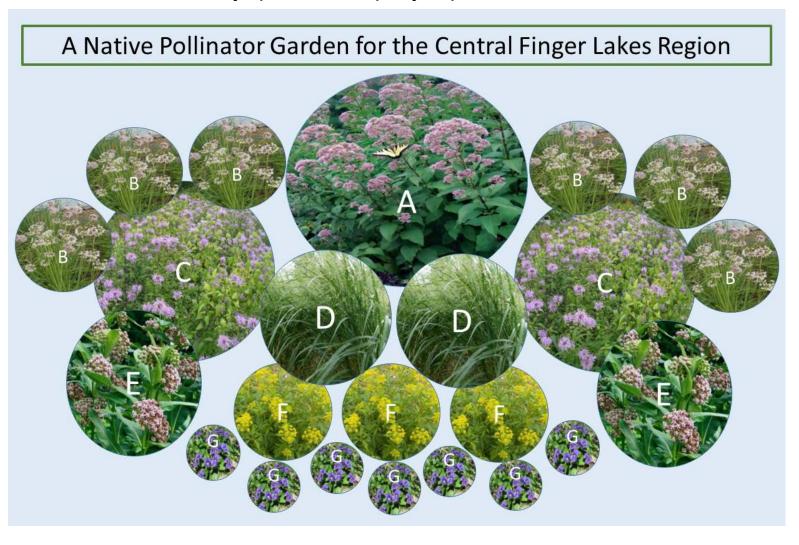
SIMPLE POLLINATOR GARDEN FOR CENTRAL NY (FLNPS – Anna Stalter & Rosemarie Parker)

The garden plan pictured includes these native plant species, some of which can be purchased at the annual FLNPS May plant sale. *Keep in mind* that a pollinator garden should not include only showy and attractive plants for nectar and pollen feeders. Plants that provide habitat and nest materials for caterpillars of moth and butterfly species are equally important.



	As pictured	Alternatives
A (1 plant)	Eutrochium spp. Joe-Pye weed	<i>Pycnanthemum</i> spp. Mountain mint
B (6 plants)	Allium cernuum Nodding wild onion	Packera aurea Golden ragwort
C (2 plants)	Monarda fistulosa Wild bergamot	Chelone glabra, Turtlehead
D (2 plants)	Panicum virgatum* Switch grass	Schizachyrium scoparium* Little bluestem
E (2 plants)	Asclepias syriaca* Common milkweed	Monarda didyma Scarlet bee balm
F (3 plants)	Zizia aurea Golden Alexanders	Penstemon hirsutus Hairy beardtongue
G (7 plants)	Viola sororia* Common blue violet	Aquilegia canadensis Wild columbine

^{*}Other <u>native</u> violets and grasses and all milkweeds are interchangeable <u>and</u> important host plants. Soil conditions may favor one over the other, i.e., butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) prefers well-drained soils while swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) prefers moist soils.

Sources:

Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies Xerces Society Staff, Dr Marla Spivak, and Scott Hoffman Black

100 Plants to Feed the Bees: Provide a Healthy Habitat to Help Pollinators Thrive Eric Lee-Mader, Jarrod fowler, Jillian Vento & Jennifer Hopwood

Other Good Native Plants for Pollinators

Creating and improving habitat for pollinators can benefit the plants as well as the animals that depend on them for food or shelter.

Look around! You may already have some of these in your yard!

Asclepias spp. – milkweeds: butterfly and moth host plant

Blephilia ciliata – wood mint: bumble bees, honey bees, leafcutter bees

Cephalanthus occidentalis – buttonbush: bumblebees and other bees, host plant for moth species

Chelone glabra – turtlehead: Baltimore Checkerspot host

Cirsium spp. – native thistles: Painted Lady host

Cornus sericea – red osier dogwood: various bees

Geranium spp. – true geraniums: mason bees, mining bees, bumble bees

Hydrophyllum canadense - Canada waterleaf: various bees

Lobelia siphilitica – great blue lobelia: bumblebees

Monarda spp. – beebalms: bumblebees

Penstemon spp. – beardtongues: honey bees, caterpillar host plant

Pycnanthemum spp. – mountain mints: abundant nectar; attracts a whole host of bees, wasps, flies, beetles and small butterflies

Rudbeckia spp. - black/brown eyed susans & coneflowers: various bees, caterpillar host plant

Solidago spp. – goldenrods: various bees

Symphyotrichum spp. – asters: various bees, caterpillar host plant

Vernonia spp. – ironweeds: various bees, caterpillar host plant

Viola spp. – violets: caterpillar host plant