
- Well-drained to dry soils
- Full sun
- Can start from seed directly in garden
- Look for disease resistant cultivars, like Profusion and Sahara
- Hummingbird and butterfly favorite
 - Especially single flowered varieties
- Rabbit resistant

MEXICAN SUNFLOWER

Tithonia rotundifolia

- 2-6' tall by 24-30" wide
- Well-drained soil
- Full sun
- Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds

SUNFLOWER

Helianthus annuus

- 2-20' tall by 12-24" wide
- Well-drained to dry soil
- Full sun
- Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, songbirds

DON'T FORGET THE HERBS

- BORAGE
- OREGANO (aggressive)
- MINT (aggressive)
- CREEPING THYME
- DILL
- FENNEL
- PARSLEY
- LAVENDER

SO TAKE THE PLEDGE

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - POLLINATORS](#)

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- [*Month-by-Month Gardening in Michigan*](#)
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